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*MONTHLY LESSON CITATIONS*

DEAR FRIENDS:

This month we will follow up on our study of “symbols”.

Our first selection is from the newly discovered 300 page manuscript by Helen Wright.

The second selection is from Mrs Wrights’ book “AMERICA CRADLE FOR THE SECOND COMING”.

The third selection is from Andrew Hartsooks’ book, “CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AFTER 1910”.

The forth and final selection is from Miscellaneous Writings by Mary Baker Eddy.

*The following is from a 300 page, formerly unpublished book by Helen M. Wright.*

### **CHAPTER THREE**

#### **DIVINE SYMBOLOLOGY**

The human consciousness can understand man, "Woman, father, mother, friend, home, city, etc, and the infinite inter-relationships of these.

This degree of understanding constitutes the life-line to human consciousness for reaching the spiritual understanding of –

"Life", represented by the Father;

"Truth", represented by the Son;

"Love", represented by the Mother; (S&H 569:1-3)

"man" (uncapitalized) as corresponding "to Truth"; (S&H 517:9) .

"Woman". as corresponding "to Life and to Love"; (S&H 517: 10) - the reflection of Father-Mother.

"Heaven". as corresponding to "home" (S&H 254&31.)

In other words, creation is symbols as humans comprehend it.

Christian Science was discovered by Mary Baker Eddy in February, 1866 and founded on earth by her according to the divine pattern of its founding which she discerned in Jesus' prophecies to St. John, composed entirely in symbols. When she arranged the divine rules of her Discovery in her Textbook of Christian Science, she wrote:

“SPIRITUAL TEACHING MUST ALWAYS BE BY SYMBOLS.” (S&H 575:13.)

That pronouncement is not something to take or leave; neither does it involve a moral choice. It is inexorable fact.

Symbols are the medium of salvation, mind is the channel for their redemption; and Spirit is the means of their dissipation. (See Orgain, Story of the Christian Science Manual, p. 106.)

Mrs. Eddy herself used that method in teaching Christian Science, and in the founding of it on earth. Her founding Was based exclusively on the symbolic portions of the Bible which prophesied her own mission and "the little book open." (Rev. 10:12.) Her followers assented willingly to her mission (not the person of Mrs. Eddy) as that Biblical Woman.

Also, Mrs. Eddy declared that the twelfth chapter of Revelation signifies the Nineteenth Century, A. D., and the opening of the sixth seal of the Bible. (Rev. 6:12.) This was a confirmation by Mrs. Eddy to alert her followers that she was, indeed, adhering to the Bible's symbolism with respect to the Christian Science Movement.

The followers did not comprehend then (and the Organization members still do not) that the Bible's symbolic guidance, as at 1910, still waits for the Christian Science Organization to actually follow the Manual.

Mrs. Eddy fulfilled her portion of the Biblically prophesied way to preserve the Movement, and the followers are obliged to take it from there, in the Twentieth Century or never, projecting, and consummating the mission of The BRANCH (beyond the "Mother) the detached Branch – detached from Mother, so that it can function unfettered in its own place.

Mrs. Eddy's use of spiritual symbolism led Alice Orgain to the discovery that every one of Mrs. Eddy's Church-directives was based specifically and symbolically on Bible prophecy. This discovery revealed, in turn, that Mrs. Eddy's entire founding pattern was her steadfast adherence to the delineation of THE SPIRITUAL IDEA upon human thought. Mrs. Eddy herself corroborated the conviction in the following words:

It is authentically said that one expositor of Daniel's dates fixed the year 1866 or 1867 for, the return of Christ – the return of THE SPIRITUAL IDEA to the material earth or antipode of heaven. It is a marked coincidence that those dates were the first two years of my discovery of Christian Science. (Miscellany 181:27-32; emphasis added.)

In her own teaching, she emphasized that Jesus' method was also by symbols, called parables, e.g. the mustard seed, the prodigal, the sowing of seed, drawing of water, etc. and she also said:

Our highest sense of infinite good in this mortal sphere is but the sign and symbol, not the substance of good. (Unity of Good, 16:17. 18.)

Alice Orgain analyzes these truisms as follows:

We read a book with our mind, but symbols are always interpreted in the measure of their identification with our lives. Thus the first process is a mental perception of abstractions,

while the second is spiritual discernment through the living lens of spiritual sense.

When reading abstract Truth, we identify thought; but when viewing symbols, we identify human actions as the full measure of one's own living understanding of thought-values. (Angelic Overtures of "Christ and Christmas", Foreward, viii.)

