

has occurred I have found that the man had a fundamentalist background and that emotional urge was there ~~was~~ though his thoughts had been perverted by the training that he had received. Separation is a negative matter. It is very important, but it is not a point of doctrine, not a point of creed but a very important ^{point} of strategy in advancing the work of Christ that we do not submit ourselves influences that will turn us away from the truth of God.

Once I visited the mother church of the Christian Science, and there in Boston they have all around that church quotations ^{from} ~~of~~ Cor. or some other book by St. Paul, or maybe from the Gospels the sayings of Jesus, but next to it they have another quotation from Mary Baker Eddy and I was shocked at putting Mary Baker Eddy on the same level as Jesus or even with Paul. But as I looked about at those I saw a quotation from Mary Baker Eddy that impressed me as a quotation well worth remembering even though I did not think much of the source. The quotation was ^{something} ~~something~~ like this: Never go into a place of uncleanness or defilement unless it is for the definite purpose of bringing somebody else out." And I cannot but say that I think that that is a very excellent statement of the true doctrine of separation. We are to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We are not to submit ourselves to that which will lead us astray, but we are to do the best we can to bring others out of such environments and out of such situations. It is a point of strategy. It is a very important one, but it is not anything in the category with the incarnation or belief in the scripture as God's truth. Many a man who believes in the Scripture and who desires to follow it fails to think clearly on this ^{vital} point and therefore accomplishes only a fraction of what he could in life. Maybe even doing many things that help the enemy of souls because of his failure to realize this point. It is important but it is not a point of doctrine. Eph. 5:11 says we are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. We are to make our lives and our efforts count for Christ, and we are always to have this objective as the ultimate and to see how everything fits into this and not to set up an artificial standard of separation. I heard of someone just