

The divine factor "ALL"

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Part 1

"God" defined by Mary Baker Eddy, in scientific terms

America's most advanced scientist in the spiritual realm, Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), the renowned spiritual healer, had struggled with this question of how to define God, for four decades after she had made her initial discovery in 1866 of what she called "the divine Principle of scientific mental healing."

In 1884, she defined God in the manner shown below, presented in the glossary of her textbook of the science that she had discovered and was developing, which she later called Christian Science - a science focused on spiritual healing.

Here is her 1884 definition of God:

God: I AM. All-knowing, All-seeing, All-acting, All-loving, All-wise, and eternal. Principle. Soul, Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, Substance, and Intelligence.

As over the following years the development work progressed, she must have recognized that there is something wrong with the above initial definition.

In 1901, in the 214th edition of her textbook, the prefix "All" no longer appears capitalized, indicating thereby that the attached terms reflect an essential quality of God, rather than being an aspect of the identity of God. In the same context Mary Baker Eddy changed the phrase "I AM" to "The great I AM" and added the term "Mind" behind "Principle."

Then in the years following 1901, up to 1910, after further revisions were made, the terms "Substance" and "Intelligence" no longer appeared capitalized either, so that in the end only the terms, "Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love" remained capitalized, together with "I AM," which fully capitalized stands as a title.

By presenting the terms "intelligence" and "substance" in the non-capitalized form, she defined these terms likewise as qualities that are inherently reflected in all the other aspects by which God is manifest in the Universe.

Since the non-capitalized group of terms match in number the capitalized group, it is interesting to put the two together side by side, with the latest non-capitalized terms serving as headers for each group. The result is the following:

substance	intelligence
The great I AM	Principle
all-knowing	Mind

all-seeing	Soul
all-acting	Spirit
all-wise	Life
all-loving	Truth
eternal	Love

It is interesting to note the horizontal interrelationship between the two sets of terms.

Tragically, the vast majority of Christian Scientists tend to recognize only the seven capitalized terms and sees them standing in isolation, while ignoring the rest. In doing this the entire concept becomes lost. And this tragedy is not confined to the scientific perception of God, only. Consequently, in order to further the development of a sense of reality, Divine Science, requires many more of these types of structures, unfolding together into one all-embracing structure.

The end result of the above correlation is by far the grandest definition for God that I know to exist, a God that is a reality that is reflected in the Universe on every level, from the smallest to the greatest, including in man.

(the correlation presented here is a part of the general article: [What is God that Man is an Expression of?](#))

Mary Baker Eddy presents the following as if to summarize, under the topic: [Ideas and identities](#)

The infinite has no beginning. This word **beginning** is employed to signify **the only**, - that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe. The creative Principle - Life, Truth, and Love - is God. The universe reflects God. There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God.

Part 2

The Factor of "ALL"

The healing focus must also include the uplifting of the civilization of our human world, creating a new and richer world, individually and collectively, for divine Principle is universal in its expression. Omitting this element in our healing pursuits would be a form of denial of the universal nature of Principle, and thereby of divine Principle itself. In Mary Baker Eddy's glossary definition of the term God, one aspect is repeated over and over as if to drive the point home, and this is the universal aspect, "all."

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If this is ignored and not reflected in what we call civilization, the term civilization does not really apply, for to take the "all" out of our relationship to one another amounts to a huge kick into the face of God. The kick of indifference that allows murder, theft, destruction, looting, lies, which has become the hallmark of the mud hole, is a declaration that God that is all and is reflected in all, is dead and never existed. Thus wars are unleashed, countries destroyed, industries eradicated, cultures undermined, entire nations looted to the bone, prosperity flushed down the drain leaving poverty, to the point that fascism reigns unrestrained. On this path society destroys itself by denying the very platform for its existence. This insanity threatens everyone in the mud hole, the masters and the 'children' alike. Hence the need to become conscious of the universal nature of the spiritual Universe where nothing, or no one, is, or can be, excluded.

