

The Middle East and Democracy

Of great interest to the Christian Scientist is the decision of President Biden that in addition to leaving Afghanistan, the USA will only fulfill a non-combatant role from January 1, 2022.¹

The attempt by the USA and its allies to help establish democratic government, with attendant increased liberty for women in these two countries, looks like drawing to a close.

Democracy stems from two Greek words, one meaning *people*, the other meaning *to possess, to govern*.²

That democracy is underpinned by the Science of Christ is shown by Mrs. Eddy's use of the word:

...each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government...³

The Magna Charta of Christian Science means much... Essentially democratic, its government is administered by the common consent of the governed, wherein and whereby man governed by his creator is self-governed.⁴

Distinct is derived from literally having the difference marked on an object; today meaning *different, separate*.² In this case of church government, we may ask different or separate from what? The answer must be, from ecclesiastical despotism.

Essential means necessary to the constitution or existence of a thing.²

Herbert W. Eustace CSB in 1939 wrote of dictatorship:

Is not God, as the one and only Mind, self-evidently the one controlling power and consequently the one Dictator? It is necessary to understand this fact and not to attempt to destroy dictator, but to gain such a true sense of dictator that God is seen everywhere as dictating. This understanding will destroy the power of malicious mind to substitute itself as the mental volition of anyone and thus compel its victim to act contrary to wisdom and good.

The understanding that there is no malicious mind to operate as a malicious mental practitioner lifts the nightmare of mesmerism and frees the victim from false dictatorship. The worst and most vicious form of dictatorship is the despotism of malicious mental malpractice.

Annihilate the belief that malicious mind has any avenues or channels through which to operate; any man, woman or child upon whom to foist its beliefs of law; any malicious mental malpractice or malicious mental malpractitioner to declare its dictatorial demands or to carry them out. How is this done? By knowing that God, being the one and only Mind, His man, woman and child is the only man, woman and child, His law is the only law, and that God's man is ever about God's business. This realization leaves God as the one and only Dictator.⁵

Here is a rallying point for all genuine Christian Scientists in this troubled world.

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Footnotes

1. [Telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/29/iraq-weak-biden-retreating-world-surrendering-tyranny/](https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/29/iraq-weak-biden-retreating-world-surrendering-tyranny/)
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2. *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster 1828.
3. *Manual of the Mother Church*, Mary Baker Eddy 88th and 89th editions, p. 74:6-7.
4. *The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 247:30-5. The article is The Board of Education.
5. *Christian Science Its "Clear, Correct Teaching" and Complete Writings*, Herbert W. Eustace, C.S.B., pp. 508-509. The article is "Whoso Readeth Let Him Understand," pp. 130-131.