



The Physical Part 1

The Physical: "Evil beliefs, passions and appetites, fear, depraved will, self-justification, pride, envy, deceit, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, disease, death." (S&H page 115) This statement directly denies the universal belief that objects, things, and persons are material. It implies that no object is, of itself, physical. In divine Science, what is termed matter is an unreal subjective state which can be illustrated by examining the false perspective of an evil belief. It's a fact that all theories of physical law are based upon properties of matter; whereas, divine Science explains law as an ordering property of divine Principle, Love, thereby exalting law as good alone. The theme of this audio highlights possible applications of the translation of the "PHYSICAL" as "evil beliefs."

Christian Science terms the Flesh as "an error of physical belief." (S&H) It's the error of belief that would make men mortal and the universe material. The true idea of God or Christ comes to this error and destroys it by giving the true perspective of all things. What then appears is man and earth in harmony with Spirit, God, eternally. This event is a translation, that is, "The Scientific Translation of Mortal Mind" given on page 115 of Science and Health. As evil beliefs disappear moral qualities appear until all evil beliefs dissolve and reality appears. While this translation goes on objects, things, and persons begin to be seen as symbols for higher ideals.

The error that objects, things, and man are physical is reversed in this Scientific Translation. The "error of physical belief, a supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are in matter; a belief that matter has sensation." (That's the definition of Flesh given in the Glossary of S&H) Knowing, that is, recognizing the Physical as evil beliefs brings to light heaven on earth or the consciousness of reality - objects, things, and people symbolizing the reflection of Life, Truth, and Love everywhere. It does this by separating out the error of physical belief.

Is a chair physical? If so, it's physical is not an evil belief. The theory it is physical is an example of a mind-set that tends to obscure the purely metaphysical explanation of the Physical just quoted.

It is useful and metaphysically correct to think of things as symbols for spiritual ideas. Science and Health is specific. Again, it states, "PHYSICAL Evil beliefs" and then for clarity lists those beliefs. "Unreality" is the context of all evil belief.

Quotations from (S&H) are from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.



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