At the moral level the kick of indifference is still a part of the scene, even of the scene dubbed "Christianity." The Principle of Universal Love is largely banned there. Love is small there, privatized, circumscribed, conditionalized, shut out of sight by traditions and greed, the and practice of completion rather than cooperation, with the scene still being generally encumbered with indifference. Only at the Christ level the divine universality, the "all," is rapidly coming to light in human consciousness and indifference falls away. This is the zone where healing begins, in Jesus' days as in our days. Time is not a factor here, but our responding to the "all" is. And this is a wide scene where this factor is unfolding.

It is challenging to even theoretically uplift one's loving into the universal domain to reflect the Principle of Universal divine Love. I had started writing a novel in the 1980s to explore the dimension of the Principle of Universal Love. The subject turned out to be far wider than I had imagined. The novel became a series of 12 novels ([The Lodging for the Rose](#)), so vast is this subject and its challenges as mankind has become deeply encumbered by its traditions and narrow perceptions, surrounded by limits and finity on all sides.

Nevertheless, the universal factor is an essential factor in healing, and its being ignored appears to be reflected in the numerous critical critical problems as society's inner collapse proceeds. The opposite is also evident. Many who are deeply committed to the universal welfare of mankind tend to enjoy a healthier and more vigorous existence. For example, the celebrated civil rights heroin Amelia Boynton Robinson, was still giving speeches at the age of near 100. Lyndon LaRouche, America's leading economist and political activist for the Principle of the General Welfare, now approaching 88 years of age, is still active, routinely making four-hour speeches, organizing international meetings, and advancing scientific perceptions . Mary Baker Eddy, herself, founded the Christian Science Monitor, a major newspaper, at the age of 87. While age itself isn't the key factor here, the devotion to the divine "all" - to universal good - is evidently a healthy and health-giving factor in individual living, just as it had been a factor for spiritual healing across the ages and still is.

It is also interesting to note in this context that the period leading up to Mary Baker Eddy's discovery in 1866, in which the divine "all" became a leading feature, coincides with the unfolding of the only major period of peace in the world since the end of the Golden Renaissance - which

ended shortly after her death in December 1910. While it is impossible to determine what would have happened in the world had her discovery not been made and been extensively developed, the conscience of the period of her pioneering work with a great period of peace, coinciding almost to the year, is nevertheless remarkable. It might also be highly significant. One simply has no empirical evidence of what the world would have been like had profound events not occurred, that have occurred. Nevertheless it is not illogical to assume that the occurrence of great spiritual events with a universal focus at their root, did have put their stamp on time in a manner that has changed the world, dynamically, for a season, especially for as long as the driving force behind these events was strong. This too, reflects the principle of "metaphysics taking the place of physics."

For this reason I have emphasized the need for strengthening our healing focus in the universal dimension in many of the explorations on this page, as the divine factor of "all" cannot be ignored in the healing context, but has evidently far-more deep-reaching implications than we tend to acknowledge.

Still, we do have some empirical evidence that society's focus on the factor of "all" has an uplifting effect. The evidence is rather strong and glaring when we look at what has resulted from ignoring this factor, or from society's willful moving against it. We find this evidence in the coincidence of two related trends: **1** - the vast and rapid proliferation of millionaires and billionaires in society. **2** - the almost universal and rapid collapse of civilization on every critical front, including culture, education, employment, housing, science, energy, finance, transportation, food security, social security, health care, the rise of war and fascism and hostilities, de-industrialization, environmental collapse, and so on. Both trends unfolded in lock-step with each other. It is illogical to assume that there is no connection between the two.

The first trend reflects a growing denial of the factor of "all" in the perception of good. The proliferation of millionaires and billionaires in society reflects a commitment in society to stealing from one another, which is manifest in the privatization of the general wealth of society instead the promotion of the wealth of "all" as a quality of good. The second trend reflects the outcome of the first trend. And so it will always be until the connection is recognized, whereby society impels itself to climb out of its self-created mud hole. Right now one sees no evidence that society is inclined to move in this direction, or is even remotely interested in healing itself of the deeply rooted disease that has festered for millennia already and has become more deadly to it in numbers than all the diseases in history combined. More than a billion people are presently forced to live in chronic starvation with an increasingly shorter life-span, and the current trend is for their ranks to grow into four or five billion as more and more of society's infrastructures for living become privatized and destroyed, and the ranks of the billionaires expand.

