



Chemicalization Understood

Understanding the term chemicalization is important. A definition of error as both supposition and its effect, not simply symptoms or manifestations, aides this understanding. Error and its effects are the same – substitute one for the other in any situation. “If faith in the truth of being which you impart mentally while destroying error causes chemicalization as when as when an alkali is destroying an acid it is because the truth of being must transform the error to the end of producing a higher manifestation. This fermentation should not aggravate the disease but should be as painless to man as to a fluid since matter has no sensation and mortal mind only feels and sees materially.” (S&H page 401)

“Correct the basis of false argument or supposition that pleasure and pain, that intelligence, substance, life are existent in matter.” (S&H) and you correct its manifestation. Not having faith in error’s manifestation which is matter but having faith in the truth of being removes a false argument by resting thought upon a spiritual fact. And, because error and its effect are one, the process of removal is altogether natural. The removal of one is the removal of the other.

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Again, understanding chemicalization in Science is a good objective. It allows both the practitioner and patient to rejoice in the truth of being rather than suffer a belief of disturbance which is just a false argument.

It is also helpful to know which is being considered as primary; that is, an error or its manifestation. For example, there may be a perception of God as other than infinite good. Or, some appearance may seem very real. In either a higher standard is called for in scientific, mental healing. That’s when “faith in the truth of being which you impart mentally” becomes a higher standard for manifestation. Taking away a false hypothesis dissolves its conclusion just as it

does in any line of thought whether its mathematics, chemistry, or physics. At this point knowing God as the only Cause and Creator is wonderful!

Faith is higher than belief especially when based upon the truth of being however much is understood of it. Even a better belief than belief in some evil or negative about man, body, or God has more reality than an argument outlining disease, sin, or death. An error cannot be outlined upon body or experience any more than it can be outlined upon God.

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“The truth of being must transform the error to the end of producing a higher manifestation” and “this fermentation should not aggravate the disease” since a manifestation better than disease, better than a poor prospect of health is the natural presentation of thought. Chemicalization understood gives impetus, hope, and spiritual expectation assuring us of better things to come. These are natural presentations always abiding in human consciousness. (See S&H xi)

It is essential to leave abstract reasoning for practical application as soon as possible. The Lord’s Prayer is Jesus’ own consciousness of Truth, God, and of Truth’s idea. Error and its effects are not *personal* to anyone. A patient may have accepted a supposition of error but did not create that supposition. A supposition of error is a general human belief accepted as law. The Lord’s Prayer lifts thought above general belief. It is Truth reversing error. It is a spiritual consciousness of law based upon divine Principle, Love, and the conscious operation of this Principle.

More added detail

“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” examples a consciousness that divine Principle governs man. In place of general human belief Truth appears as divine law and lawgiver. When a convicted consciousness of spiritual reality is brought to a reluctant thought the error of false law must yield because its only hold is an unwitting acceptance.

Jesus’ consciousness is a great unfolding of Truth in every line of his prayer. It invites joyous changes in thought, motive, and desire. Mental impurities – mental misconceptions called sin and sickness – forced to the surface of thought by Truth -- disappear as is the case with fermenting fluids.

Erroneous mortal belief includes the false, general concept that sin and sickness are real material conditions when, in fact, they are simply subjective states of a false consciousness already disappearing in mental chemicalization.

Audio text

Scripture gives the proper import of chemicalization. Elisha asked Elijah that he be given a “double mantle” when the *material sense of Elijah was to disappear in a whirlwind*. Seeing his disappearance Elisha took the “double mantle.” He then saw that everything is both mental and spiritual. In divine Science all is mental and spiritual. Spirit is substance and reflects spiritual ideas. Westminster Bible Dictionary describes Elisha’s experience. “The miraculous power was so much under Elisha’s control that apparently he could exercise it at will.”

The recognition that everything is mental and spiritual *is chemicalization* on a divinely scientific basis and adjusts the transformation of thought.

Chemicalization has its purpose in healing and regeneration since it identifies a useful process of change of thought. And, when understood in its practicality is valuable to both healer and patient.

Note: The accompanying transcript gives more detail regarding chemicalization than the audio version.

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