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The lost element

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We were in China visiting Xian and the site of the Terra Cotta warriors. In the exhibits, they showed spear points buried over 2,000 years ago, which hadn't corroded even after exposure to the air. The weapons had been coated with chromium, an element used today in chrome plating. The Chinese apparently discovered chromium more than 2,000 years ago. Yet this knowledge was lost, and needed to be rediscovered in order to be useful again to the world. I thought about how this might relate to the healing message of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the Son of God, sent by God 2,000 years ago to save the world from sin, disease and death. Christ was Jesus' divine message that protected spiritual ideas better than chromium from exposure to corruption and corrosive human beliefs.

Mary Baker Eddy discovered this healing element of Christianity in 1866. The Christ element heals and restores us. It's God's infinite love, gracious goodness, almighty power that protects and saves. Chromium coats metal to protect it from decay. The Christ element transforms thought so there's nothing left to be corrupted or confused. Christ is the divine element that transforms and restores. So today, let's coat our thought with the element of Christ, the spiritual ideas of divine Love and grace that will protect and save.