Mrs. Orgain discovered that every one of Mrs. Eddy's Church-related actions, no matter how apparently "odd", seemingly dramatic, or trivial, was governed by a vast pattern of teaching by symbols, showing "the way," the only way the world can overcome its false propositions of "time" and "life in matter."

This method of teaching sometimes appeared sacrilegious, as when Mrs. Eddy dissolved her first church of 1879, after ten years in 1889. It appeared preposterous, as when she closed the Massachusetts Metaphysical College at the height of its prosperity and popularity; or grotesque, as some considered the tremendous masterpiece Christ and Christmas. It appeared cataclysmic when she abolished communion of the branches with The Mother Church and with each other.

But Alice Orgain understood Mrs. Eddy's divinely spiritual reasons for all of these things.

She wrote:

The DETACHED BRANCH is the human symbol of a great spiritual idea in the human consciousness. All specific divine ideas seem to the human consciousness to be detached from the whole Principle.

Their detachment in the form of symbols is required so that their divine purpose can be humanly identified, comparable to the symbols: father, mother, son, daughter, husband, friend, home, occupation, and so forth, ad infinitum. (See The Detached Branch, p. 356.)

To understand this basic fact in relation to spiritual teaching silences any wondering whether Mrs. Eddy might have ever acted on impulse in her Church-related directives, which mortal mind seldom understood.

Certainly, the "art of Christian Science" in Mrs. Eddy's ubiquitous use of symbolism was not, prompted by whim or "arty" dabbling. It was, most solemnly pre-considered, and executed in principled exactness, in infinite detail.

After Mrs. Eddy passed on, Alice Orgain discovered the spiritual meaning in every one of Mrs. Eddy's revisions to her writings, and in the physical, and pictorial make-up of the periodicals, plus the timing of all these, concomitantly with Mrs. Eddy's Church-related directives and writings.

Not only did Alice Orgain discover Mrs. Eddy's consistent use of symbolic art but she discovered that the symbolic process included also working with humanity's most important symbols: father, mother, man, woman, child., relationships, marriage, planets, substance, intelligence, church, city – as Jesus did.

She discerned the undeniable spiritual relationship that imposed itself in every direction, from the smallest design on the Quarterly to the massive Extension building, when, at the dedication of the Extension, she said it caused her to behold "a glimpse of glory." (Miscellany. 6:29.)

An astounding example of an unheralded phase of Mrs. Eddy's use of symbolism is the Concord Branch itself. The followers praised it at the time without having the faintest notion of what Mrs. Eddy was saying in spiritual language. (Alice Orgain first discovered it with respect to the Concord branch.)

Unknown to the Field, the dedication of the Concord Branch must have had reverberations in heaven, for the Concord Branch Church was the symbolic CORNERSTONE of the Extension! This is evident in the chronology of the dates of the cornerstone laying and dedications of both the Concord Branch and the Extension.

The Extension building (1906) literally grew out of The Mother Church building (1895). But the Extension was a branch, not merely a larger auditorium for the congregation, and Mrs. Eddy knew that some day its language would be read correctly (spiritually).

In tracing the founding facts, Alice Orgain perceived Mrs. Eddy's monumental object lesson in the apparent game of tag during the building of both churches.

At the dedication of The Mother Church in 1895, Mrs. Eddy's sermon referred to the building as this "miracle in stone [symbolic of Truth]." (Pulpit and Pres, 815)

The significant feature of the Concord Branch Church (Mrs. Eddy's own gift to the Field in which she invited all her followers to participate) was that Mrs. Eddy meticulously arranged for its formation to occur, in every respect, in a way that was detached from the organized "Mother" Church. This deliberate phenomenon is apparent in the spectacular Biblical symbolism of Mrs. Eddy's every directive.

But that miracle was retroactively anticlimactic, compared to the miracle of timing: in her Concord Branch Church with respect to the Extension (which her followers calling an extension to The Mother Church, and still do).

Consistent with Mrs. Eddy's entire teaching and example regarding organization of religion, she was saying that The Mother Church had proven itself and the time was at hand to dissolve it in favor of The BRANCH idea.

The dates involved in Mrs. Eddy's "stone-language" were:

July 16, 1903	Concord Cornerstone Laid
July 16, 1904	Extension Cornerstone Laid
July 17, 1904	Concord Dedicated
June 10, 1906	Extension Dedicated

The fact that July 16 was Mrs. Eddy's earthly birthday in both cornerstone layings had aroused attention and speculation, but not the discernment of what she was saying in spiritual symbolism.

Perhaps a silent reference is implied toward the mission of the branch to bring the understanding of "time no longer" for with a year of time eliminated, the Concord Church would have "been dedicated "the next day" after the laying of its cornerstone.

