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carrie

Nov 20, 2010 4:13 PM


delayed healing

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I am stumped as to why healing doesn't come. Have worked alone and with many practitioners. When I read of quick healings, and of church representatives claiming CS is reliable, I wonder ... Feel caught in a box: not rely on persons, but Mrs. Eddy advises members to seek help from experienced Christian Scientists if healing is delayed.

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mowgli

1. Nov 20, 2010 6:43 PM (in response to carrie)

delayed healing

Hello Carrie,


Are you trying to heal a physical condition? If so, then maybe that is the problem. Remember, God is All-in-all, and the body along with the material world is nothing more than the manifestation, in mortal consciousness, of an erroneous belief that somehow God is not All-in-all or the creator of all. Understand that whatever needs to be healed is not matter, but a belief. Start from the point of view that God has created all that was made. If you see discord or harmony, who made it? Did God make sin, sickness, disease, or a mortal subject to such? If God is the creator of all and God did not make sin, sickness, or disease, then who or what did? Well, no-one and no-thing did. Therefore, it is not real, and does not exist. As Mrs. Eddy tells us, it is an error, because it does not correspond to what is true. This thought will erase the belief entertaining errors from your mortal consciousness, and you will see yourself as you are - how God made you! This is healing, and apart from mere physical sense - your spiritual sense will also expand and the goal of healing is that much closer to the far reaching goals of this Science (namely - to understand who and where we are in relation to our Father-Mother God). Our growth in spirituality is a marathon and not a race. Time is not the issue - understanding the Truth is the issue. When you are healed of whatever it is you are seeking healing for - you will understand that you were never ill in the first place, and this idea of a delayed healing will be moot.

All the best to you Carrie, and know that I will remember you in my prayer tonight! Thank you so much for reaching out to us, your fellow Christian Scientists, and know that you are never alone in this seeming struggle. You are loved and appreciated by the whole community of CS, and, in not the least but, God himself!

With Love,

Mowgli

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jacobus

2. Nov 20, 2010 8:06 PM (in response to carrie)

delayed healing

I just read a bit from Edward Kimball, and he says we should be positive that a treatment is the power, Word, presence and activity of God. It is God's law.

The divine Consciousness is both the Creator and Creation. There is nothing else in reality.

Of cause this is just a rewrite of the Scientific Statement of Being, All is infinite Mind, and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.

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Then there is something besides All, that calls itself sin, sickness and death, matter, error, discord, etc etc.  
Is that included in the divine consciousness? Are they included in the creator or in the creation?

If God is not aware of it, how can we be conscious of it? If we are, we are not His image and likeness, or reflection.  
Our mortal, illusive consciousness then tries to become a creator, and this creation is the world of discords untold, sin, disease, and death.

Scientists are now studying anti-matter, Christian Science destroys anti-creation. we should not entertain this anti-creation in our thinking. Let creation be our mind, and experience. You will have the victory! Jake.

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michael

3. Nov 20, 2010 10:13 PM (in response to carrie)  
**delayed healing**

Hi Carrie,  
I just wanted to add my few words of encouragement. I've had some amazingly quick physical healings, some arduously prolonged and some a work in progress. When I was in my teens, I suffered each summer from ringworm on my face and arms. Facing a serious outbreak I decided to apply my full understanding of CS directly to the affected area. I mentally went to the subatomic level to rid the material image. It completely disappeared within 15 minutes and has never returned. The fear was handled and the effect that followed immediately and permanent.

Yet, in my experience, when a problem doesn't yield readily, its usually because I didn't understand the real cause. You can't treat a symptom and cure the disease. For example, if your campfire flames up, the flames in the air are frightening. They contain the all light and heat, but if you spray water on the flames, nothing happens. You need to ignore the obvious and spray your water on the root of the problem, the wood at the bottom.

The solution lies in identifying the real, less obvious, underlying root of the problem and removing/healing it. Often a practitioner or understanding friend can help identify what you may have overlooked. I'm "rooting" for you too.

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Halcyon

4. Nov 21, 2010 12:08 AM (in response to carrie)  
**delayed healing**

Have faith Carrie,

I have great sympathy for your problem. I've struggled long and hard with problems but have also had instantaneous healings, so take heart.

