

# *The Great Deception*



*Where there is no vision, the people perish:  
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

*Proverbs 29*

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## Abbreviations

Abbreviations for the books of the Bible are those in general use.

Abbreviations for the works of Mary Baker Eddy:

S&H	....	<i>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</i>
Mis	....	<i>Miscellaneous Writings</i>
Man	....	<i>Church Manual</i>
Chr	....	<i>Christ and Christmas</i>
Ret	.....	<i>Retrospection and Introspection</i>
Un	.....	<i>Unity of Good</i>
Pul	....	<i>Pulpit and Press</i>
Rud	.....	<i>Rudimental Divine Science</i>
No	....	<i>No and Yes</i>
Pan	....	<i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i>
'00	....	<i>Message for 1900</i>
'01	....	<i>Message for 1901</i>
'02	....	<i>Message for 1902</i>
Hea	....	<i>Christian Healing</i>
Peo	....	<i>The People's Idea of God</i>
Po	....	<i>Poems</i>
My	....	<i>The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany</i>
MH	....	Marginal heading

## The Great Deception

“The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires. The following is an extract from the Boston Herald:

‘Mesmerism is a problem not lending itself to an easy explanation and development. It implies the exercise of despotic control, and is much more likely to be abused by its possessor, than otherwise employed, for the individual or society.’” S&H 102:16

*At this time in history, it is difficult to stand by and see our beloved Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, revered and loved by so many, being desecrated by a few. As time passes, it is intolerable to see what is being perpetrated on the Christian Science field.*

*One can only imagine how Mary must have felt standing at the bottom of the cross, looking up at her precious son Christ Jesus. Only a mother knows the heart of her child. Only Mary Baker Eddy knows the heart and soul of her child. How painful it is to see mortals try to destroy God’s two witnesses, Christ Jesus and Christian Science.*

*What the Christian Science field needs is to be awakened to the crucifixion of the Christian Science textbook. Only with Love can our precious textbook be restored to its rightful place and its rightful owner.*

*For the Christian Science Board of Directors to say that the Christian Science textbook is not a denominational book is sheer treason, not only to our denomination, but also to the world at large. Such a gross misrepresentation is an unforgivable lie. In going back to Mrs. Eddy’s words we find this:*

“Let the Bible and the Christian Science textbook preach the gospel which heals the sick and enlightens the people’s sense of Christian Science. This ministry, reaching the physical, moral, and spiritual needs of humanity, will,

in the name of Almighty God, speak the truth that to-day, as in olden time, is found able to heal both sin and disease.” My 147:14

“The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation. It must not be forgotten that in times past, arrogant ignorance and pride, in attempting to steady the ark of Truth, have dimmed the power and glory of the Scriptures, to which this Christian Science textbook is the Key.” Mis 92:25

*Although the Science of Christianity can never be lost, to human sense, it has become obscure and dim. When the waymarks are removed and distorted, all in the name of commercialism, a perversion beyond words is committed. When it is considered just another self-help book, something to make you healthy, wealthy and wise, it is truly a “sin against the Holy Ghost.” May those responsible heed the words found in Miscellaneous Writings.*

“Opposite to good, is the universal claim of evil that seeks the proportions of good. There may be those who, having learned the power of the unspoken thought, use it to harm rather than to heal, and who are using that power against Christian Scientists. This giant sin is the sin against the Holy Ghost spoken of in Matt. xii: 31, 32.” Mis 55:9

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” Matt 12:31,32

*What would drive men to commit such an unspeakable crime?*

“The belief of life in matter sins at every step. It incurs divine displeasure, and it would kill Jesus that it might be rid of troublesome Truth. Material beliefs would slay the spiritual idea whenever and wherever it appears. Though error hides behind a lie and excuses guilt, error cannot forever be concealed. Truth, through her eternal laws, unveils error. Truth causes sin to betray itself, and sets upon error the mark of the beast. Even the disposition to excuse guilt or to conceal it is punished. The avoidance of justice and the

denial of truth tend to perpetuate sin, invoke crime, jeopardize self-control, and mock divine mercy.” S&H 542:1