The factor of "all" is imbedded in what has long been termed the Golden Rule, or the Divine Rule, a rule that wisdom has expressed throughout the ages: "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The Golden Rule is not an empty rule, but a statement of the nature of power in human affairs; an acknowledgment of the "all" as an inseparable element of good. Mary Baker Eddy focused on the primary importance of the Golden Rule in dedicatory message for the dedication of the great "temple of Christian Science" in Boston (on June 10, 1906), saying to the thirty thousand who had come for the ceremony:

...Christian Science comes to reveal man as God's image, His idea, coexistent with Him - God giving all and man having all that God gives. Whence, then, came the creation of matter, sin, and death, mortal pride and power, prestige or privilege? The First Commandment of the Hebrew Decalogue, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," **and the Golden Rule are the all-in-all of Christian Science.** They are the spiritual idealism and realism which, when realized, constitute a Christian Scientist... [\(My. 5\)](#)

She incorporated the Golden Rule, as it were a summary, into [the last tenet of Christian Science](#), which is also the last paragraph of her class book that she used until it came a chapter of the textbook, the chapter Recapitulation, the last chapter in Science and Health.

Until recently one has seen little evidence that society has shown any willingness to move in this

direction, but the tide appears to be changing. While kings of the thieves now own much of the world, including the governments of many nations, and have done their utmost by controlling the media and entertainment, to prevent society from discovering itself in its divine qualities, a trend has been unfolding, faint as it may be, into a new direction towards the truth of being and its divine principles. Over the years four types of society have come to the foreground in various stages that are reflective of the four levels that are expressed in each of the four columns of the foursquare structure.

The lowest level, of course, represents the mud-hole-captivated society. It requires no further exploration.

At the level above, the moral level, we find the so-called socialist society. It aims to correct the gross feature of the mud-hole world, by stealing back from the wealthy what the wealthy have stolen from society. Its features a slight sense of the principle of "all" as a component of good. But it remains committed to stealing.

At the next higher level, the Christ level, the level of science and spiritual recognition, various types of attempts have been made to supplant the process of stealing wealth with the process of wealth-creation, which is strongly focused onto the Principle of the General Welfare, reflecting to some degree the divine "all" principle. The Federal Constitution of the USA reflects a very strong commitment in this direction, perhaps the strongest in the world. The communist intention is leaning in that direction, but falls far short of implementing it as it lacks the underlying commitment to the development of the human genius as such a development endangers the structure of a totalitarian system. There were times in American history when the U.S. society was strongly committed to the development of the human genius and the divine factor of "all" on as wide a basis as possible. Those were typically times of prosperity, brief as they were in duration.

At the top-level, the level of divine Spirit, we have the great potential that is slowly becoming recognized that is inherent in the divine nature of man as a creator and producer, and above all a scientific being with a thereby near infinite capability of creative and productive power, and a commitment to its expression for the good of all mankind, such as we find it expressed in the development of great projects for the universal benefit of all mankind. An example of this type is the [NAWAPA project](#) for uplifting the entire biosphere in which we live, by greening the deserts, and not only in the geographic sense, but also socially, technologically, scientifically, and economically where many 'desert areas' now exist. Another global development project that has been tossed around for many decades already to create an infrastructure link across the Bearing Strait, between the American and Eurasian Continents, either with a bridge or a tunnel, for the more-efficient cooperative development of both continents. With advancing technological power the concept of [intercontinental bridges](#) is becoming increasingly realizable, which may inspire society one day to uplift itself sufficiently to utilize its capability to create a new and incredibly rich world for itself, were misery and poverty presently rule. The divine factor of the "all" stands squarely at the center of the door to this new world. Of course, whether we will see the realization of the potential that we presently have, depends on our own answer to this question that will determine our motives and acts.

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