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Christian Science and the Single Tax

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MRS. JULIA GOLDZIER GIVES HER REASONS
FOR WRITING HER BOOK.

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"Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord."
"God is all and beside Him there is none else."

My little booklet, "The At-ona-ment of Christian Science and Single Tax," has elicited so many questions as to the reason of its being that I shall now try to answer them. For my part it seems to need no more answer than the question, what did the prophet mean by saying "God is one."

The prophet said God is one, because God is one. He said so also because the Israelites did not seem to know it and had to be told so often. Having gods many and lords many was one of Israel's sins.

The reason of my book is the same. Christian Scientists will be glad to hear that Political Economy can be traced directly to God. The true Godlike government will wipe away all tears, and will abolish all poverty. It will feed the multitude which is now starving, because God's economy is not practiced. All that which was promised when Christ came again, will be accomplished by the true industrial system.

Christian Science, to be complete, must include Political Science; and Christian Scientists will rejoice to know there IS a Political Science which naturally forms a part of Christian Science. It is the pride of the advocate that he, with his Christian Science, has every other science complete within his religion; and he has good cause for his pride. Without the Christian Political Science his religion would fail in an important part, for while people must breathe, eat, dress, live in houses, go on streets and railways, so long must a just method of distributing this "wealth," as economists call things made by the hand of man, be practiced. That

just method is the God method, and belongs to Christian Science.

Without including this just method of distributing the wealth made by the children of men, Christian Science is mutilated and inadequate; it is only a piece of Science with a great name. But there is nothing either in the Bible or in "Science and Health" to justify any one in cutting up Christian Science and saying: "This shall you recognize as true and the remainder you must throw away and let the dogs without howl and quarrel over it."

Christian Science is a great boon to the individual mentality, but it is even better for the mentality of the community. As the individual has its effect on the community so also does the community affect the individual; both must be governed by God, the true Law, It is as necessary to recognize God in relation to society as to the individual.

Truth is ever present and cannot be excluded from the social system. If society practices some anarchistic laws which bear no relation to Intelligence, Truth or Love, society suffers, and continues to suffer until it adopts God as its Law. God is the only Law, and a wrong law is no law at all. In the God law is prosperity and healing; in the wrong law is disaster and death.

The Christian Scientist, to be consistent, cannot make two gods, both of them true, both of them saviours, both of them one with Christ; and one of them the political god whom he may neglect, and the other the private God whom he must assiduously worship. He will find that his political god is constantly obtruding himself upon his private life. He has probably already a little hint that his political and private gods are one and the same infinite mind.

And now I can answer the question that has been asked me so often: Why do I not keep Christian Science and Single Tax separate? It is because I find them together; it is because no one can afford to neglect the political god in his worship; it is because I would call the attention of the adherent to the fact that without the Single Tax he has only a part of Christian Science, and not the most important part at that. Single Tax alone would

heal all sickness by wiping out all poverty, which is the source of sickness.

Christian Science helps an individual here and there, but Single Tax would serve the multitude. To be every whit whole the Christian Scientist must also be a Single Taxer. There is nothing in the Bible, in "Science and Health," in the hymnal or the tenets which condones the limiting of Christian Science to the private life, for it is just as necessary and just as much a saviour in the political and industrial sphere.

God is all and beside Him there is none else. Either we must give up politics, or we must include politics in God. It would be as difficult to exclude politics from our life as to exclude life itself. Christian Science has simplified our religion by teaching us that God is our life. It is but another step in unity and simplification to say that God is our politics. Politics is an expression of the universal consciousness; it, too, must be godlike; it must be recognized as Christian Science.

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