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## *The law of good that overcomes violence*

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As the demand for illegal drugs provides a profitable market in the United States, drug-related violence jars both sides of the border. From Reynosa, Mexico, where a gun battle swept through a day-care center, to Tucson, Ariz., where home invasions are beginning to affect every neighborhood and economic level, people are afraid.

There is a law of good that overcomes violence and the fear of violence. Christian Science explains this law of good as a divine law of safety, available to everyone. God protects each individual through the operation of divine law. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent by God to demonstrate the power of divine law to protect human lives. When a mob threatened to stone Jesus, he was shielded by this law.

The same law that Jesus taught and demonstrated saves and protects people today. The Christ, or divine idea of God, is present to help and heal. Christ communicates the law of good through intuition and inspiration, which some call God's angel messages.

Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered Christian Science, described angels as "God's representatives" (see "Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures," p. 299). They surround us with the armor of divine Love. Obedience to God's laws guides us from danger and defuses confrontation. God's law of good is speaking to everyone with what they need to hear to be safe and to protect others.

God creates each individual as inherently good. No one can be left out of God's kingdom. Nor do we have to wait until we die to be part of it. Our prayers and obedience to God's law - the Ten Commandments - can form a shield of protection around the innocent. These same prayers can awaken

others to worship good instead of evil. Christ's message of salvation is for all humankind.