Its service in the community would have begun a day after the human birthday which corresponded to material organization. Even earth's sound barrier provides a perfect example of spiritual symbolism in that an airplane was never able to get across it until the plane's controls were reversed when the barrier was reached. Until that was done, only failure and frustration resulted.

This proven fact should enable the Christian Science Mother Church members to apply its principle to the reversing of the failure of The Mother Church to get the Christian Science Movement through its non-acceptance barrier. There should be no fear in reversing the colossal mistake.

"Marriage" is one of the specific symbols which Alice Orgain traced in Mrs. Eddy's progressive elevation of its human symbol. from the First Edition of Science and Health to the final one, with the comment that Mrs. Eddy had elevated every human symbol in a similar manner throughout her forty years of founding work in the Apocalyptic Mother's wilderness of human thought.

That achievement alone gives an increased awe of appreciation for Mrs. Eddy's spiritual acumen. Her lifting of "marriage" is mentioned in Chapter three here in entitled ""Human Marriage and the Spiritual Idea.""

Mrs. Eddy's spiritual teaching through the specific symbol of "Church" came to view as "The Three Tabernacles" which Peter, James and John wanted to build for Jesus during the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. These churches are symbols. They represent the progressive appearance of the ideal man according to the definition of "the ideal man in Science and Health (517:8-9), namely:

"The ideal man corresponds to –

"Creation", demonstrated as The (little) Mother Church.

"Intelligence," demonstrated as The Extension (Branch)

"Truth", demonstrated as The Concord, N. H. Branch Church which Mrs. Eddy brought forth (Individually)

There are beautiful and thorough descriptions of these three temples in the "Writings of Alice Orgain, especially in the chapter "The Three "Tabernacles," in As It Is".

The unique Christian Science Branch Church at Concord, N. H. was many times more important metaphysically than either of the two churches in Boston because it was the demonstration on earth of the individual BRANCH of the Bible (Zechariah 6:12). It was the pinnacle of spiritual symbolism, because, The BRANCH – not The Mother Church – is divinely destined to establish “ the temple of the Lord” on earth.

If a student of Christian Science actually accepts Mrs. Eddy's place and mission, symbolism must also be accepted as her method of spiritual teaching, namely, "SPIRITUAL TEACHING MUST ALWAYS BE BY SYMBOLS" (S&H 575:13). Conversely, if teaching is not by symbols, it is empty and is not spiritual teaching.

Had Jesus been able to lift his disciples to idea ("intelligence") instead of symbol ("creation")," he would have been able to translate creation into idea, and thereby have, spared himself and others the dark struggle with symbols rather than acceptance of the spiritual fact. (See Orgain. As It IS. p. 257.).

"[Jesus] earthly mission was to translate [what we call] substance into its original meaning, Mind. (Miscellaneous Writings, 14:15-17.)

In light of the foregoing, the understanding of the Science of the Bible and Christian Science requires the understanding of, the Bible's procession of symbols.

This was obvious to Mrs. Eddy, for she wrote:

Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures, and uniting all periods in the design of God. (S&H 27:1-6, emphasis added.)

Using the symbol of the chain, each succeeding link must pass back, and through, the preceding link in order to demonstrably establish its unity with the preceding link. So it is with the living links in "the chain of scientific being."

Regarding this symbol or the chain, Alice Orgain comments that the lives of Christian Scientists have forged these links; and quotes from an article in the Journal at the time of the Fiftieth Edition of Science and Health:

It is simply because the advancing thought or demonstration, of Christian Students has ascended to that plane which makes it both possible and practicable for us to have the new work. (Journal, March 1891.)

The halting period "in advancing thought" (corresponded to the pauses between Mrs. Eddy's revisions of Science and Health.)

Symbols keep the problems acutely before one until solved, and he knows when they are solved by the silence and disappearance of the symbols. (See Orgain, The Detached Branch, p. 107.)

Church is the purest of symbols when it is progressively seen and brought forth, as our Manual-as-written provided and prescribes.

In addition to the revisions of "Science & Health" while lifting her students' thought Mrs. Eddy was simultaneously drawing them a picture, so to speak, of what they were accomplishing in their journey from sense to Soul. She did this with graphics, namely by the continual changing of the designs of her publications both visually, on their covers and actually, in their changing format.

But the import of Mrs. Eddy graphic symbolism was spiritual. It was not prompted by the mere arranging and rearranging, adding to and taking from, as a conventional layout artist would do....

