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“ Thank you, Patrice! It’s a joy to have a tour of your beautiful facility and to meet so many of those at Sunrise Haven I’ve come to love.

And greetings from Florida — to all you wonderful Christian Science nurses and support staff, to you volunteers and practitioners and the prayer support team, and the trustees. It’s an honor to “break bread” with you who care so deeply about Christian Science healing.

This past spring, during a Zoom workshop with Sunrise Haven’s Christian Science nurses, their mission statement was shared with me: “Sunrise Haven — inspiring, loving, and healing humanity.” *Healing humanity* is such an expansive thought!

When Patrice [*Executive Director Patrice Edwards*] asked me to speak on the subject of “Embracing Humanity,” I couldn’t have been more pleased. It’s one of my favorite subjects.

Turning to the dictionary, humanity is defined as referring to mankind collectively, or the state of being benevolent or humane. It closely relates to kindness,

sympathy, tenderness, and compassionate or benevolent states of thought. Let’s start by listening to some of the Bible passages that shed light on how Jesus and Paul embodied this idea of *embracing humanity*.

Matthew: “Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, ... send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: ... And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children” (14:14-21).

Acts: “Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them,” and in Ephesus, he said unto the elders of the church, “Ye know, ... after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, ... And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you” (20:1,18-20).

Hebrews: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report ... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him ... These all ... not having received the promises, ... were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (11:1,2,6,13).

Know thyself

To broaden my concept of humanity, I had to start by seeing who I truly am and take a stand for how I should be seeing my fellow beings. In the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy encourages us by giving us a spiritual and inspiring basis to see mankind. She states, “let worth be judged according to wisdom, and we get better views of humanity” (239:8 let).

When I was quite young, my family moved from Michigan to Oklahoma. I had no idea that on my very first day at school I would learn more clearly what it meant to embrace humanity — my own — and the humanity of people I had never met before.

My dad took my brother and me to our new school and simply dropped us off. I told the staff that I was in the sixth grade but, because I was the size of a second grader, I couldn't convince the principal that my younger brother and I weren't twins. Later that morning, a secretary reviewed my file and realized that what I had told her was true, so she took me to the sixth-grade classroom. At recess I played with another quiet young girl. I had no concept of race, nor had I ever seen persons of color before. During the second recess the white children cornered me against a brick wall. A girl who was probably over five-feet tall stepped out in front and demanded to know, “Are you a Yankee, or are you a Rebel?”

Even at eleven years old, I knew who I truly was, and that it had nothing to do with what state I lived

in. Instead, it had *everything* to do with the state of a person's heart. I knew from Sunday School that it included loving my neighbor, but it didn't include any man-made, artificial divisions. I knew with certainty and precision, “who” I was and “whose” I was. I remember saying, with more authority than I'd ever spoken with before, “I'm a Christian Scientist.”

The children hadn't anticipated a *spiritual* answer. The tall girl looked to the other children who just looked very puzzled. Then she simply said, “Well, okay, as long as you're not a Yankee.” The children had no response for an answer that was based on my Christian identity. The situation melted naturally into one of acceptance.

The world doesn't have to be divided into contentious factions if we're all God's children. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy speaks of how we can attain a higher sense of humanity that is powerful in its meaning and that brings a spiritual sense of what unites mankind. She states, “Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a *higher humanity* will unite all interests in the one divinity” (571: 16 *emphasis mine*).

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Self-awareness at all times

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy describes the upright man: “[He] is guided by a fixed Principle, which destines him to do nothing but what is honorable, and to abhor whatever is base or unworthy; hence we find him ever the same, — at all times the trusty friend, the affectionate relative, the conscientious man of business, the pious worker, the public-spirited citizen. He assumes no borrowed appearance. He seeks no mask to cover him, for he acts no studied part; but he is indeed what he appears to be, — full of truth, candor, and humanity” (147:19-28).

