

Obstructing the Symbolism in Mary Baker Eddy's Life Work

Since the passing of Mary Baker Eddy on December 3, 1910, there have been many changes made to her revelation by others. It has been assumed that a person or persons could take the place of the Discoverer, Founder, and Leader of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy has told us that each individual occupies his place in time and eternity. Each one has his job to do, and there is no one that can occupy that space, save the one prepared to occupy it. Only the one chosen has the opportunity to reveal what has been shown to him alone. Mrs. Eddy said that she was "a scribe under orders." Those orders were from God. The beautiful sacred secrets, which she has left for each one to discover, are only found in the original words and works left by their author.

As the years have gone by, and people have thought that they could improve on God's work, the message has become obscure and distant. Let us get back to the original and see again what God has left for us. It is always pointing back to the place that we have never left.

The following sections are a presentation of the unauthorized changes made in Mrs. Eddy's words and works, and of the truth revealed when the lie is seen for its falsehood. There are many more that are not included, but this will give an inkling of the glories that are to be revealed. How grateful we should be to get even a glimmer of this revelation.

Before we continue with this section, I would like to share how Mrs. Eddy viewed her writings and her place. The following selections are from her written works:

"I should blush to write of 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' as I have, were it of human origin, and were I, apart from God, its author. But, as I was only a scribe echoing the harmonies of heaven in divine metaphysics, I cannot be super-modest in my estimate of the Christian Science textbook."

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 115

“This volume indispensable (marginal heading)

A Christian Scientist requires my work *Science and Health* for his textbook, and so do all his students and patients. Why? *First.* Because it is the voice of Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind. *Second.* Because it was the first book known, containing a thorough statement of Christian Science. Hence it gave the first rules for demonstrating this Science, and registered the revealed Truth uncontaminated by human hypotheses. Other works, which have borrowed from this book without giving it credit, have adulterated the Science. *Third.* Because this book has done more for teacher and student, for healer and patient, than has been accomplished by other books.”

Science and Health, page 456

“My books state Christian Science correctly. They may not be as taking to those ignorant of this Science as books less correct and therefore less profound. But it is not safe to accept the latter as standards. We would not deny their authors a hearing, since the Scripture declares, ‘He that is not against us is on our part.’ And we should also speak in loving terms of their efforts, but we cannot afford to recommend any literature as wholly Christian Science which is not absolutely genuine.”

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 224

“My published works are teachers and healers.”

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 218

“Notwithstanding the sacrilegious moth of time, eternity awaits our Church Manual, which will maintain its rank as in the past, amid ministries aggressive and active, and will stand when those have passed to rest.

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“Of this I am sure, that each Rule and By-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner.”

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 230

“What God gives, elucidates, armors, and tests in His service is ours; and we are His. You have convened only to convince yourselves of this grand verity: namely, the unity in Christian Science. Cherish steadfastly this fact. Adhere to the teachings of the Bible, Science and Health, and our Manual, and you will obey the law and gospel. Have one God and you will have no devil. Keep yourselves busy with divine Love. Then you will be toilers like the bee, always distributing sweet things which, if bitter to sense, will be salutary as Soul; but you will not be like the spider, which weaves webs that ensnare.”

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 251

The first section of this paper deals with her writings. The second section shows the wonders of the story told by the symbolism in her church structure.