Rather, every one of the miniscule changes by Mrs. Eddy, whether secretly criticized or spiritually appreciated by her publishers and followers, constituted a silent announcement of a forward surge of spiritual elevation in mass consciousness resulting from the worlds increasing acceptance of Christian Science. An example of this method was her opening of the eyes of the two women, on the cover of the Sentinel, directed by Mrs. Eddy to be done just before the Sentinel completed its twelfth volume.

The only correct process in Christian Science is to accept its symbols as well as those of the Bible and translate them into ideas; for that is exactly and exclusively what Mrs. Eddy did in her teaching, and in her successful founding of Christian Science.

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**AMERICA**

CRADLE FOR THE SECOND COMING OF THE CHRIST

*Helen Wright*

**FOREWORD**

When this book was first published in 1987, on the 200th anniversary of our Constitution, Christian Scientists in particular had reason to be grateful.

Without the Constitution and Bill of Rights there would have been no place on this planet where Christian Science could have gained a foothold. Until America was prepared, and our Bill of Rights guaranteed religious freedom, there was no nation that would have protected Mary Baker Eddy and enabled her to found Christian Science in human consciousness.

Today, as the 200th anniversary of our God-inspired Constitution makes way for the 2000th anniversary of the advent of Christ Jesus, it is especially appropriate to consider how the founding of the United States set the stage for the second coming of the Christ.

Mrs. Eddy, after giving a short history of her life as it was lived before her discovery of Christian Science, wrote:

It is well to know, dear reader, that our material, mortal history is but the record of dreams, not of man's real existence, and the dream has no place in the Science of being.... The heavenly intent of earth's shadows is to chasten the affections, to rebuke human consciousness and turn it gladly from a material, false sense of life and happiness, to spiritual joy and true estimate of being.

The awakening from a false sense of life, substance and mind in matter, is as yet imperfect.... The mortal life battle still wages, and must continue till its involved errors are vanquished by victory bringing Science; but this triumph will come! God is over all. He [the kingdom of God within our spiritual consciousness] alone is our origin, aim, and being. The real man is not of the dust, nor is he ever created through the flesh; for his father and mother are the one Spirit, and his brethren are all the children of one parent, the eternal good" (Ret. 21:13-22:21).

"True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man." This is the history the author attempts to unfold in these pages.

**"The human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable"** (S&H 254:1). Running through this book, *America: Cradle for the Second Coming of the Christ*, is the human history of the United States of America showing

the indispensable human footsteps leading up to the moment of humanity's arousal from its long slumber in the Adam dream.

These human footsteps illustrate the ethics of Truth. They show what America is, what it stands for spiritually, as the outward evidence of man's individual oneness with God. They reveal that America is not just a nation bounded by oceans on the east and west; America stands for the spiritual idea *everywhere* present. Only on the solid rock of this spiritual idea could infinite good lay the foundation for the city foursquare, our understanding of the kingdom of God within our Mind.

The prophecy of America dates back thousands of years. The Bible shows that Great Britain and America fulfill the prophecy of God's latter-day Israel, as Mannaseh and Ephraim, Joseph's two sons. Mrs. Eddy's poem regarding Britain and America, "United States to Great Britain," identifies Britain the only royal throne left in the world as "Judah's sceptered race." The birthright promise made to Ephraim, Joseph's younger son, is fulfilled in the "company of nations" later revealed as the United States. (See pages 34-58 of Paul Smillie's book, *Mary Baker Eddy: The Historical and Prophetic Perspective*.)

Doubtless, it was part of the fulfillment of this prophecy that this nation was not named "Columbus" or "Columbia," but "America." Some historians trace this name to the mapmaker, Amerigo Vespucci. Others believe the name *AmERICA* was already in use by native Americans, a reference to Norse explorer Leif Ericson, who reached the coast of North America in 1000 or 1003AD, *shortly after his conversion to Christianity*.

Historians agree that old Scandinavian literature bears out the indisputable fact that Leif Ericson's discovery of America resulted in its subsequent colonization by the Norse. An article entitled "*America*" from *Norse Words* explains:

**Thereafter, the "western land" was known among the Norsemen as America, in honor of the family name "Eric," of its discoverer, Leif Ericson. The prefix is derived from the Norse word, "Amt," meaning "A country or province under rulership."**

**The Norse called the western world "Land of Eric" (Amt-Erica), or "America." A writer in the Kansas City Times (and quoted in the**

**New York Sun and Globe) brings out this circumstance in the following words:**

Ask any old Indian medicine man what was the name of this country before the white man came, and he will invariably say "Amaroke." This has been written in no book for him, has not been drilled into his mind by any white man, but has been handed down from generation to generation . . . The antiquity of the name is so established, that it can never for a moment be assumed that Vespuccius brought this name to America, when, in truth and in fact, by all the evidence, he took it from America.