When I was at the United States Army Chaplain School in 1980, a chaplain confronted me when he saw the unusually high level of awards on my uniform for someone who was so new to the military. He made a disparaging remark about women being chaplains and insisted I couldn't possibly deserve two meritorious

service medals. Then, shockingly, he spit on me. My human reaction was a lot like gas grill lighting up. I was red-hot with anger because it felt so demeaning.

I turned all my attention to God to attempt to understand what had just happened. In these intense challenges, *instantaneous awareness of what is happening in our own thought is critical*. I knew if I didn't get my self in hand, I would probably regret what I might do next.

That immediate turning away from the human situation brought to my thought Mrs. Eddy's counsel in our textbook: "You must control evil thoughts in the first instance, or they will control you in the second" (234:26-27). This came to me in a slightly different sense. I knew *I must control my thought in the first instant*. That's how alert I needed to be in that base situation.

I now realize this was a matter of purifying my own heart. It was as if I were getting a stern but poignant counseling session from the Lord. What I heard in my thought was, "The soldiers spit on Jesus." That spiritual insight floored me, and I felt humbled in the greatest sense. Then the rebuke continued, "When you said you wanted to follow me, did you think I meant only in the easy footsteps?" "No Lord," I responded, "I will follow you all the way to the cross if that's what's necessary!" Instantaneously, any semblance of anger was quenched, and another thought came. "*What must a person have been through in order to be able to bring himself to spit on another human being?*"

My response absolutely reversed itself. I felt a deep sense of compassion and pity. I reached out and embraced him. I shared with him what I'd heard from our Lord, and said I couldn't imagine what he must have been through to bring himself to spit on another human being. It seemed as if the recognition of what he had done in a moment of anger hit him like a brick in the face. He fell to his knees and wept, and begged me to forgive him. I told him I certainly would.

Later in my career, someone asked me who spit on me. He was another student in a very large Chaplain Officer Advanced Course, and I hadn't met him before that day in 1980. I had no desire to attach the event to him personally. *I wanted to remember who he really was — a child of God*. I have ceased to associate the incident with a person, and I see no face in my memory. That was one of the most important parts of the healing.

The Bible account in Daniel of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego assures us the fire doesn't have to have any power over us; in fact, just the reverse is true. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:10). When we face challenges, we shouldn't let them discourage us, because they can deeply bless us. But we must *demand* our blessings as Jacob did at Peniel (Gen. 32) and continue to wrestle with our lessons until we understand them. *Trials are a part of the path that guides us* and the book of Hebrews describes it this way: we entertain "angels unawares" (13:2).

Communicating a spiritual sense of identity

When people feel embraced "in the panoply of love," they truly feel what it means to be a neighbor in the Christian sense of the word.

I was very moved by a testimony I heard when a woman shared that she had taken a short cut through a city park on a very cold day, hoping to shorten the time she and her child would be in the freezing temperatures. As she cut across the park, she noticed a man lying on a park bench who had a bottle of alcohol and seemed to be drunk. She was admonishing herself for taking the shortcut — thinking she shouldn't have taken the baby through that area. However, unexpectedly, her child taught her an inspiring precept.

Her baby waved at the man on the bench. Everyone is probably moved when they see a baby wave by moving their fingers up and down and getting one of those overwhelmingly darling smiles on their face. As her child did this, it so moved the man on the bench that he sat up. His eyes seemed to clear and then she saw a tear trickle down his cheek. He smiled and waved back. The baby smiled even brighter.

In *Christian Science versus Pantheism* we find this: "Whoever demonstrates the highest humanity, — long suffering, self-surrender, and spiritual endeavor to bless others, — ought to be aided, not hindered, in his holy mission. I would kiss the feet of such a messenger, for to help such a one is to help one's self. The demonstration of Christianity blesses all mankind" (9:16-21). Sometimes it might even be a *baby* that teaches us adults to expand our sense of humanity and gives us an example of how a higher sense of humanity embraces all mankind.

I was equally inspired by two other examples of what the power of embracing people in a spiritual sense of their identity, bringing that higher sense of humanity, can look like in our daily activities.

