

The History of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

“I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason, and demonstration. The revelation of Truth in the understanding came to me gradually and apparently through divine power. When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled:

‘Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful.’”

Science and Health, page 109

The following will show the evolution of Science and Health, Key to the Scriptures and Fruitage.

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Retrospection and Introspection, page 37

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“In 1902, Mrs. Eddy replaced the text in the Index in Science and Health by the chapter entitled “Fruitage”. This chapter contains one hundred pages of testimonies by those who have been healed of all manner of diseases by the perusal or study of the Christian Science textbook. Soon after “Fruitage” appeared, an earnest student of Christian Science (Bliss Knapp) wrote to Mrs. Eddy, telling her that this chapter, comprising pages 600 to 700 in the textbook, seemed to him to typify the opening of THE SEVENTH SEAL prophesied in the Apocalypse, for they proved that “The Little Book” was freeing mankind from sickness and sin. Mrs. Eddy answered him most lovingly, commending him for the spirituality of his thought. What an inspiration to know that we have in our possession the book which is breaking the seventh and last seal of error.”

Excerpt from an address given by Eloise Knapp, 1924⁹

The Triune Principle

“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 books: Science and Health, Key to the Scriptures, and Fruitage. These three writings unite to construct the Christian Science textbook. Each of these books 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.

Solitary Research

“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. These three elements, it is seen, form the Science of the Christian Science textbook.

- Revelation represents Science and Health because this was Mrs. Eddy’s revelation as presented by God.
- Reason represents Key to the Scriptures because it explains the logic of the Scriptures.
- Demonstration represents Fruitage because it is the proof of the Word.

Three Measures of Meal

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. — JESUS.”

Science and Health, page 107

Mrs. Eddy placed this quote at the introduction to the chapter Science, Theology, Medicine. The “three measures of meal” which Jesus referred to are represented in the title of this chapter.

- Science represents Science and Health
- Theology represents Key to the Scriptures
- Medicine represents Fruitage

In addition, it is important to realize that Mary Baker Eddy typifies the woman in this biblical quotation.