*Error cannot hide forever behind the mask of human good and call itself the victor.*

"Science and Health makes it plain to all Christian Scientists that the manhood and womanhood of God have already been revealed in a degree through Christ Jesus and Christian Science, His two witnesses." My 346:29

*The pages that follow will show how, "Material beliefs would slay the spiritual idea whenever and wherever it appears." S&H 542:4*

## The logic of events

“As of old, evil still charges the spiritual idea with error's own nature and methods. This malicious animal instinct, of which the dragon is the type, incites mortals to kill morally and physically even their fellow-mortals, and worse still, to charge the innocent with the crime. This last infirmity of sin will sink its perpetrator into a night without a star.” S&H 564:3

*To start this section, it is important to be aware of the method being used for the deception. Ninety years ago this method was employed by the Christian Science Board of Directors, but they just didn't put a name with it. Today it is called disinformation.*

*Interestingly enough, there is no such word as disinformation in old dictionaries. It is called misinformation. This is a twentieth century expression and originated in Russia in the late 60's.*

“One of the principles of good, effective disinformation is that you psychologically manipulate the environment so that people will not know what they are looking at, even if they see it. Another is that the creation of similar, hoaxed decoy cases, if strategically executed and played out-will hide the real phenomenon, or at least draw peoples' attention away from the real events. And yet another is that if all else fails, and the secrecy is ended, people will be so confused about the real versus the memorex, that they will be easily manipulated to the covert project's agenda.

“Everyone in counter-intelligence knows that really good disinformation contains some elements of the truth, thereby making the false information or events more believable to the targeted recipients.”

Excerpt from a paper written by Stephen Greer in 2000

*Unless the originals are at hand, there is no way to know the accurate history of the Christian Science Church. There has been so much historical revisionism and distortion, that the truth has been completely obliterated.*

## **“And so it begins”**

*On March 10, 1907, three years before Mary Baker Eddy made her transition on December 3, 1910, she called some of her household at Pleasant View to her study. She explained to them certain facts relating to her life-experience and prophesied the future. The following is a copy of the record of her words on that occasion, written at the time and certified as correct by three of those present. It is to be found in *The Christian Science Watchman*, Vol. IV. (See Document 1.)*

“From the beginning and all the way along, I got my leading from God, through the Bible. Right in the beginning I got— ‘Write it in a book and it shall be for all time.’”

“Today God is speaking to me again through Isaiah 16: 14. ‘But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.’”

“I am sure this will be fulfilled, but don’t tell any one about it.”

*Has her prophecy come true? Let us examine the facts as they unfolded.*

*This is where the story of deceit and deception begins. The only thing keeping the Christian Science Board of Directors from having full authority over the Mother Church and the Christian Science field was the By-Laws. They stated that certain things needed Mary Baker Eddy’s consent, signature or approval. They really didn’t want much, just one more By-Law that would give them “Full Authority.”*

*The following is from a receipt describing items delivered to “the Christian Science Board of Directors” and receipted over the signature of their attorney, C. Augustus Norwood, December 18, 1924: (See Doc. 2 – note last item 209, not highlighted item 207.)*

No. 209. ...unsuccessful efforts to get Mrs. Eddy to remove her name from Manual in places where her consent was demanded,

*In his association address of 1932 Professor Hermann Hering made the following statement:*

“One day when I went to see Mrs. Eddy her face was wreathed with smiles and she said, ‘Today for the first time I am happy about the Manual. Now I know why it was written. *It will save the Cause when its members obey the By-Laws.*’ This was in 1907- how much disobedience has there been since then! All our troubles in home, church, business and healing are due to disobedience to the Manual.” (See Doc. 3.)

