

The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy

Changes in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

The changes found were determined by comparing the last *Science and Health* published in the fall of 1910, which is the final edition Mrs. Eddy approved, and the revised 1994 "Trade Edition" of *Science and Health*, put out by the Christian Science Publishing Society. This is not a complete list, but it will give you an idea of the manipulation of the original text that has transpired.

1. Mary Baker Eddy's portrait and signature were removed from the page facing the title page in the 1911 edition.
2. There are 157 marginal heading changes. These changes often give a different emphasis to the paragraph or paragraphs into which they are imbedded.
3. There are numerous changes in the upper and lower case of letters. We only have to read her article in *The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany* entitled, "Capitalization," to realize the importance of this difference. All of those sacred secrets will be lost until the 1910 edition of *Science and Health* is restored to its rightful place. The 1910 edition of *Science and Health*, published in the fall, is the final edition Mrs. Eddy approved.
4. There are two testimonies that were removed from "Fruitage." "Insanity and Epilepsy Healed," on page 604, was removed in 1925. "Spinal Trouble and Indigestion Healed" replaced it. Mrs. Eddy placed the initial testimony in the *Science and Health* in 1907. Why did it take 18 years for the Christian Science Board of Directors to realize that it was not appropriate? Mrs. Eddy had three years, in her lifetime, to correct it. "A Priceless Boon," on page 698, was also removed. Mrs. Eddy also placed this testimony in "Fruitage" in 1907. It remained until 1912. Did God write the whole book, as Mary Baker Eddy states, or just up to the last chapter entitled "Fruitage"?

5. The next to last testimony that is in "Fruitage" today is titled, "A Grateful Testimony," and the last testimony is "Healed of Consumption and Asthma." These two testimonies were switched in 1912, two years after Mrs. Eddy's passing. Let us remember, that "A Priceless Boon" was also removed in 1912. "A Grateful Testimony," coming at the end of the last edition of *Science and Health* in 1910, is the final link, linking us with the living Word. The testifier has seen that to live the Word is far greater than either the spoken or the written word. Mrs. Eddy ended her book with the phrase, "and, the most beautiful of all, from darkness to light." The theme of, "darkness to light," runs through the entire book from the first paragraph in Preface through page 700. The marginal heading for Mrs. Eddy's own testimony, on page 108 of *Science and Health*, is entitled, "Light shining in darkness." Have we all only, "... progressed a little way in the knowledge of God, good, as revealed in Christian Science," as the last testifier in the chapter "Fruitage" states in the only *Science and Health* available to the world since 1912? The definition of "knowledge," in the "Glossary," will give the reader a clear understanding of the reason Mrs. Eddy did not end the book with this testimony. Page 700, at the end of the chapter "Fruitage," was full in the last 1910 edition of *Science and Health* as Mrs. Eddy specified in 1907. The page is now found to be half full. Does not God take us all the way, and not just, "a little way in the knowledge of God, good"?

"Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom."

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, page 242

6. After page 700, of the "Trade Edition" of *Science and Health*, there is a page with the words, "Word Index." The next page has the instructions on how to use the index. The pages that follow are the index. Mary Baker Eddy added an index to *Science and Health* in the 16th edition, 1886. In 1901, the index appeared for the last time. When the 226th edition appeared in 1902, the index never appeared again in Mrs. Eddy's lifetime. After the index was removed in 1902, the chapter "Fruitage" replaced it. In 1903 a complete Concordance was compiled. On the spine of the book there appeared the name Mary B. G. Eddy. A statement, by Mrs. Eddy, was placed in the front of the new book entitled *Concordance to Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. The statement is as follows:

“Preface

For many years there have been calls for a more complete index to ‘Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,’ and although the index prepared by the late Rev. J. H. Wiggin about the year 1885 was quite large, neither it nor subsequent indices fully met the requirements of the students of our textbook. It finally became apparent that the only satisfactory way to meet this need was to prepare a complete Concordance, which should include all prominent words and phrases which the student may desire to find. **I am confident that this work will fully meet his demands.** (emphasis added)

“Following this is a preface prepared by the individual whom I employed as compiler of this Concordance (emphasis added), in which he set forth his plan of arrangement, with an explanation of abbreviations used in the work.