. The healing at the pool at Bethesda is very interesting. This is an interpretation I read recently. This man was incapacitated for 38 years. Jesus asked him "wilt thou be made whole?" or in other words do you really want to be healed? Some times, as the pan handler with the sign "will work for food" one really doesn't want to work or in this parable be healed. He's content begging, which can be profitable. The man's answer was that he had no one to put him into the water when it was troubled. This was a bit of self justification, so Jesus simply told him to take up his bed, and walk, and later told him to sin no more. The point is that often there is some sort of sinful belief or behavior that needs to be handled. This is the "troubling of the waters," the stirring up of mortal thought or cleansing of mortal thought that needs purifying, since a pure human consciousness, where all healing occurs, is needed for a healing human experience to occur. As a consequence we must listen for the Christ message, even if it is unpalatable to human consciousness and act on it. After all what good is a healing if we learn nothing from it. Often this healing thought has come to us repeatedly but we refuse to hear it. This might be the case in your situation. Either way I hope you find it useful. Remember, ultimately we are never separated from God's Love and man was not born a sinner (with spot or blemish). This is the absolute truth, but often human footsteps are also required. 😊

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Starlight Rider

5. Nov 26, 2010 3:10 AM (in response to carrie)  
**Re: delayed healing**

As someone who is in the same boat as Carrie, I must, with all due respect, offer a couple of criticisms of the previous answers.

First, Moggli's statement "Are you trying to heal a physical condition? If so, then maybe that is the problem." has become a cliché among Christian Scientists when confronted with questions like Carrie's. I've been hearing it for four decades! It has some merit, but for those of us who stopped "trying to heal matter" and have been looking to raise our spiritual awareness, and are still struggling, it comes across as a pat answer that doesn't really address the situation.

Donald [who has since changed his screen name to michael] said he "mentally went to the subatomic level to rid the material image." This sounds to me more like mind over matter mental healing rather than spiritual healing. It smacks of using the human mind to heal a mental concept of matter - which is really matter itself. And evidently, sometimes it works, contrary to Moggli's statement.

So what's going on here? Deviating a bit from Mary Baker Eddy, but perfectly consistent with

spiritual principles, Joel Goldsmith has written extensively on this subject. He points out that mental healing - using the human mind to heal - does work when a student of metaphysics is first learning the relationship between the human mind and matter, and this is often confused with spiritual healing. But it leaves God, the Mind that made the universe, out of the picture. After a time, when the student starts learning the difference between the mental and spiritual, mental healing becomes ineffective. When this happens mental habits need to be re-calibrated once again, and the focus needs to be on God, not the human mind. A period where healing no longer seems to work may mark this transitional period. It is a sign one needs to move higher from human consciousness to spiritual awareness. That's how I understand it, anyway.

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jacobus

6. Nov 21, 2010 10:01 AM (in response to Carrie)  
**delayed healing**

It must be our inability to become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, -neither in nor of matter, - and the body will then utter no complaints. It is to be absolutely governed by Love.

Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.

Of course that is from page 14 in Science and Health. Jim, I understand that you are tired of people telling you not to try to heal matter, but perhaps we need to hear this ten times a day for the rest of our life. I mean, the senses try to govern my consciousness all the time. My Teacher told me that we all feel this. So I am not the only one.

Perhaps you should read Edward Kimball's material, besides all the other stuff you read, because there is a simple, straightforward authority there.

I am not in your shoes, but sometimes one can ignore what the body tries to suggest, or laugh at it, or get mad and tell it to shut up, because unreal and impossible. Another cliché is not to fight darkness, or symptoms, but to pour in light, Truth. That may strike you as very annoying, but I need to tell myself this on a regular basis. What works for me is to get high on God, like the pentecostals and like denominations, just praise and sing, and dance, and feel His presence and love, and not to focus on oneself. the unreal material counterfeit.

Perhaps the fact that one is not getting worse is already a positive sign that we are on the right track. I don't know for sure, I am still groping my way around this infinite subject. Salud!

Jake. 😊

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njzeal

7. Nov 21, 2010 4:17 PM (in response to Starlight Rider)  
**Re: delayed healing**

I hear you, Starlight. I think that there's a lot of failure to heal in CS that is being swept under the rug by blaming it on the patient. Spend some time at any CS nursing home and you'll see a lot of yucky situations that aren't being healed. I have a relative living in one who's been out of her mind for 7 years now. When I asked a practitioner why this hadn't been healed she said "we have no way of knowing what error she's holding on to" as if to say it's her fault the healing hasn't come. She's no longer even able to read or pray for herself or remember what she said 10 seconds ago, so how can she be held accountable? I have a feeling Mrs. E would have expected better than this.

