

# **UPWARD FOOTSTEPS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649224869

Upward Footsteps by Various

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**VARIOUS**

**UPWARD  
FOOTSTEPS**



# UPWARD FOOTSTEPS

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES  
"THE INHABITANT SHALL NOT  
SAY, I AM SICK"  
A HIGHER MOTIVE  
THE VISITANT  
"CONSIDER THE LILIES"  
CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS  
TRUTH NEVER FAILS  
"THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH"  
"TILL CHRIST APPEARS"

Articles republished from the  
Christian Science periodicals



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY  
FALMOUTH AND ST. PAUL STREETS  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
U. S. A.

BX6945  
C546

Copyright, 1910 by  
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

TO BE  
APPROVED

oca

THE  
UPWARD FOOTSTEPS

## UPWARD FOOTSTEPS

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

**T**HE Pharisees had searched the Scriptures diligently. Their knowledge of the letter of the Law, and of the Prophets, was irreproachable. Under the prophets, it must be remembered, they included the historical books of the Old Testament as well as what we are accustomed to describe as the purely prophetic writings, differentiating them as the earlier and the later prophets, so that their knowledge was historical as well as ceremonial. More than this, they dwelt with scrupulous care on the figurative interpretation of the text. This comes out with remarkable clearness in the phrase "and the rest of the acts," which recurs persistently in the historical books of the Old Testament. What it means is this, that the Hebrew chronicler seized upon the acts, no matter what their insignificance, in the reigns of the Kings, from which it was possible to draw a moral lesson of any sort, and recorded them whilst rejecting others which an ordinary chron-

363210

icler would have regarded as of supreme national importance.

An example of this occurs in the account of the reign of Omri which, in spite of its being one of the greatest in the history of Israel, is dismissed in four verses. "No historian," writes one of the finest living scholars, "would have dreamt of omitting all mention of Omri's conquest of Edom, which we know from the Moabite stone, or of his relations with Damascus, which we learn incidentally from the conversation between Ahab and Benhadad related in Kings. The natural inference is that the compiler of Kings was not attempting to write a history (in our sense of the term), but to give an account of Jehovah's dealings with Israel, deriving his material from documents which he believed to be historical."

If then the Jews, searching the Scriptures, in the light thrown upon them by their recognition of the spiritual lessons conveyed through the historical elements of the text, failed to find in them the testimony of the Christ; if Christendom, with the additional evidence of the New Testament in its hands, and with the labors of generations of the most brilliant scholars to guide it, could not get a view of eternal Life very much more clear or practical than that of the Jews; but, if a Syrian carpenter, of whom the Jews themselves "marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" could teach a handful of Syrian peasants, from the pages of these very



Scriptures, the secret of the Christ is it not manifest that the searching must be done less intellectually and with more humility, less materially and more spiritually?

In a word, mankind, in order to be successful in its search, must learn that, in the words of Mrs. Eddy, on page 320 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," "The one important interpretation of Scripture is the spiritual;" and must turn aside from literary and critical speculation, however engrossing, and from historical researches, however interesting, to search the Scriptures as Jesus searched them, with an interest shorn of materiality, and intent on spirituality. It was because Mrs. Eddy searched the Scriptures in this way that she learned from them the secret of the teachings of Christ Jesus, knowing that in them we have eternal Life; for he said to his disciples, on the eve of the crucifixion, "This is Life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Spiritual things, Paul told the Corinthians, are spiritually discerned; and that saying is as true anywhere in the world today as it was in Corinth in the first century. If any man wishes to discern the spiritual meaning of the Bible he will have to train himself not intellectually but spiritually. He will have, that is to say, to accept the standpoint of the Galilean hillside in preference to that of the universities, and to learn that there is one intelligence, not many, and to demon-

strate his knowledge not in theological theories, but in Christian healing. In the religion of Christ Jesus theory is inseparable from practice, understanding from demonstration, preaching the gospel from healing the sick. The early Jewish Christians healed the sick, not because they were more conversant with the Law and the Prophets than the Pharisees, but because they understood the Law and the Prophets in the light of the spiritual explanation of Christ Jesus.

The Christian Science church is healing the sick today not because of a knowledge of the Bible intellectually superior to that of the orthodox churches, but through a spiritual understanding of the text derived from a study of the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy. The tree is known by its fruits, the value of a theory by its practice. A practical Christianity has to be tested by the practice of Christ Jesus. He said preach the gospel and heal the sick, but he also said search the Scriptures. The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science succeeded because she obeyed him at all points. Her search was devoted not to an intellectual study of a historical document, but to spiritual pondering over a figurative one, and in her own words on page 109 of Science and Health she won her "way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration."

"THE INHABITANT SHALL NOT SAY,  
I AM SICK."

"You are sick," they said. "But that isn't the  
truth"

And the woman shook her head.

"The Bible declares, he that dwelleth in God

Shall not say, I am sick," she said.

And she held to the truth thro' a starless night,  
Till the morning proved that her words were  
right.

"You are tired," they said. But she smiled at that.

"How can I be tired," said she,

"When the only work is work for God,

And He is my Life, you see?"

And she quietly went her busy way,  
With a happy song in her heart all day.

"You are poor," they said. But she only thought,

How little they know! God speed

The day when the world awakes to find

That Love is its only need.

And she still maintained, as her fortune grew,  
Not money, but Love—if they only knew!