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Perfect God, perfect deer

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A deer came through this back area of our church, in the Sunday school area, and walked back here and hid behind these bushes. I was teaching a class and we could see him from inside the Sunday school building. It was clear that the back legs were severely injured, and the deer had come back here to die.

So, the first thought that I had, was “not on my watch”, so we began all praying together. One of the first things we began praying about was a page in “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures” by Mary Baker Eddy, which is page 475, and it’s an answer to a question “What is man?” But I substituted “deer” for “man”.

So we looked at the answer to the question “What is [deer]?” and then you substitute some words, like “[the deer] is not made up of brain, blood, bones and other material elements.” “[The deer] is spiritual and perfect; and because [the deer] is spiritual and perfect, it must be so understood in Christian Science.”

So we began praying this way for the deer - seeing the deer as a spiritual idea, not as a material body that had been hit by a car or maybe mauled by some animals. After a couple of days, the deer actually moved out of this space and began nibbling the grass there in the courtyard. About the third day the deer waited until we all showed up in the morning and it was like the deer was thanking us for this healing. It then bounded out the entranceway, out the wall area here, and was completely healed.

It was really a wonderful experience. In fact, that class gave me a little symbol to remind us all of this wonderful healing of the deer. It's this little ceramic deer. And it says on it "Perfect God, perfect [deer]."

So if you're praying today for your beloved pet or even animals of the world, you can pray with this idea on page 475 of Science and Health - that animals are "not made up of brain, blood, bones or other material elements." That they truly are spiritual and perfect and that they have this perfect, complete, whole, spiritual identity of God – safe and protected in the love of God.