

## **Exhibit to Benevolence Policy**

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The following citations may help unfold the spiritual understanding of benevolence:

... God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 4:19)

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. (*Science and Health* 4:3-5)

You render the divine law of healing obscure and void, when you weigh the human in the scale with the divine, or limit in any direction of thought the omnipresence and omnipotence of God. (*Science and Health* 445:15)

In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply. (*Science and Health* 206:15)

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. (Isaiah 25:1, 4)

Beloved brethren, Christ, Truth, saith unto you, "Be not afraid!" — fear not sin, lest thereby it master you; but only fear to sin. Watch and pray for self-knowledge; since then, and thus, cometh repentance, — and your superiority to a delusion is won. (*Miscellaneous Writings* 109:28)

O dreamer, leave thy dreams for joyful waking,  
O captive, rise and sing, for thou art free;  
The Christ is here, all dreams of error breaking,  
Unloosing bonds of all captivity. (*Christian Science Hymnal* 202/412)

Through paths of loving-kindness led,  
Where Jesus triumphed we would tread;  
To all with willing hands dispense  
The gifts of our benevolence. (*Christian Science Hymnal* 388)

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye

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burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality. (II Corinthians 8:12-15)

Love cannot be a mere abstraction, or goodness without activity and power. As a human quality, the glorious significance of affection is more than words: it is the tender, unselfish deed done in secret; the silent, ceaseless prayer; the self-forgetful heart that overflows; the veiled form stealing on an errand of mercy, out of a side door; the little feet tripping along the sidewalk; the gentle hand opening the door that turns toward want and woe, sickness and sorrow, and thus lighting the dark places of earth. (*Miscellaneous Writings* 250:20)

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

Beloved children, the world has need of you, — and more as children than as men and women: it needs your innocence, unselfishness, faithful affection, and uncontaminated lives. (*Miscellaneous Writings* 110:4)

Goodness and benevolence never tire. They maintain themselves and others and never stop from exhaustion. He who is afraid of being too generous has lost the power of being magnanimous. The best man or woman is the most unselfed. God grant that this church is rapidly nearing the maximum of might, — the means that build to the heavens, — that it has indeed found and felt the infinite source where is all, and from which it can help its neighbor. (*First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany* 165:24-1)

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good. (*Science and Health* 518:15-19)

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (II Corinthians 9:6-8)

The present stage of progress in Christian Science presents two opposite aspects, — a full-orbed promise, and a gaunt want. The need, however, is not of the letter, but the spirit. Less teaching and good healing is to-day the acme of "well done;" a healing that is not guesswork, — chronic recovery ebbing and flowing, — but instantaneous cure. This absolute demonstration of Science must be revived. (*Miscellaneous Writings* 355:2-9)

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The demands of Truth are spiritual, and reach the body through Mind. The best interpreter of man's needs said: "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink." (*Science and Health* 170:14)

If we follow the command of our Master, "Take no thought for your life," we shall never depend on bodily conditions, structure, or economy, but we shall be masters of the body, dictate its terms, and form and control it with Truth. (*Science and Health* 228:20)

Love, Love alone is power. (*Christian Science Hymnal* 179)

Our gratitude is riches... (*Christian Science Hymnal* 249)

Grant then, dear Father-Mother, God,  
Whatever else befall,  
This largess of a grateful heart  
That loves and blesses all. (*Christian Science Hymnal* 3)

And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always... (John 11: 41, 42)

Behold, I make all things new. (Revelation 21:5)

The human affections need to be changed from self to benevolence and love for God and man; changed to having but *one* God and loving Him supremely, and helping our brother man. (*Miscellaneous Writings* 50:27)

With additional joys, benevolence should grow more diffusive. (*Science and Health* 58: 14-16)

"Christian Science demonstrates that the patient who pays whatever he is able to pay for being healed, is more apt to recover than he who withholds a slight equivalent for health." (*Miscellaneous Writings*, 300:29-32)

**“Gratitude and love should abide in every heart each day of all the years.”**  
**– Mary Baker Eddy**