**The Icelandic literature and history are so little known to the public, and the Latin culture and propaganda have been so zealously spread, that the truth regarding America's name, and its discovery by Leif Ericson, in the year 1000, has been covered, and almost entirely kept out of sight.**

It was inevitable that this land should be named America. The very name "America" was an intentional part of infinite good's plan.

But why?

Mrs. Velva Odland and Mrs. Lois Stoneman distinctly recall their teacher, Mildred LeBlond, C.S.B., an authority on America and on the ancient derivation of word meanings, informing their class that the root of the word "America" means *the second coming of the Christ!*

Scriptural prophecy of the central role the United States of America would play in this event occurs in Revelation 12:14: "To the woman [the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science] were given two wings of a great *eagle* that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she was nourished....from the face of the serpent [the great red dragon]."



Spiritually interpreted, the "great eagle" represents that which flies above the storm, above illusion and error. The eagle is also a symbol for the United States of America, a nation carved out of the "wilderness," a "place" which would "nourish" Mary Baker Eddy. With the two wings of the

great eagle *understanding* and *demonstration* Mrs. Eddy would soar above the illusions, above the material sense of the world.

Another compelling prophecy linking America to the second coming of the Christ is even older; it was made in stone nearly fortysix centuries ago with the building of the great Pyramid of Gizeh. Dr. Worth Smith informs us that "Gizeh," from the root Jizeh, means "*the Man of God in Us.*" The word "Pyramid" comes from "pyr am us" or "pyr em us," which interpreted means "Far Resplendent Fire" or "Far Resplendent Light."



GREAT SEAL  
of the UNITED STATES of  
AMERICA

Scholars, deciphering root meanings, note that "The Geometrical Expression of Divine Revelation" (the Pyramid, meaning in the ultimate: a "Beacon of Reflections," or a "Monument of Measures") was built by "Heavenly Light" (Suphis) upon the foundation of "The Man of God in Us" (Gizeh).

Jeremiah 32:1820 states: "The Great, the Mighty God...hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day." Indestructible through the ages, the Great Pyramid has stood, a witness in stone to all humanity, that "the man of God in us," meaning the Christ, has always been present to show forth "the omnipresence of present perfection;" that God's or infinite good's reflection is without beginning or end. It stands as a reminder that what is called "man" has never been separated from God, the Mind of man.

***"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ" 1st Cor., 3:11.***

**The "rejected stone" finds its resting place on the "Bible in stone" the Great Pyramid and its divine prophetic message.**

The Great Seal of the United States of America (shown on the following page) came forth at the time of the Revolutionary War. It must have been a radiant flash of divine inspiration, since in 1776 nothing whatever was known to mortals regarding the prophetic or scientific features of the Great Pyramid.

Above the pyramid pictured *unfinished*, just as it was left in Egypt is poised its *missing* apex an illuminated triangle dissolving in a blaze of light. In the heart of the triangle is an open eye, representing the "AllSeeing Eye" of the one Mind, *"the kingdom of God within" our spiritual consciousness.*

Some license prevailing in the interpretation of the two mottoes of the Great Seal, the inscriptions read: "He (God) has favored our undertakings," or "He (God) has prospered our beginning." "Novus Ordo Seclorum" equals *"A mighty order of the ages lives anew,"* or *"An ancient order is born again."*

The pyramid, with its capstone suspended above it in a halo of glory, symbolizes the crowning of the Scriptures with the Christian Science textbook (and other writings of Mary Baker Eddy.)

Mary Baker Eddy herself, describing Christian Science, the miracle of the ages, likened it to the Great Pyramid:

**We are in the midst of a revolution; physics are yielding slowly to metaphysics; mortal mind rebels at its own boundaries; weary of matter, it would catch the meaning of Spirit. The only immortal structure is built on Truth; her modest tower rises slowly, but it stands and is the miracle of the hour, though it may seem to the age like the great pyramid of Egypt, a miracle in stone. (Hea. 11:6)**

Divine prophecy was fulfilled when the Biblical "headstone" was symbolically placed on the Holy Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. Truly we can say, "Despise not prophecy." (For fuller information on this subject see the author's "Appendix" to her book, *Mary Baker Eddy: A New Look.*)

As we turn to mortal history and see why *"the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable,"* we will become aware that when America

is understood spiritually it will be seen to *be* Christian Science, the law of God, which can be defined as "the omnipresence of present perfection." We will see that behind what looked to mortals like the discovery and settling of America was always the one Mind, God. Though invisible, it was everpresent, guiding, leading, imparting vision, will, wisdom, as Jesus' prophecy concerning the "Comforter" the second coming of the Christ was being fulfilled.

