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Dear Pupils of the Association of Ron Ballard,

I am so looking forward to addressing your association online, **Saturday, October 10.**

These have certainly been unprecedented times for our country and our world! The issues we're facing call upon all thinking and practicing Christian Scientists to see how prayer addresses and heals the "ills of which we complain." This statement comes from a line in *Science and Health* with the marginal heading "Superior law of Soul":

"Our false views of life hide eternal harmony, and produce the ills of which we complain. Because mortals believe in material laws and reject the Science of Mind, this does not make materiality first and the superior law of Soul last."

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, pp. 62:29–1)

Let's spend the time leading up to our day together praying about this "superior law of Soul" and how it truly is a sovereign panacea. While we each demonstrate this in varying degrees, we can all join together in knowing that our collective work together brings out the truth of that statement.

So the topic of our Association Meeting this year is:

"Christian Science: Reliable laws to guide your daily practice"

This is inspired by the following passage:

"Man's enslavement to the most relentless masters — passion, selfishness, envy, hatred, and revenge — is conquered only by a mighty struggle. Every hour of delay makes the struggle more severe. If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush out happiness, health, and manhood. Here 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."

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 407:6)

How important that we see humanity “lifted above itself” right now. Together, we can see how the strength from the immortal and omnipotent Mind does indeed help us rise above these global problems.

In preparation for your association day, please read a biography of Mrs. Eddy of your choosing. I am currently reading the first of the Peel trilogy, *Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Discovery*. Also study the stories of Joseph (in the book of Genesis), Ruth, and the Apostle Paul. Each of them overcame great obstacles and brought healing to their communities. Ask yourself: How did these individuals practice Christian Science? What can I learn from their example for my own daily practice?

Email me any specific inspiration you receive, as well as one healing, either current or from your time during class instruction with your teacher. I will incorporate these into the address. If you have a question, feel free to send me those as well. I will accept your assignments up until two weeks before the address.

With love and anticipation of our day together,

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