A Christian academy was playing a football game against a correctional school team. No one had ever seen the correctional school team play — because no one ever came from their school to cheer for them, or to support them. The principal of the Christian academy entreated the students and spectators on their side of the field, asking if they would split up and would half of them go over to the other side and cheer for the other team. They happily did so, and the cheerleaders agreed that half of them would go over, too. The cheerleaders even stood out front so when the correctional school team came out from the locker room and onto the field, the cheerleaders put up their pom-poms and the players went underneath, — and you could see how surprised they were by this genuine support from strangers.

And, it was interesting; for the first time in all the seasons they played, the correctional team made good plays, and they even scored. Although the Christian academy won by a considerable margin, the correctional team was deeply moved. At the end of the game, they all met in the middle and hugged. Then the people came out of the stands, the cheerleaders came over, everybody hugged. The young men from the correctional team said that that was the first time in their lives they actually felt cared for and loved. The consideration expressed for them had made a profound movement in the way that they thought about themselves, and who they were.

In another example, my niece and two of our neighbors' kids asked me to write a recommendation letter for them when they were applying for college. All three sets of parents cried when they read the letters. My neighbor's son came across into our yard and gave me what I can only describe as a crushing hug, and remarked that no one in his life had ever seen him in the way I had written about him in that recommendation letter.

From *Science and Health*: “The words of divine Science find their immortality in deeds, for their Principle heals the sick and spiritualizes humanity” (354:9).

“Christian Science is the sovereign panacea”

Christian Science nurses express the embracing qualities mentioned in the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings.

They are honorable, conscientious, consecrated workers, and trusty friends. They are an inspiration to the individuals they bring comfort to. They are full of truth as they embrace humanity; this reflects what they learned in Christian Science nursing classes and it permeates the healing atmosphere at Sunrise Haven.

As Mrs. Eddy clearly defines it in *Science and Health*, “Christian Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the weakness of mortal mind, — strength from the immortal and omnipotent Mind, — and *lifting humanity* above itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and good-will to man” (407:11 *emphasis mine*).

In February 2004, I received a call from a retired chaplain who was serving as the Seventh Day Adventist Endorsing Agent for their active duty military chaplains. He was informing us that he couldn't speak at the Ft. Belvoir National Prayer Breakfast. Doctors had discovered his wife had a brain tumor and they had explained that such tumors never reduce in size, and they only get bigger very quickly. They insisted they must operate immediately.

My Deputy Intelligence Command Chaplain and I had known this couple for many years; we all were the dearest of friends. We both asked him if we could pray for her. He said, “Of course!” Then the Seventh Day Adventist added that he also would pray, but that he'd be okay with what the doctor's efforts were *if God didn't heal her*. Then, after a quiet moment, his tone changed and he seemed to have thought through what he said. He asked me if he understood correctly that, as a Christian Scientist, I would actually be praying for healing? I assured him he understood correctly. I emphasized that healing would be a confirmation of the facts that *God is that loving* and that *God is that powerful*. He seemed encouraged and agreed joyously, saying that they would not discount what prayer might accomplish before the scheduled operation.

Both my deputy and my Seventh Day Adventist friends were very devout. Anyone who knew them in the chaplaincy would have described them as “the real deal.” They always prayed every day, and their lives were inspiring examples of the teachings of the Bible.

I spent the next two evenings praying. At one point I was acknowledging God's astounding mercy and grandeur. It was a bright moment of absolute conviction.

I thought for some time of God as the great I AM (SH 587:5). I felt a sense of peace in following this line of thought.

On the third day we received an exultant call from the Seventh Day Adventist alerting us to the fact that the doctors had taken new pictures for surgery and found the tumor was half its original size. Amazed, the doctors recommended to not do anything but watch, and “you chaplains continue whatever it is you’re doing.” We all, again, made the commitment to pray vigilantly. I spent time praying again with some specific ideas from *Science and Health*, including where Mrs. Eddy points out that, “*God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms and preserves the individuality and identity of ... men*” (550:5-7 *emphasis mine*). I prayed with the important foundation that God is All and “the universal cause, the only creator,” (331:19), and that “all substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, *cause, and effect* belong to God” (275:14-15 *emphasis mine*).

