

A Final Word

“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*

It seems only fitting to end this work with the following three quotations. The first is from the Bible, the second from the first edition of Science and Health, and the third from our beloved textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

The Holy Bible

Revelation 22:18 and 19

18. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of **the prophecy of this book**, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
19. And if any man shall take away from the words of **the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

In Revelation 22:18, the quotation “**the prophecy of this book**” refers to Revelation as being “this book”. The Bible at that time was not in existence. In this verse, nothing is to be added to the prophecy.

In Revelation 22:19, the quotation “**the book of this prophecy**” refers to Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. This is the same book referred to in Revelation 10: 2, “And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth....” Clearly, Science and Health is “the book of life,” the “holy city” is cited in Key to the Scriptures, and we are healed “from the things which are written in this book,” as stated in Fruitage. This verse states that “the book of this prophecy” should never be added to or altered.

Last Paragraph from the First Edition of Science and Health, 1875

“Some of our present readers may wish to tone down the radical points in this work, others to cast them overboard; yet science will reproduce itself, and as mind changes base from matter to Spirit, there will be severe chemicalization. Truth cannot be lost; if not admitted to-day in its fullness, the error that shuts it out will occasion such discord in sickness, sin, etc., that future years will point it out, and restore at length the fair proportions and radical claims of Christian Science.”¹⁹

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

“Man's rights are invaded when the divine order is interfered with, and the mental trespasser incurs the divine penalty due this crime.”²⁰

“This understanding is not intellectual, is not the result of scholarly attainments; it is the reality of all things brought to light. God’s ideas reflect the immortal, unerring, and infinite. The mortal, erring, and finite are human beliefs, which appportion to themselves a task impossible for them, that of distinguishing between the false and the true. **Objects utterly unlike the original do not reflect that original.** ”

Science and Health, page 505