

# THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL



APRIL 1985/VOLUME 103/NUMBER 4

UNDERSTANDING INFINITY

OUR RESURRECTION MORN

PEACE THAT LASTS—  
BUILDING FROM THE HEART UP

EASTER FRAGRANCE

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS/FOUNDED APRIL 1851  
BY MARY BAKER EDDY, AUTHOR OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEXTBOOK, SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE BIBLE  
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A. \$20.00 A YEAR, \$2.00 A COPY

# CONTENTS

- ARTICLES** 223 Understanding infinity — Robert S. Ryl  
226 The silent lesson — Godfrey John  
228 Living that heals the heart (Poem) — Sarah V. Cornelius  
229 Videoconference 1984: a perception — Neil H. Bowles  
232 Homosexuality: how one man was healed — A dialogue  
236 The homecoming (Poem) — Victor G. Lewis  
237 Our resurrection morn — Elizabeth Glass Barlow  
239 Arise! Come forth (Poem) — Patricia S. Kelson  
240 Are we doers of God's Word? — Vica McDermott  
242 Get tough with error — George R. Sauers  
244 Man's inherited immunity — Betty Ann Ridley  
246 "The recipe for beauty" includes no risks — Joyce G. Dahl  
249 How's your progress? — Ruth Gibbons

- EDITORIALS** 252 Peace that lasts—building from the heart up  
254 Easter fragrance  
257 Class instruction and the tree of life  
260 Class instruction — *The Christian Science Board of Directors*  
260 List of authorized teachers of Christian Science

- TESTIMONIES** 264 Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

- THE CHURCH  
IN ACTION** 276 "To live for all mankind" brought hundreds of letters  
282 Who's coming to the University and College Organizations Meeting?  
283 Field Assistant program

- CARD DIRECTORY** 1 Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Reading Rooms  
35 Christian Science Organizations at Universities and Colleges  
40 Christian Science Practitioners and Teachers  
68 Christian Science Nurses  
94 Instructions regarding cards



Marca Registrada

*The Christian Science Journal* (ISSN 009-3515) is published monthly by The Christian Science Publishing Society, One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115, an arm of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Subscription postage paid at Boston, Massachusetts. The design of the cover art is owned in its entirety by The Christian Science Board of Directors, registered in the United States and in other countries. Used by permission.

Founded 1851 by Mary Baker Eddy. Official organ of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, U.S.A. Subscription price, postpaid to all countries, one year, \$20.00; six months, \$10.00; single copy, \$2.00. To subscribe see coupon near the back of this issue. (Printed in U.S.A.)

**Postmaster:** Send address changes to The Christian Science Publishing Society, One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115.

© 1985 The Christian Science Publishing Society. All rights reserved.  
All contributions accepted for publication become the sole property of  
The Christian Science Publishing Society.

# THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL

© Maria Bagot

APRIL 1985/VOLUME 103/NUMBER 4

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds"

## Understanding infinity

ROBERT S. RYF

Understanding infinity is far more than an abstract intellectual exercise. It can be a form of Christian Science treatment, which brings healing.

Even thinking about infinity can seem very difficult, largely because of our stubbornly materialistic and erroneous belief in our own finitude. Reinforced by the predominant world view, this suggestion would tell us that since we are limited, so is everything else. If we accept the belief of finiteness, we are in danger of cutting ourselves off from an abiding sense of God's allness and of the healing presence of Christ, infinite Truth.

Christ Jesus understood God's allness more clearly than any other man. He spoke of infinity metaphorically rather than directly when he said, "In my Father's house are many mansions."<sup>1</sup> Yet his grasp of infinity was the very basis of his thought, and his understanding of the all-encompassing might of God was both cause and substance of the healings he brought about.

For us, however, this realization of infinitude seems initially difficult. Specif-

ically, there are three kinds of error that may be particular barriers to our better understanding of infinity. The first error lies in attempting to think about infinity in material terms. We try to visualize one or many solar systems composing a universe that extends without end. Or we miss the higher meaning of the Bible's beautiful and compelling metaphors for infinity, such as the statement that God's thoughts are "more in number than the sand"<sup>2</sup> by keeping our thoughts rooted in the material realm. Try as we may to conceive infinity in spatial terms, we cannot, for space itself is a physically based concept.

Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, points out that infinity is incorporeal and therefore not composed of, related to, or approachable through sense experience. It must be understood as entirely spiritual. In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, she declares, "God is Mind, and God is infinite, hence all is Mind."<sup>3</sup>

A second barrier to our comprehension of infinity lies in the limitation of



"I was alone  
in the house,  
so I turned to the book  
for help."

"When I was a young girl, I found myself alone in the house during a severe thunderstorm and became very frightened. I knew that reading *Science and Health* had brought peace to our home before. So sitting by the window, I opened the book. Some of the words didn't mean anything to me. But when I read on page 410 about Love casting out fear, I was healed of the fear in that moment. This victory has been a source of help to me ever since."

M. W., Lake Villa, Illinois

*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy explains Biblical truths that uplift and regenerate daily living—health, home, and business. You can get this book, along with the Bible, at any Christian Science Reading Room. Or write directly to:

PUBLISHER'S AGENT, One Norway Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02115