At the end of two weeks, the doctors re-examined his wife. They were astounded to find the tumor completely gone. They emphasized that they had no medical explanation for what had happened. I know that the prayers of the Seventh Day Adventist couple and my deputy had been sincere “conscientious protests of Truth” (SH 12:13-14). Each of these individuals was a living, loving example of Christianity who embraced wholeheartedly the commitment we made to do *persistent, humble, listening, specific healing prayer* for this dear woman we loved. That was well over ten years ago and there has been no return of any such symptoms. We were truly “one in the Spirit” in our prayers.

Embracing humanity by sharing the Truth of Being

Here’s more from our Leader on our subject of *embracing humanity*:

Science and Health: “John saw the human and divine coincidence, shown in the man Jesus, as *divinity embracing humanity* in Life and its demonstration, — reducing to human perception and understanding the Life which is God” (561:16-20 *emphasis mine*).

Miscellaneous Writings: “*In different ages the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity’s needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing* (370:12-15 *emphasis mine*).

Miscellaneous Writings: “Sin of any sort tends to hide from an individual this grand verity in Science, that the appearing of good in an individual involves the disappearing of evil. He who first *brings to humanity some great good*, must have gained its height beforehand, to be able to lift others towards it” (337:31-5 *emphasis mine*).

One way we can embrace humanity is to share the Truth of Being (*capitalization mine*) and help people understand Christian Science and that it is the Truth of Being for *all seekers* with receptive hearts and minds.

While serving in Heidelberg, I made many a drive to and from the Army training center at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Often, either my Planner Chaplain or my Deputy Corps Chaplain would ride with me. When we got involved in deep discussions of our religious beliefs, the four-hour drives would go very quickly. On one of these drives in 1997, a young Mormon chaplain and I talked extensively about our understanding of God, and in great detail about healing prayer. I had many opportunities to share the detail of various experiences of healing. The young man’s questions were sincere and showed a genuine desire to understand more about Christian healing. Also, I had studied the *Book of Mormon*, and he often helped me understand his tradition better.

The next year I had a planner who was a Methodist minister. He also asked questions at great lengths, showing me that he was yearning to understand more about healing prayer. We, too, had numerous opportunities to share while driving to duty stations.

The year after I left Europe, the Methodist chaplain returned to a training conference limping badly on one foot. He remarked to his friend, the Mormon chaplain who also had been my planner, that this sprain was worse

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than a previous sprain. The Mormon remarked, “it’s too bad Chaplain Horton isn’t here; she could give you a prayer treatment that would heal the foot.” Then the two began to discuss that perhaps they could remember from their talks with me how to apply the healing prayer concepts themselves.

One of them remembered that I always prayed while I was running. They both agreed it was not so much about the foot or ankle as it was about what had been on the young chaplain’s *heart* as he was running. They recalled Bible passages that supported the need to search your heart and your mind. They agreed he must identify if he had been entertaining anything unholy in his thought when running. The chaplain admitted he’d been a bit prideful and had been congratulating himself that he was a better runner than some of the combat arms planners. They also agreed they needed to affirm that they could trust God to be *able and willing* to heal those who love Him and seek His guidance on such occasions. They agreed to love their neighbor as themselves and keep clearly in thought a purer motive for this activity. They determined that, in the future, they would be praying and praising God while running. They both felt very humbled.

By the next day the Methodist chaplain was elated to find that he could walk more freely. He was back running within a very short period of time, rather than the number of weeks he originally expected with the severity of the injury. They sent me an email in the States to let me know about the healing and to get a confirmation that they had correctly learned how to do a prayer treatment. I thanked them and told them they certainly had!

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“Spiritual rationality and free thought” emancipate humanity

I have always felt a sense of calm and peace when I read, in *Pulpit and Press*, that “all meet on common

ground in the great essentials of love to God and love to man as a signal proof of the divine origin of humanity which finds no rest until it finds the peace of the Lord in spirituality” (39:1-4 emphasis mine).