As Mind urged forward the heroes who are the subject of this book, the path behind them was "with glory crowned." As we pursue their ventures we will see the Principle, God, showing Itself forth in examples of Its infinite ability to create love in the hearts of men love that urged them to act in the cause of justice, mercy, and Christianity.

In this book when we speak of "America," it is never to localize it, *but to reveal God's every where present, wonderful America universal, triumphant, and fulfilling Mind's already existing Law, which is Christian Science.* "Christian Science [and thus its manifestation in God's everywherepresent America] is more than 200 years old... It is as old as God, although it's earthly advent is called the Christian era" (*Mess. '01. 24:19*).

When we speak of the Constitution of the United States with its Bill of Rights, and the religious liberty protection it gave to Mary Baker Eddy in founding Christian Science in America, it must be remembered that Truth or Christian Science may indeed sponsor a document, but the document (the Constitution) cannot produce or predate the *LAW* (Christian Science). Rightly understood, the 1787 document called the Constitution is a concrete example of everlasting fundamental law, which could not be, of course, unless Law (Christian Science) were already in place.

When the laws of God are understood it will be perceived that there is one spiritual Nation, one spiritual State, universal and triumphant; and that "one infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself'; annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed" (S&H 340:23).

All through this book we will find illustrations of the Principle which is always at work behind the scenes, and is always the reality behind the

symbol. "The spiritual idea must have its visible expression, its incarnation, or else Christian Science is only abstraction." For example, Mary Eddy Baker gave the full and correct definition of Church, which begins with the statement: "***Church [is] the structure of Truth and Love***" (S&H 583:12). She then illustrated it with a building and certain activities in Boston. The materialist oblivious of his true spiritual being, that his own real Mind is Truth and Love, "the kingdom of God within" his consciousness thinks the building and activities *is* church and that mortals must be coaxed into that church or deservedly perish.

In this book we will endeavor to make it clear that America, seen in its true identity, is not localized. It is a spiritual, universal *idea*, representing the love of God encircling the universe and man. "When will mankind awaken to their present ownership of all good?" There is no division of estate; just as in mathematics when we know the principle, we have *all* of math, no division of estate.

*America: Cradle for the Second Coming of the Christ* explores the inspired history of the United States which divine Love has brought to pass. It reveals certain of the pertinent "human footsteps leading to perfection" which have already been taken, and which were, and will continue to be, indispensable in bringing the glorious Science of being into daily living.

In pursuing the saga of suffering and misery that seemed to accompany the epic deeds of this book's heroes as they took the *indispensable* "human footsteps leading to perfection" (S&H 254:1), we find allegory, dreams, claims to be the only correct worshippers, "cried-out-unto-the-Lords," "forsook-the-Lords," etc. All of these make an interesting compilation, but they could have done no more "than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice," had not *the one universal Spirit, the one Mind, and the laws of God* been the leading and guiding light.

Because of the grave danger that today threatens the human sense of America, the author has not neglected to sound a warning in this book in accordance with Mrs. Eddy's instruction:

**Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are not so willing to point out the evil in human thought, and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing iniquity....it requires the spirit of our blessed Master to tell a man his faults, and so risk human displeasure for the sake of**

**doing right and benefiting the race...[Therefore] designate those as unfaithful stewards who have seen the danger and yet have given no warning" (S&H 570:30).**

The America that became the cradle for the second coming of the Christ, the America which had been prophesied for thousands of years, is God's grand America spiritual, universal, triumphant and fulfilling Mind's already existing Law which is Christian Science. This America always existed, but to become aware of it, humanity must take the indispensable "human footsteps leading to perfection."

As these footsteps unfold let us not lose sight of the spiritual fact that "our mortal material history is but the record of dreams, not of man's real existence.... [and that] the heavenly intent of earth's shadows is to chasten the affections, to rebuke human consciousness and turn it gladly from a material, false sense of life and happiness, to spiritual joy and true estimate of being" (*Ret.* 21:13).

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**THE GRANITE PYRAMID AT BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE - ITS HISTORY**

An excerpt from "Christian Science After 1910", by Andrew W. Hartsook, pages 25, 26, 27 and 28:

The Concord Evening Monitor of December 24, 1918, contained an interesting article regarding the project of a lone Christian Scientist.