*On May 4, 1937, the Christian Science teacher, Bicknell Young wrote a letter to his colleague Dr. Hendrik J. De Lange, in which he said:*

“The ‘estoppel clauses’ in the Manual have not been heeded nor obeyed. They are a protective measure to our cause. Some, selfishly, even tried to persuade Mrs. Eddy to remove them from the Manual, but she would not because they were divinely inspired to prevent hierarchical control and domination: also to gradually dissolve an organizational sense of church and being. Our office and function is to live the Christ, which is the one and only power of the divine Mind, Life, Love, Being.” (See Doc. 4.)

*This is a quote from a letter, 1970, by Walter H. Wilson who wrote under the pseudonym of “Paul Revere”:*

“...‘Her directors came to her—often on days when she was too weak to do more than sit idly by in her chair, listening. They pleaded with her. They exhorted her. Sometimes their words grew so impassioned as to seem more like threats than pleading. They begged that she write one new by-law—one single provision that would give them power to act in her stead when she was gone. And always she merely listened, silently unmoved.’ That this approach was made a number of times was told me by John V. Dittmore, one of Mrs. Eddy’s Directors. The reason for her stoical silence, the reason which appeared to her, is unknown and unknowable.” (See Doc. 5.)

*This is an excerpt from, Mary Baker Eddy—The Years of Authority, 1977, page 346, by Robert Peel, which states:*



“To some of those around her it seemed that working together under the *Manual* would be anything but simple when Mrs. Eddy was no longer available to supply the authorization or signature required for the functioning of certain existing and essential bylaws. Would not the whole *Manual*, in fact, become inoperable if and when the Board of Directors could no longer obtain her written assent to actions made necessary by these very bylaws?

“William Rathvon, as a household member who saw her withdraw further each day mentally from the direction of church affairs, was particularly concerned by this contingency. After consulting with Hanna and Smith—both of them lawyers and both sharing his concern—he came up with a plan for the formation of an advisory council to act in Mrs. Eddy’s place if she were unable to give the necessary signature to actions proposed under the bylaws in question.

“Dickey, however, refused to present the plan to Mrs. Eddy. ...But he felt strongly that it would be a mistake to present the plan to her, and finally Rathvon found the reassurance he needed in a conversation with her lawyer cousin, General Baker. ‘You need not be at all uneasy,’ Baker emphatically told him when he raised the point about the bylaws which required her signature:

“‘It is a matter of common law in a case of this kind, where it is physically impossible to carry out specified conditions by the one named, that the next in authority assume that jurisdiction. And in this case the next in authority is the Board of Directors of The Mother Church. Any competent court in the land will uphold the Manual just as Mrs. Eddy intends it to function whether her signature is forthcoming or not.’” (See Doc. 6.)

*And so, the story now takes on a life of its’ own. This is an excerpt from John V. Dittmore, a Director of the Mother Church at the time of Mrs. Eddy’s passing, to an inquirer in New York City.*

“None of us at that time (1910) recognized the evolutionary system of government requiring dissolution and reconstruction at the beginning of each new period of discovery and leadership.

“To argue that judicial interpretation becomes in effect the law is to violate a most basic constitutional principle.

“Government by interpretation is government by lawyers instead of government by law.” *(See Doc. 7.)*

*Now presented is a chronology of the events beginning in November 1910, and culminating in November 1997. In presenting this material, I will extrapolate quotes from documents. If the reader observes incorrect grammar or punctuation in the quotations, it is because it was also in the original. The documents may be found in the Appendix of this book. The author has taken the liberty to emphasize text by bolding the print.*

### **Friday, November 11, 1910**

*Ira Oscar Knapp passes from this earthly experience. One can only wonder if he died of a broken heart. How well he must have known the deception that was transpiring at that time.*

*Interestingly, a few days later, the remaining Directors sent Mrs. Eddy, through her secretary Adam Dickey, their nomination of Rev. William P. McKenzie to fill the vacancy. The customary acknowledgment was never received. On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Board received a brief undated note from Mrs. Eddy reading:*

“The Board of Directors  
Beloved Students:

“Please appoint Mr. Adam H. Dickey member of the Board of Directors.