I remember linking that passage with this idea in *Science and Health*: “Spiritual rationality and free thought accompany approaching Science, and cannot be put down. They will emancipate humanity, and supplant unscientific means and so-called laws” (223:21).

Both of these passages were foundational when we had issues with weather in Florida. (I can’t remember a year since I retired here that we haven’t had hurricanes.) I remember my specific prayers when it was predicted that the eye of a hurricane would come right through Ocala where we live. One of the thoughts I worked with was that if God created *that strong a wind* it would NOT have a *destructive* purpose, but a *constructive* purpose. I affirmed that such winds could prune trees that needed it or bring down trees that were decaying. I didn’t want to be any part of thinking that God was anything but good, and that good was, therefore, the only basis of reality.

Because my brother Rick lived in my parent’s old doublewide house trailer, he agreed to come to our brick house because the winds were predicted to be at least of category two force. After the storm passed through, large numbers of trees were down in the area where we lived. Normally we’d have been able to get to Rick’s place in ten minutes, but as we attempted to drive over to see his double wide, we spent an hour and a half and hadn’t been able to find any route; everything we tried was blocked by downed trees. However, what really struck both of us was that, in the entire time we drove all the different routes and roads, we didn’t see one tree down on a house or car or even a tool shed.

Some time later, when we were finally able to get over into Rick’s area, we began to laugh when we saw numerous people getting out of their cars and taking photographs of two mailboxes just a few blocks from Rick’s house. They were all amazed by how a huge tree had fallen *between* the two mailboxes, but didn’t do any damage to either one of them. There was only about an inch between the fallen tree and the two mailboxes on each side of that tree. Humanly this sight would seem incredible but, knowing the power of prayer, I was so grateful to see that the winds had not even caused damage to a mailbox!

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Back at our house, it was inspiring to see how everyone in our “cul de sac” spent the next few days helping cut up trees that had fallen in our yard, and we were all joining lovingly to rake the leaves and debris in each other’s yards. The cleanup was accomplished in record time and things were back to normal within a day or so.

Sharing the “bread of life” in many different settings

We have so many opportunities to share the truths of our textbook! I’ve always turned to a couple of passages to pray with when I have to fly. I think of it as sharing the “bread of life” (John 6: 35, 48) as we sit in airports and on planes. This idea in *Science and Health* has been a real gem in preparing me for those trips: “The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus” (25:31). And, similarly, from *The People’s Idea of God*: “our ideas of divinity form our models of humanity” (14:10-11). These truths have brought wonderful opportunities to embrace humanity in many different settings.

A few years ago, I was preparing to fly “over the pond” to Europe. I had driven the hour and a half to Orlando and had gone through the heavy duty lines of security and made it to the gate early. Many people were elbow to elbow at the gate area. There was a two-hour weather delay and then an additional maintenance issue that caused the airline to announce it would take a second two hours to get the plane ready to go. I noticed a family in the row of seats next to me talking in German. Because I had studied German in college and graduate school I understood that they were discussing what a mistake it had been on their part to have already exchanged all their US dollars for German marks, thinking that they wouldn’t need to eat again until they got into the airport in Germany. They were all saying how hungry they were. Most everyone at the gate had already headed to the restaurant area to get lunch.

I prayed to see if there was a good idea to help this family. I prayed about wanting to reflect the same quality of humanity as Jesus had in the times he’d fed the multitude. I decided I would ask them if they would let me buy them lunch. I shared with them that for four years as a US Army Chaplain I was stationed in Germany, and that I couldn’t count the number of times German

friends had treated me to amazingly delicious German dinners while I was there. I asked them if they would allow me to express my gratitude for the humanity and kindness their people had embodied during my time in their country.

The family seemed very moved by me wanting to help them. I had plenty of money and bought the two children and the mom and dad their choice of foods available. I laughed and told them it probably wasn’t anywhere near as good as the German spaetzle and bratwurst I had regularly enjoyed in Germany. They allowed me to practice my German on them and we talked in their language. They seemed very moved that I had learned to speak German and complimented me on my “perfect” German accent. Blessings were literally flowing every direction. In Paris, as we went our separate ways, we all embraced with tears in our eyes. It’s a lovely memory I will always treasure.