"On the old Mark Baker farm at Bow, New Hampshire, now owned by James F. Lord, of Boston and near the site of the ancient house in which Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science Church, was born in 1821, has just been completed a unique monument in the form of a great pyramid-shaped monolith. It is cut from one of the largest pieces of granite ever quarried and handled. The block, taken from the quarries of the New England Granite Works at North Concord, weighed in the rough over one hundred tons and was over eleven feet square. This block was first moved about seventy-five feet from where it was quarried, to a convenient place for rough cutting, where thirty or forty tons of surplus stone were removed, and the work was then started of shaping it true to the exact dimensions. When placed upon its concrete foundation of the bow plateau overlooking

the Merrimack valley, it will measure seven feet, nine and one-eighths inches (7'9 1/8") in height, including its granite base, the actual dimensions of the pyramid are: base, 10' 10-9/16" square; height, 6' 11-1/8" angle 51 degrees, 51 minutes, 14.3 seconds. It is placed in exact orientation.

"Upon each of the four sides will be a tablet made of Benedict nickel which is the only bronze alloy known which will not corrode or tarnish with the weather. These tablets are very beautifully executed after a classical design and are as follows: On the south side:

MARY BAKER EDDY Discoverer of Christian Science The Baker Homestead

"Around the memory thereof clusters the golden days of my childhood."  
Mary Baker Eddy

"This quotation is reproduced in facsimile from a letter in regard to her girlhood, written by Mrs. Eddy to relatives. "On the eastern side is the following quotation, it being the sixteenth verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah:

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."  
Isaiah

"On the north side is the following from Mrs. Eddy's writing: "No and Yes", page 38:

This Truth is the rock which the builders rejected; but "the same is become the head of the corner." This is the chief corner-stone, the basis and support of creation, the interpreter of one God, the infinity and unity of good. Mary Baker Eddy

"On the west, the tablet bears the following:

Novus Ordo Seclorum

"This fourth tablet containing the Latin motto, "Novos Ordo Seclorum" meaning "the New Order of the Ages," is an intentionally altered quotation from Virgil's rendition of the Sibylline books in a connection with the prophecy of the return of the virgin. It is the same motto which appears on the

reverse side of the Great Seal of the United States beneath the representation of the Great Pyramid with its cap stone including the symbolic all-seeing eye suspended "in glory" above it.

"It is said that the form of a pyramid was chosen for the monument as being considered eminently appropriate as a symbol of Science. the Angles of this monument are identical with those of the Great Pyramid of Egypt. In fact, this great granite monolith constitutes a perfect cap stone for that marvelous architectural triumph of antiquity to which Mrs. Eddy herself refers in her writings as the "miracle in stone," and is one-seventh the size of the original.

"It is said by Christian Scientists that the essence of Mrs. Eddy's discovery is that Principle is God and that therefore Christianity correctly understood must be demonstrable as Science. However, they admit that as yet its Science is but faintly discerned and that few of Mrs. Eddy's adherents, have as she herself has pointed out, grasped the deeper significance of her discovery in this relation to the larger problems of existence.

"The pyramid at Bow, like the Great Pyramid of Egypt, constitutes in its exact dimension, a perfect demonstration in matter of the problem of the quadrature of the circle, a problem which has been uppermost in the thought of the mathematicians since the days of Archimedes. The Astronomer royal of Scotland, Professor Piazzzi Smyth, has been the foremost writer on the subject. His Book, "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid," based upon his discoveries in 1866, has gone through several editions. This search for the solution of the problem of "squaring the circle" has resulted in the admission by all mathematicians that the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter is incommensurable -- the mathematical symbol of infinity...

"In its demonstration of the squaring of the circle, the pyramid is said to symbolize the momentous fact that the spiritual and that which has been called the temporal are one when the illusion of the senses is swept away and God's eternal completeness is revealed. "The monument was taken from North Concord to Bow Junction on a railroad car although its size and dimensions exceeded the capacity of an ordinary car. From there special equipment was perfected to convey it to Bow Hill. A hoisting engine mounted upon heavy wagon was anchored in the road and with 200 feet and gradually the load was taken to its destination. Bridges over which it

passed were specially strengthened to bear the unusual burden. It required about three weeks to transport it from the railroad siding to its foundation, a distance of about two miles. Elbert S. Barlow of Boston, who also erected the Memorial to Mrs. Eddy in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, was the general contractor for this work."

A dedication ceremony was planned for July 16, 1921, -- the one hundredth anniversary of Mrs. Eddy's birth. "On July 7, 1921, the Board of Directors issued a letter "To All Christian Scientists" cautioning them to "beware of personal propaganda attached to that date (July 16, 1921)" saying "We should not centre our thoughts on pyramids or on personal history...or that her life began at a certain spot on earth or at a certain point in time."