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Judy Rae

8. Nov 21, 2010 4:23 PM (in response to jacobus)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Hi Carrie,

Here's another idea for you - one I've found really helpful.

What is the link word between the reality of the spiritual account of creation in Genesis 1 and the mortal account with all its suffering and limitation in in Genesis 2&3?

**"BUT** there went up a mist...etc."

I kept an article from the January 1960 *Christian Science Journal* titled "Man's real place". Though it wasn't about physical healing (it was to do with a man searching and praying for a job during the depression of the 1930's) what he realised made all the difference and is equally important when we are applying the truth to any discordant situation, so I share it here, hoping it may encourage you (and Starlight Rider).

For many months, during which hope and discouragement seemed to alternate, the author constantly held to the truth.....(or so he thought).... But the problem of unemployment remained unsolved.

One day, in a moment of weariness and discouragement, he declared aloud: "I have tried my best to demonstrate right activity; I have tried to apply the truths of Christian Science in every way. I know that I am the son of God and that he loves and cares for me, **BUT I am still out of a job!**" Suddenly he realised that he was declaring a negative statement as well as an affirmative one. he resolved there and then, that never again would the word "but" or any similar form of exception appear in his scientific argument.

He also pondered these words on page 372 of Science and Health:

How, then, in Christianity any more than in Christian Science, can we believe in the reality and power of both Truth and error, Spirit and matter, and hope to succeed with contraries? .... In Christian Science, a denial of Truth is fatal, while a just acknowledgment of Truth and of what it has done for us is an effectual help.

Try watching your thoughts for just 5 minutes at a time and see how successful you are at not saying any buts! 99.9% of all the thoughts we thought yesterday, we think today - isn't that why physical conditions continue? According to medical science, the whole human frame is renewed cell by cell every 7 years or so. Why then should it not be renewed in a new, perfect way rather than continuing in the old?

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jacobus

9. Nov 22, 2010 10:33 AM (in response to carrie)  
**delayed healing**

I don't have too much wisdom of my own, but perhaps I may be permitted to share what I read last night in a book called Teachings and Addresses on Christian Science, by Edward A. Kimball. I think Kimball's understanding is very strong.

Quotes:

The devil puts nine-tenths of the Christian Scientists on hooks by saying: "You are discouraged, afraid; you are not good enough to practice Christian Science," etc.  
Use what you have; you have enough; all there is. You are good enough; you are worthy; you are not discouraged.

When mesmerized by pain, turn and say: "I know what you are. This is not pain or a belief in pain. It is the belief of mind in matter; a lie of belief without a believer, nothingness claiming to be something. I am not afraid. I am spiritual, and so immune."

We must know what the body is; the one perfect spiritual body of infinite divine Mind is infinite divine consciousness - spiritual universe - the embodiment of Mind's ideas, perfect, complete, and all harmoniously active; this is knowing your Saviour. It is to know the body of right ideas.

Humanly we are all in error; all have smoking trails. do not be critical and do not always be uncovering error.  
Do not think about other's errors; you make it harder for them, harder to do their work. Pray God deliver us both.  
Thank God they are better man than they were.

Love is the atmosphere of Life, there is nothing to hate. You are the understanding of Good. The right idea of God means right man. Only the likeness of God is man. "I Am" is man, - is the activity of right ideas. Man is active, right thought.

Unquote.

My note on this page is: I am the consciousness the divine Consciousness is conscious of. (tongue in cheek)  
I am creation, ie that which Mind is aware of. I am the likeness of Mind, the activity and expression of Mind.

I think the early C.S. Teachers were very powerful, their books can be obtained from The Bookmark, they have a web site.  
Kimball further warns that much of the practice is mesmeric, human will-power, or faith-cure. Christian science healing is that of clear, pure, metaphysical understanding. I also feel that the hypnotic influence of the general belief in existence as material has only become stronger in the last century, so we have more univesal malpractice to overcome. Who can conceive of an universe, or reality, wholly made up of thought? I hope my sharing is as helpful for others as it is for me. Blessings, Jake.

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10. Nov 22, 2010 11:56 AM (in response to michael)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Thank you for sharing your healing and ideas, Donald! When you said "I mentally went to the subatomic level to rid the material image," it actually caught my attention, too. I'd love to hear what that means to you. Could you tell us more?

It's great hearing from you on the forum. Welcome!

