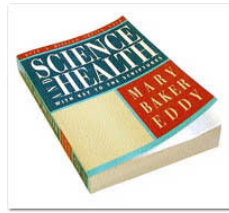


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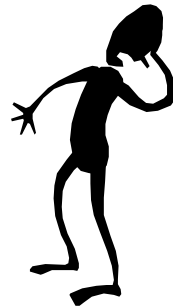
Ideas from the Christian Science student Organization meeting * April 6, 2005

Based on the ideas in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

Why pray???

... thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Bible, Matthew 6:6



Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 1

We admit theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind. We plead for unmerited pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more.

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 3
(chapter on Prayer)

From "Not yet God. I'm still talking!"
by Thomas Mitchinson
Christian Science Sentinel, 4/27/98

"How often, when you pray, have you wanted to give God all the details of your problem? Do you sometimes feel like saying, "Don't give me any answers just yet, God. I'm still talking!" ...

Prayer is the uplifting faith and understanding that we are *now* completely spiritual and good, the child of God. We are the image and like ness of God, the divine Mind.

As we realize the truth of who and what we are, we'll find the door of our "closet" closing naturally to personal agendas, to fear, and to anxiety. Our thought will be prepared to hear whatever God is revealing to us – the exact healing truth that we need. In this uplifted consciousness is the resolution to every problem, challenge, or fear."

Who hears?

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

Bible, Psalms 4:1

Listen.

From "Talking with God" by Michael Watson
Christian Science Sentinel, 3/27/98

"Over the years I have come to realize that God is in fact constantly speaking to every one of us. It is the Soul-sense, or kingdom of God, within each of us that responds to this inter-communication. Humanly we may refer to it as spiritual intuition, conscience, moral sense, the ability to differentiate between right and wrong, and so on. Whatever we may choose to call it, whatever individual way we may express it, and even if it appears to be dormant, the kingdom of God is within us, irrespective of race, nationality, social position, color, or religious belief."



"The prayer of faith shall save the sick," says the Scripture. What is this healing prayer? A mere request that God will heal the sick has no power to gain more of the divine presence than is always at hand.

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 12
(chapter on Prayer)

God is not influenced by man. The "divine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 7

Experience teaches us that we do not always receive the blessings we ask for in prayer. There is some misapprehension of the source and means of all goodness and blessedness, or we should certainly receive that for which we ask. The Scriptures say: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." That which we desire and for which we ask, it is not always best for us to receive. In this case infinite Love will not grant the request.

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 10

Consistent prayer is the desire to do right.
Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health, p. 9

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