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PREFACE

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (II Cor. 11:3)

This anthology of essays is written for those who believe that Jesus is the son of the one true God and that he rose from the dead. These essays will help the reader better understand and apply the simple message that Jesus preached. They are based on the words and works of Jesus and the revelations of his disciples about Jesus’s message as recorded in the King James version of the Bible. The author has also drawn upon the writings of Mary Baker-Eddy in her book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (S&H) and on his personal experiences of God’s love.

Christ’s all-important message is explained in a way which is compatible with 21st Century science and logic. It answers the fundamental questions about human existence, why things happen in this life and the meaning of eternal life. The creation of the physical and spiritual man is explained in a rational and consistent manner.

Jesus’s mission on earth was to teach us everything we need to know about God and our relationship to Him so that we might receive the spirit of adoption, so that we might regain our birthright and eternal life. The healings that he performed, and his resurrection, were the proof of the truth

THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST

This book is based on the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the Son of the one and only true God and, that he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. It outlines Jesus's simple message to us using his words and works as recorded in the New Testament.

Set out below are six of the essential tenets of Christ's message. Jesus has revealed to us the hidden truth about creation, why we are here and, how we may redeem our spiritual birthright.

The Christian Commandments

Jesus gave us two simple and overriding commandments to live by as Christians: "to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" and "to love thy neighbour as thyself". The first commandment, the most important of the two, governs our spiritual life and the second our earthly life. If we follow these commandments, we will do no harm to anyone and no harm shall come to us. Christ's message of love will reign supreme in our lives.

Resurrection

The transfiguration, resurrection and ascension demonstrated that Jesus was a spiritual idea of God, independent of his physical body. As we are God's children, we too must be spiritual ideas or beings. We are, as yet, not

independent of our bodies because we have not yet attained "that mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus".

His mission on earth was to reveal to us everything that we need to know about the one true God so that we might attain eternal life.

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true."

"All things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." Jesus has revealed to us all that we need to know about God and our relationship to Him. We need no other input or intercession to achieve eternal life.

Our goal, either here or hereafter, is to better understand our relationship with God and to reach that state of spiritual understanding that is the Christ.

Spiritual Creation

"In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God; and the Word was God."

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth."

No word is formed without thought. Put simply, God is thought. Not the human thought or intelligence which runs our physical body but divine Thought or Intelligence. He is the repository of all good and substantial thoughts of Life, Truth, Love, Spirit and Soul.

Before the creation of the universe, God was all that existed: divine Mind always has been and always will be. At the beginning of the universe, in 'one big bang' of creative thought, God created the physical universe and

the building blocks from which all forms of life would eventually evolve according to a set of random physical laws.

God also chose to create the spiritual man in his "image and likeness". With His word He "begat" us as His spiritual ideas reflecting his divine thoughts. Hence, we live and move and have our existence in divine Mind as the perfectly created, eternal, spiritual children of God: bodies of divine thoughts. "In him we live and move and have our being."

Mortal Mind

In the Garden of Eden, mankind chose to be governed by mortal mind instead of divine Mind. He chose to be as a god, to know both good and evil, and thereby gave up his birthright as the spiritual child of God. In so doing he became simply the child of a man. His relationship with divine Mind was corrupted.

Mankind was beguiled by mortal mind, to put his own ego above that of God. From then on there were "Lords many and gods many": many mortal minds all claiming to be gods in their own right. This corruption of our consciousness by mortal mind gave rise to the sin, disease, death and the chaos that we see in the world today.

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Redemption

God, out of pure love for us, sent His Son, to show us how we might, through the spirit of adoption, return to His spiritual family as His children: "ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father".

Jesus, through his teachings, healings and resurrection, revealed to us the whole truth about God and our real existence. We must work towards having "that mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus".

Eternal Life

"And this is eternal life, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

When we begin to understand divine Mind and accept it as the controlling influence in our lives we are back on the path to eternal life. We have begun the spiritualisation of our thought through purifying prayer.

"Everyone that hath this hope purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

This purification is our sole purpose for being here. Either here or hereafter we must give up our reliance on material things and the belief in mortal mind and its beguiling promises. This is the second death after which we will have regained eternal life.

Our real being is as a spiritual idea in the image and likeness of God, existing without interruption in divine Mind. We must abandon beguiling self-ego and accept only divine Mind in our lives: "seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you".

This is the simple truth.