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"I am the LORD, and there is none else." (Isaiah 45: 5)

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*"There is no personality, and this is more important to know than that there is no disease" –
Mary Baker Eddy letter to Ann Otis, 1893 (Yvonne Caché von Fettweis and Robert
Townsend Warneck, Mary Baker Eddy: Christian Healer, Amplified Edition, p. 229).*

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Have you ever noticed the unusual way Mrs. Eddy phrased the following line in Science and Health, "The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him. . . ." (SH 321:16)? You can read it two ways. This line is either saying that an illusion alarmed Moses, or that the view of "Moses" as a mortal personality is the illusion that lost its power. A good case could be made for the latter interpretation.

As a person, Moses had common fears about leprosy and desert snakes that were probably good to overcome, but much more importantly, he needed to overcome the dreaded image he had of himself. He viewed himself as highly inadequate, as a mistake-maker, a fugitive, a murderer, an outcast, slow of speech, and someone who no one would ever believe. But after the conversation with God by the burning bush, he heard something about true selfhood that changed him!

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"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:" (Exodus 3:14) This was followed by full assurances that God was going to be the doer, the speaker, the teacher, and the director, thus Moses didn't have to identify with or be alarmed by a picture of personal ability or disability. In other words, the view of a "Moses" was outshone with God's own awareness that man is the reflection of Spirit and can only show forth the condition and quality of Spirit.

When God's information about being is on the scene, it can't help but transform the view. Disparaging talk is transformed into God's own statements about the perfect condition of Mind and its idea.

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"I am Spirit. . . . I am Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being, imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am God. I give immortality to man, for I am Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love. I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind. I am the substance of all, because I am that I am." (SH 252:32 I (only), SH 253:1-2, SH 253:2-4, SH 253:4-5 (to 1st .), SH 253:5 (only, to 2nd .), SH 253:6-7 (to 1st .), SH 253:7 1st I (only, to 2nd .), SH 253:7-8 3rd I).

In these God-originating statements, where is there room for fear, pain, or suffering, and where are the personalities to experience them? Can't we each find a way to say in our own experience, that the illusion of a personal self by whatever name we give it, be it Adam, Eve, Moses, Jane, Sally, Ken, etc. has lost its power to alarm us because God's allness is recognized in its place?

When God is admitted to be "The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence" (SH 587:5-8) doesn't that provide the true view of being needed to "...relieve our minds from the depressing thought that we have transgressed a material law and must of necessity pay the penalty?" (SH 384:3-5) Clearly, the greatest gift from divine Love to man is that we are given his Selfhood and have it by reflection which means we never personally own it or have power to change it or mess it up.

Christian Science Nurses are worthy of great appreciation because they see this true selfhood based on God's allness every day when working with their patients. Their practical care and God-based view of man is so helpful to dispel any painful image that we thought was ourselves. That's the medicine dispensed every day at CS nursing facilities and by private duty nurses.

Supporting their work and helping low-income patients pay for their nursing care is the mission of the Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment. Donations to the fund are conservatively managed to protect the principle from market fluctuations and, to date, all donations have remained intact and have continually generated income to distribute to those in need of financial support for their Christian Science care.

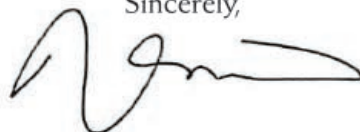
Since 1997, the Endowment has provided \$1,596,786 in assistance money to qualified applicants and now has a total of \$2,830,641 in funding. I hope this Thanksgiving and Christmas season that you'll join with other supporters in making a contribution to CSNCE and celebrate the fact that your donation will help us cover an even greater portion of the nursing care bills for those in need.

"Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness." (SH 355:11)

"Beloved students, in this you learn to hallow His name, even as you value His all-power, all-presence, all-Science, and depend on Him for your existence." (My. 226:21)

"...thus saith the LORD that created thee...I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." (Isaiab 43:1)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Ward', written in a cursive style.

Nancy Ward
President