The City of Concord held an impressive ceremony with Scripture reading and an oration by ex-Governor McCall, the "Concord Evening Patriot" of July 16th featured the headline, "Centenary Excercises of Birth of Mary Baker Eddy." A wire was sent from The Mother Church in Boston requesting a "corrective" statement which referred to the ceremony as "mistaken zeal."

However, the cornerstones of First Church, Concord, and the Extension were laid on July 16, 1903, and July 16, 1904, respectively. In addition, Mrs. Eddy's dedicatory address at the Concord church was delivered on July 17, 1904. All the dates of these earlier events had been chosen by Mrs. Eddy.

Mr. Lord gave the property with the capstone to The Mother Church on May 18, 1927, according to the June 11, 1927 Sentinel. The monument was never included in the list of historic sites routinely listed in the Journal.

It is also apparently during the years 1917 and 1918 that Mrs. Eddy's beloved Pleasant View was torn down. Accounts of this event have been difficult to track down. However, the evidence from the time clearly showed that Mrs. Eddy considered her home to be Pleasant View with its symbolic pond, the beautifully kept grounds, and her birthplace visible across the hills. She referred to the house at Chestnut Hill as "splendid misery." If an historic site was to be maintained for posterity, it is not clear why the Board of Directors chose Chestnut Hill rather than Pleasant View."

Excerpt from Andrew W. Hartsook's book, "Christian Science After 1910", which may be obtained at The Bookmark. Enter Mr. Hartsook's name in the search engine at <http://www.thebookmark.com/main.html>

### **The Granite Pyramid as symbol of an eternal idea**

An excerpt from Andrew W. Hartsook's book, "Christian Science After 1910" from pages 116-117:

In 1962, the Board of Directors voted to demolish the pyramid marker at the site of Mary Baker Eddy's birth in Bow, New Hampshire. After Mrs. Eddy's passing, James F Lord had acquired the property of the old Baker homestead. The house had burned to the ground some years before, and it had grown up with weeds. He improved the site, erected the monument, and donated the property to The Mother Church in 1927. His efforts had never been viewed with favor by the Directors, and the monument was never included in notices of historic sites occasionally listed in the Journal. A photograph, however, was included in the book, "Landmarks from Bow to Boston." The precisely carved granite was the largest single piece ever quarried in New Hampshire, and despite its official lack of approval, it attracted many visitors over the years since its dedication on the centennial of Mrs. Eddy's birth of July 16, 1921.

Workmen at the site had prepared to blast the monument with dynamite as instructed by the Directors. At the last minute, L. Ivimy Gwalter, a member of the Board who did not want it destroyed, persuaded her fellow Directors to postpone the destruction, and word was immediately sent to New Hampshire. But the message arrived too late, and the destructive deed was done. The fragments were buried somewhere to prevent souvenir seekers from getting any of the pieces.

This was in keeping with the Directors' policy established with the destruction of Mrs. Eddy's home at Pleasant View when every fragment of the house was taken away and secretly buried to thwart those who wanted some tangible remembrance.

The rumor spread that the Directors waited until the death of Mr. Lord, the donor of the property, before ordering the destruction of the pyramid marker, but this could not be confirmed through research. When asked why the marker was destroyed, one of the Directors reportedly said that people were writing on it."

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## MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS BY MARY BAKER EDDY

*Do we not see in the commonly accepted teachings of the day, the Christ-idea mingled with the teachings of John the Baptist? or, rather, Are not the last eighteen centuries but the footsteps of Truth being baptized of John, and coming up straightway out of the ceremonial (or ritualistic) waters to receive the benediction of an honored Father, and afterwards to go up into the wilderness, in order to overcome mortal sense, before it shall go forth into all the cities and towns of Judea, or see many of the people from beyond Jordan? Now, if all this be a fair or correct view of this question, why does not John hear this voice, or see the dove, – or has not Truth yet reached the shore?*

Every individual character, like the individual John the Baptist, at some date must cry in the desert of earthly joy; and his voice be heard divinely and humanly. In the desolation of human understanding, divine Love hears and answers the human call for help; and the voice of Truth utters the divine verities of being which deliver mortals out of the depths of ignorance and vice. This is the Father's benediction. It gives lessons to human life, guides the understanding, peoples the mind with spiritual ideas, reconstructs the Judean religion, and reveals God and man as the Principle and idea of all good.

Understanding this fact in Christian Science, brings the peace symbolized by a dove; and this peace floweth as a river into a shoreless eternity. He who knew the foretelling Truth, beheld the forthcoming Truth, as it came up out of the baptism of Spirit, to enlighten and redeem mortals. Such Christians as John cognize the symbols of God, reach the sure foundations of time, stand upon the shore of eternity, and grasp and gather – in all glory – what eye hath not seen.