~Susan

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Halcyon

11. Nov 22, 2010 12:03 PM (in response to jacobus)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Good truths, Jake. Your statement that the belief in material existence has become stronger in the last century is an example of the subtle way that error enters our consciousness. This is not a criticism. We are all guilty of it, but I'm wondering if this is perhaps the great major flaw in our treatments. We state the truth and then qualify it in some way and put more weight on the

side of error. Judy Rae gave an excellent example of this.

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12. Nov 22, 2010 4:20 PM (in response to susanw)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Hi Susan,

Thank you for asking for an explanation. I will refer to my earlier testimony regarding the immediate healing of Ringworm.

In the early '60s, when I was a Sunday school student and in high school, I suffered every summer with serious outbreaks of ringworm. Even my junior class picture clearly shows a large circular rash on my face. Now in my senior year I was again developing the familiar red circular rash and painful itching starting on my arm. This had been going on for over a week and I had watched it grow and spread over my health skin. I felt hopelessly incapable of handling it.

Then one day my chemistry teacher said that a noted physicist had made the statement that there was "No Matter". After investigating the smallest known particles at the time, the components of atoms in this case, it was determined that the electrons, protons, etc. were simply comprised energy, not mass.

Mrs. Eddy uses the term "element" a lot in her writings and I immediately remembered her statement, "A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive." (S&H 463:12-13). Elements are made of atoms.

In my original reply to Carrie, I used the example of putting out a fire by removing the underlying cause, in that case the burning wood that was beneath the flames. Likewise I became to see the impossibility of any element of error attacking and overcoming the spiritual child of God.

So I closed my eyes in prayer and went "sub-atomic" (beneath the elemental lie of matter). I started by realizing God fills all space, period. From a material standpoint, there is no difference in the components of atoms. Atoms in healthy flesh are the same as those in the so-called ringworm. So a material condition was not the cause of the problem. I needed to get below the surface of the appearance of matter to Truth, Spirit. I considered the solar system as an example of an atom, the overwhelming majority is just space between planets and that space is not empty. It is filled with Spirit, God. Just like it is filled with sunlight, but no one can see it.

Then I realized that the so called matter in the universe was finally seen to be filled with spiritual Life, Truth and Love - GOD, not a material mass. The obvious conclusion was the same from both the material experts and the followers of the Jesus' teaching. There is no substance in matter. Hum, sounds familiar doesn't it as Mrs. Eddy states in the Scientific Statement of Being.

I immediate recognized my arm was not matter, but part of God's spiritual universe and was included in His spiritual reflection. I clearly saw the impossibility of matter being real, a part or component of God. I caught for an instant the spiritual relationship between God and me as his image and likeness.

This process of realization lasted about 15 minutes. I opened my eyes and my arm was perfectly restored and I have not been troubled by ringworm since.

Remember Jesus' healing of the man with the withered arm. While I am certain Jesus was not a so called "Mind over Matter" healer, his work obviously caused the fleshly components of matter (atoms, tissue, bones etc.) to change their shape, form and composure. This transformation was not a material, surgical process, but Divine Mind demonstrating its absolute authority over error and its material manifestation. We can expect matter, like the mountains, to be moved, transformed and relocated from sense to Soul when we our understanding is tested and we put our faith into action. This is Divine Mind over matter.


I hope this clarifies my original statement and any misunderstanding others might have.

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13. Nov 22, 2010 4:31 PM (in response to carrie)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Regarding delayed healing,



I think " Material belief is slow to acknowledge what the spiritual fact implies. The truth is the centre of all religion. It commands sure entrance into the realm of Love. St. Paul wrote, 'Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us;' that is, let us put aside material self and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of all healing." I also find true that "The neophyte in Christian Science acts like a diseased physique,- being too fast or too slow. He is inclined to do either too much or too little. In healing and teaching the student has not yet achieved the entire wisdom of Mind-practice. **The textual explanation of this practice is complete in Science and Health;** and scientific practice makes perfect, for it is governed by its Principle, and not by human opinions; but carnal and sinister motives, entering into this practice, will prevent the demonstration of Christian Science." (*Science and Health* pg. 20 line 24) (*Retrospection and Introspection* pg. 78 line 1)

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carrie

14. Nov 22, 2010 4:39 PM (in response to mowgli)  
**Re: delayed healing**

Dear Mowgli, thank you for your kind answer. I do feel very alone, and time does seem very much an issue as the condition worsens by the day. I don't want to miss the blessing in your answer, but as I have been asked this many times, I have come to wonder, is that something Mrs. Eddy would have asked someone who came to her for healing? I will admit there is much I do not understand, but is healing only for those who do?

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