On another trip, it came to me to pray that we all are children of God *and that we all feel* our Father-Mother’s love. We’re all familiar with this passage from Romans: “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:” (8:16). I linked that with where Mrs. Eddy speaks, in *Science and Health*, of the humanity of all mankind: “With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and...the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science”(469:30-5).

On the plane, I was really focusing on the fact that we are all God’s children, when I noticed a little girl lean out into the aisle and look back three rows to where I was sitting on the other side of the aisle. *I was astounded when she began to blow me kisses!* I had boarded before her and had not even seen her at the gate. I returned the gesture, smiling nearly as big as she did.

The little girl *had to have felt* that someone was praying for children. She must have felt divine Love embracing her. In her child-like innocence she sensed who, on the plane, was part of that prayerful truth, and wanted me to know she had been one of the recipients of the loving thoughts embracing everyone.

These are just a few of the examples of what can unfold when we understand what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ. It’s not at all surprising that humility, loving kindness, and a sense of unity would produce such healing results.

No limits to the true embrace of humanity

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy points out that “Love’s labors are not lost.” And that “Science voices unselfish love, unfolds infinite good, leads on irresistible forces, and will finally show the fruits of Love” (100:11-16).

Persons of other faith groups we encounter can feel our humility and lovingkindness. There are no limits when love truly embraces humanity, and this is manifest in beautiful ways. Regardless of what human creeds or social rules claim can’t possibly happen, the ability of love to bring hearts together is phenomenal.

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On one of our Balkan missions, our United Arab Emirates (UAE) Imams (the persons who lead prayers in a mosque) asked for a separate chapel; they wanted a separate place for their officers to worship. Our Three-Star General insisted that our UAE Imams and officers were part of the United States Task Force and they would do things “our way.” He avowed strongly that we had just one chapel, where *everyone* worshipped.

The UAE Imams insisted a second time that they needed a separate chapel. I stepped up and asked them if I could explain their needs to the General. They said, “okay.” I told the Commanding General that the Koran states that Allah cannot be worshipped at the same altar as other gods. I explained that we had Buddhists and Wiccans and over 200 different traditions in our area. Our General understood and immediately approved a separate, portable chapel for them.

Also, when speaking about the Muslim faith, I knew that it was a requirement, when saying the prophet Mohammed’s name, to say, “peace be upon him” and I respectfully did that. Afterwards, I was shocked when the

Imams asked to shake my hand. This is not permissible behavior for a devout Muslim Imam. When I told them that I wouldn’t want them to go against their holy book, the Koran, and I wouldn’t want them to cross a boundary in their cherished beliefs, they still insisted. I then agreed that they could each shake my hand. They came over and they bowed — and it was very devout the way they bowed to me — and they took my hands in their hands. And they *reverently* said “thank you.”

I asked them if they would mind explaining to me why they were willing to cross that boundary and shake my hand. They all immediately agreed that it was because they had never heard *even* a life-long Muslim say the prophet’s name and follow with “peace be upon him” with the sincerity and reverence I had expressed when I spoke his name, and they had been deeply moved that others were hearing that.

Again, these are the times we understand what it means to be brothers and sisters spiritually. It is not at all surprising that humility, loving kindness, and a sense of unity would produce healing results.

Christian Science nursing

Christian Science nursing facilities are among the rare places where people can come to experience the supreme Comforter, “divinity embracing humanity.” And Christian Scientists are greatly blessed for the work of Christian Science nurses, for the joy, consecration, and generosity with which they minister on a daily basis to those in need.

I want to express my profound gratitude for Sunrise Haven and its Christian Science nurses and staff and volunteers and to *all of you who support Sunrise Haven*.

Don’t we all feel embraced as humanity, when we find we are blessed to be any part of the important mission of Christian Science nursing!

Thank-you so much for what you all do, and for letting me be a part of this meeting today.



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