Mary Baker G. Eddy.

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H., May 15, 1903”

Her statement, “I am confident that this work will fully meet his demands,” makes it very clear that there was adequate help for the student without embedding another Concordance within the body of her textbook, *Science and Health*, as has been done in the “Trade Edition” of *Science and Health*.

Inserting the 4th section, into the “Trade Edition” of *Science and Health*, breaks the divine pattern of 3-in-1 that Mrs. Eddy utilized in her writings. Below are several examples of the divine 3-in-1 pattern.

“Intelligence is omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. It is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind, of the triune Principle, — Life, Truth, and Love, — named God.”

Science and Health, page 469

The book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, is composed of three sections: “Science and Health,” “Key to the Scriptures,” and “Fruitage.” These three writings unite to construct the Christian Science textbook. Each of these sections represents one aspect of the triune Principle: Life, Truth, and Love.

- “Science and Health” is Life because it teaches humanity the system and rules of life.
- “Key to the Scriptures” is Truth because it represents the truth found in the Scriptures.
- “Fruitage” is Love because it shows the evidence of God’s love for humanity in their daily lives.

“I knew the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration.”

Science and Health, page 109

In addition to the representation of the triune Principle, consider the symbolism of revelation, reason, and demonstration. It is seen, that these three elements form the Science of the Christian Science textbook,

- “Science and Health” represents revelation because this was Mrs. Eddy’s revelation as presented to her by God.
- “Key to the Scriptures” represents reason because it explains the logic of the Scriptures.
- “Fruitage” represents demonstration because it is the visible proof of the Word.

7. In 1878 Mrs. Eddy published the 2nd edition of *Science and Health*. At the end of the Introductory she placed a “Note.” It stated:

“Note – None need apply to the author for consultations on disease, or to take patients. She is not at present laboring in this department.”

This statement, or one similar, appeared in every *Science and Health* through 1914. When the 1915 *Science and Health* was published, the “Note” had been removed. It had been in the book for 32 years before Mrs. Eddy’s passing. It then appeared for four more years after 1910. What could have been the reasoning behind this removal? Was it a case of feeling

that it was redundant, or just a matter of cleaning up what Mrs. Eddy had overlooked for 32 years?

Is Mrs. Eddy saying to us in the “Note,” “Don’t look to me, as a person, for the answers. Your answers will be found in the following text of the book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*”?

In leaving the “Note” at the end of “Preface,” from 1878 to 1910, she emphasized the fact that each student is to look to the Principle of the Science of Christianity and not to a person. This was to inform each student, as he begins to read the first chapter entitled “Prayer,” that he is embarking on his own individual spiritual journey.

*Changes in the Church Manual of
The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., 1910 to 1975*

These are the changes made after the last official 88th edition of the *Church Manual*, September 14, 1910. The 89th edition of the *Church Manual* came out December 17, 1910, which was exactly two weeks after Mary Baker Eddy's passing on December 3, 1910. Changes shown below cover 1910 to 1975.

	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
1)	Cover	Omission of date	1914
2)	Cover	Added Cross and Crown seal	1916
3)	Cover	Author's name added	1918
4)	Cover	Added "Authorized Edition" - to some editions	1933
5)	Cover	All wording removed leaving seal only - to some editions	1938
6)	Title Page	Descriptive title of author under name	Dec. 17, 1910
7)	Title Page	Capitalized "The" in "the Mother Church"	1914
8)	Title Page	"For the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy" added after name of "Allison V. Stewart"	1915
9)	Title Page	"The Christian Science Publishing Society" substituted for "Allison V. Stewart"	1918
10)	Title Page	"For the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy" substituted for "The Christian Science Publishing Society"	1923
11)	Title Page	Added "Reg. Pat." to some editions	1933
12)	Title Page	Date of edition removed	1940
13)	Title Page	Signature of Mary Baker Eddy added, Registered US Patent Office omitted	1943-44

