



Consider it done

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When I'm challenged by tough situations and am looking for healing, like most Christian Scientists I turn to God. I pray to feel His allness—because I know the spiritual fact of my *oneness* with this allness dissolves any material misconceptions I'm holding on to. And I always get a healing answer. There is one thing, though, that I've found it's essential to do. Accept the answer.

Have you ever found yourself, as I sometimes have, second-guessing or “editing” God's answer because it wasn't quite what you had in mind? It didn't quite give you the specifics you were looking for?

One answer I frequently get from God is “Consider it done.” In other words, my harmonious being in God—infinite Mind—is already established. It's perfect. It's *done*. Since Mind is All, what is there outside infinite Mind to appeal to? Nothing. The impulse to doubt or edit God's answers is only mortal mind's feeble attempt to deny God's presence. But in infinite Mind, there is no mortal mind—no separation from God. Mortal mind is just a label for “no mind.” Its non-events don't belong to God—and so don't belong to you, or me, or anyone.

The human mind, of course, isn't usually crazy about hearing, “Consider it done.” It says: “Wait a minute! That's impossible. I've got a problem here. You've got to give me something else.”

Fortunately, divine Love trumps human egotism and forces us to listen further and humbly accept what we're hearing, which is: “All is well right this moment—perfect, in fact. There is nothing that needs to be fixed—there is only something to be known.” I find the more I yield to these Christly messages, to the “done-ness” of creation, the more open I am to the genius and creativity of God, one Mind and its effortless solutions.

Several years ago, I was praying about how to meet a steep financial challenge. One day, after I'd asked God what I needed to know to resolve it, what came to me was a surprise. It was the opening scene of the classic film, *The Godfather*. Now I know it sounds a little oddball, and, frankly, it seemed off the point, but I decided to go with it for a moment—and gave the movie some thought.

You may remember that in the opening sequence, petitioners come to “the godfather” on his daughter's wedding day to ask for favors—*big* favors. Essentially, in their own shaky, timid ways, they're coming for healing—of injustice, disorder, imbalance—seeking their individual versions of restoration, restitution, harmony. And no matter how big the favors are, if the petitioners have been loyal and faithful, the godfather assures them they can consider the solution accomplished, done.

They leave with total confidence that he means what he says. He's the godfather! They know it's a done deal because, in the world they live in, the godfather is king. His power is supreme. He has no opposition.

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So, without in any way comparing the godfather to God—but just using it as a jumping off point—I asked myself the obvious: “Who’s my Godfather ... who’s my real Father? Is He All?” *Yes*. “Does He have any opposition?” *No*. “You heard, ‘Consider it done.’ Do you think God is worried it isn’t? Can you be worried God’s will isn’t being done?” *No*. Why? “Because it’s His kingdom, He’s in charge of it, and I live in it.” Period.

The next question was: Am I approaching my God-Father with even half the trust these fictional characters brought to a (very) fallible mortal? When I prayed and heard God’s answer, “Consider it done, you’re spiritual and complete,” was I humble enough to

accept it?

Who is supreme in my “world”? What universe is there but the divine—God’s kingdom—the only one, present and completely spiritual? My God-Father is Life and Soul, the Principle of the universe. *All*. Allness doesn’t share its authority with anyone or anything. There’s nothing outside it to share it with. God’s love for me is unconditional; His affluence boundless. What was true of the prodigal’s elder brother in the Bible (see [Luke 15:31](#)) is true of me. God has already given me everything.

Fear began to subside. I’d had a life full of spiritual healings, which always followed my seeing a situation as God sees it—already complete.

Mary Baker Eddy enjoins us, in no uncertain terms, to war “no more over the corporeality,” but to rejoice “in the affluence of our God” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 140). Was I rejoicing in God’s affluence ... therefore, in my own affluence as His reflection? Was I thrilled by it?

I saw I needed to accept the fact that I had an inherited right to go to God with zero doubt—that when He said it was done, it was. That 180-degree turn, that thought shift, and the peace it brought, continued dissolving any lingering fear.

“Citizens of the world,” Mrs. Eddy writes, “accept the ‘glorious liberty of the children of God,’ and be free! This is your divine right” (*Science and Health*, p. 227). I realized there is no way that she or Christ Jesus could have healed as authoritatively and effectively as they did unless, when they turned to their God-Father and heard “Consider it done,” they accepted it—accepted that all is well right this moment, perfect. No doubts. No editing. Why wouldn’t they accept it? Why shouldn’t we? Who else is speaking but God?

The Science of Christ shows us clearly that matter has no voice. It’s nothing. Did it mean, in that financial situation, that I could consider something “done” only if it conformed to my human “wish list”? Any human outlining is going to be pathetically limited compared to God’s boundless possibilities and infinite resources. A human outline can’t possibly measure up to the limitless breadth and scope of divine Love.

When we accept God’s answers, and don’t try to rewrite them to fit our personal specs and stipulations, the action we take in response to those answers is invariably more effective, more peaceful, gracious, and love-filled. We have the privilege of watching the real God-Father work and bless everyone involved.

The financial problem was resolved, much more quickly and effortlessly than I could have imagined. Loving care and systematic solutions appeared where before there had seemed little recourse. Balance and security were restored. What I had the privilege of seeing as “already done” was God’s unfailing care for me and everyone concerned. And because human experience is human consciousness, the human scene conformed to what I was seeing and accepting as spiritually true.

When we humbly ask only for what our Father-Mother God is already giving us spiritually, we have an heir's right to hear Him say, "Consider it done. You have it all. Please accept it."

As the prodigal's father put it so tenderly and generously to his elder son, "Thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine" (Luke 15:31). It always has been. It always will be. It is done.

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