

## The Bee and the Scientific Statement of “Being”

Abby was a little girl who lived in the country. She was not old enough to go to school and she didn't know how to read yet. But she knew what the word God looked like, and she could find it in her own tiny Bible. She could also find it in the *Science and Health* book that belonged to her older sister, Sally. What she liked best in Sally's book was the “Scientific Statement of Being”.

Abby couldn't read it or say it by herself, but she could say it with her sister, and she loved to do that. One day, Abby came into the house crying. She told her sister that she had been on the porch and a bee had stung her. Her sister put her arm around Abby and they sat down together in the big rocker on the front porch. Slowly, they began saying together the “Scientific Statement of Being”. They said it at least two or three times.

Then, they started to say it again, but this time they added something. This is what they said. “There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in'—a bee sting.” Abby looked up at Sally and said, “Whoops, we didn't say that right did we?” Sally said that she didn't mean to say that either, but the words had just come out. But it didn't matter if they didn't mean to say them; the words that they just said were the truth about the bee sting.

Sally told Abby that a bee's stinger was really just a belief in matter. If there was “no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance” in a bee's stinger, it could not really hurt anyone. Both Sally and Abby knew that God is good and He made everything. Since God made the bee, He wouldn't let one of His creatures hurt one of His children. In fact the bee couldn't hurt anyone, even if he wanted to, because he was created by Love.

“God loves me a lot, doesn't He, Sally?” asked Abby. “Yes,” said Sally, “and I am sure that He loves the bee, too.”

Abby thought all the truth over for a minute, then she ran outside to play. In a little bit, she poked her head in the door and said, “Sally, it doesn't hurt at all anymore.”

Abby proved that a child can understand the truths that Mrs. Eddy and Christ Jesus have given to everyone.



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*S&H 468: “There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore, man is not material; he is spiritual.”*