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14)	Title Page	Changed "Published by" from "Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy" to "The First Church of Christ, Scientist"	1973-74
15)	Copyright Page	Added "Authorized Literature"	1915
16)	Copyright Page	"Authorized Literature" removed. Also changed the trademark notice from "Trustees under the Will" to "The Christian Science Board of Directors"	1973-74
17)	14 Appendix	Added "and Branch Churches" (pg. 120)	1914
18)	14 Appendix	Added "and Branch Churches" (pg. 127)	1914
19)	15	Added footnote regarding special copyright	1973-74
20)	17	Changed date from April 19 to April 12	1931
21)	17	Capitalized "The" in "the Mother Church"	1916
22)	18	Added the footnote: "The Charter itself bears the date August 23, 1879"	1931
23)	18	This footnote removed	1933
24)	19	Added footnote (expanded one from pg. 18)	1933
25)	21	Removed "Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Pastor Emeritus" from list of Church Officers	Dec. 17, 1910
26)	21	Restored "Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Pastor Emeritus" to list of Church Officers	1924
27)	21	Date of current "Church Officers" added to bottom of page	1940-41
28)	45	Capitalized "He" in "he supplies"	1914
29)	45	Capitalized "The" in "the Mother Church Manual" 1934	
30)	49	Italicized "The Christian Science Journal"	1934

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31)	51	Capitalized "Church" in "No church"	1934
32)	51	Capitalized "Church" in "church members"	1934
33)	64	Capitalization: "reading rooms" to "Reading Rooms"	1934
34)	68	Capitalized "The" in "the Mother Church"	1919
35)	70	Capitalized "Law" in "By-law"	1934
36)	74	Capitalization: "reading rooms" to "Reading Rooms"	1934
37)	110	Added "exactly" before "compiled with"	1912
38)	110	Changed from "signers" to "approvers"	1912
39)	110	Added quotation marks to Miss. and Mrs.	1934
40)	115,116,117	"Yours in Truth and Love" removed	1913
41)	117&118	Addition of "I was formerly a member of... denomination, but have definitely severed my connection with,"	1913
42)	120	Title: Added "and Branch Churches" to end of title	Dec. 17, 1910
43)	120 Item 7.	Capitalization: "explanatory note" to "Explanatory Note"	1934
44)	120 Item 9.	Capitalization: "selection" to "Selection"	1951-52
45)	121 Item 13.	Capitalized and added quotation marks to "scientific statement of being" to become "Scientific Statement of Being"	1934
46)	123	Changed from: "Order of Service for The Mother Church and Branch Churches" to <i>"Order of Service for The Mother Church and Branch Churches"</i>	1934

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47)	125 Item 8.	Capitalization: “explanatory note” to “Explanatory Note”	1934
48)	125 Item 10.	Capitalization: “selection” to “Scriptural Selection”	1951-52
49)	126 Item 14.	Changed capitalization and removed quotation marks from “The scientific statement of being” to become, the Scientific Statement of Being	1934
50)	127	Title: Capitalized “The” in “the Mother Church”	1916
51)	127	Title: Added “and Branch Churches” to end of title	Dec. 17, 1910
52)	127	Added footnote “If a collection is taken....”	Dec. 17, 1910
53)	130	Editors Note: “citizen” changed to “resident.”	1972-73
		Editor’s Note indicates that the state statute (of Massachusetts) “was amended by substituting ‘residents’ for ‘citizens’” whereas the result of the Board of Directors’ petition for the change was that the Act was “amended by inserting” a sentence for their special benefit. It applies to no one else.	
54)	139	Added eleven page Topical Index	1925
		The Topical Index did not list every By-Law or every reference to the selected word. Names of some By-Laws were changed as in “Local self-government, pg. 70.” It is “Local government” in the body of the text of the <i>Church Manual</i> . It was removed in 1952-53.	

Note: These dates have been verified by the particular original *Church Manual of The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass.* by Mary Baker Eddy, for the year indicated either on title page or after 1940 on page 21, “Church Officers.”