Lovingly yours,  
Mary B. Eddy” *(See Doc. 8.)*

### **Sunday, November 20, 1910**

“Box G, Brookline, Mass.  
November 20, 1910

“Know all men by this protest that no change shall be made on the grounds that I own without my consent in writing.

Mary Baker Eddy” (See Doc. 9.)

*“Without my consent in writing” is a very familiar practice for Mrs. Eddy by this point in time, in fact, it is a recurring pattern. We see it over and over in the Manual. We see it on the package that she sealed up on August 21, 1909, with papers, that in 1913, became The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany. Again, at that point, they added to and removed material.*

**Monday, November 28, 1910**

*Mary Baker Eddy dictated a statement to Laura Sargent. She signed it herself. It is as follows:*

“It took a combination of sinners that was fast to harm me.

Mary Baker Eddy  
Nov. 28 1910” (See Doc. 10.)

*Robert Peel, in his book Mary Baker Eddy—The Years of Authority, page 359, not only has the wrong date, November 26, for the occurrence, but also leads you to believe that it was an outside attack that troubled her. One only need read the real history presented here to see that it was “the enemy within” that was the dilemma. How my heart goes out to this woman. In her last hours on earth, to realize that those around her were ready to betray her and all of the work that had been accomplished. What a sad tale to have to tell.*

**Thursday, December 1, 1910**

*Three days later, Mrs. Eddy wrote, “God is my Life.” These were her last written words. (See Doc. 11.) At that point, she must have felt as Jesus felt on the cross, when he uttered, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” Luke 23:46*

*We have to be careful that we are not mesmerized into only thinking of the grand scheme and betrayal going on and miss the magnificence of the event unfolding before our eyes. Mrs. Eddy was now preparing for the demonstration of Life that few have accomplished.*

**Saturday, December 3, 1910**

*In September 1979, while visiting Chestnut Hill, the last home of Mary Baker Eddy, Mr. Carl Lundstrom reported in an affidavit the following:*

“Presented here is the testimony of the happenings on the night of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three people witnessed this event and their affidavits are on file in the archives of the Mother Church.

“The message I am about to impart is not only an important message for all Christian Scientists, but in my estimation it is the most important incident in Mrs. Eddy’s experience, which proves without any doubt the infallibility of her complete demonstration of the revelation of Christian Science. Before relating this incident, I feel impelled to express my gratitude about this important message which was given to me and that through many years of study and growth in Christian Science, I was able to realize how momentous this message is and bring it forth at God’s direction. The following account reveals how this message was entrusted to my care.

“Twenty-five years ago I had the privilege of visiting all the historical landmarks pertaining to Mrs. Eddy’s revelation of Christian Science. Lasting impressions were from my visit to Mrs. Eddy’s residence at 12 Broad Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, the house with the attic room where Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures was written, and her house at Chestnut Hill. The attic room was interesting, but I remember most of all the three flights of circular stairs reaching from the basement to the attic. It moved me very much to realize the countless times that our Leader must have used those stairs in meeting the needs of her roomers while at the same time persistently going forth with her God-given mission. The thought of this experience always brings to mind the words of Horatio W. Parker, found in the Christian Science Hymnal on page 202, “He comes anew to humble hearts revealing the mounting footsteps of the upward way.” The last house I visited was Mrs. Eddy’s home at 400 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. It is here that I was to be told the incident about Mrs. Eddy which I am about to relate. This house and the surrounding grounds were

beautiful. It was autumn and the driveway was covered with leaves of every hue.

“When I entered the front hall, I was greeted by two lovely, gracious ladies. I was surprised to find that I was the only one there to be guided through the house. After waiting for some time, it being mid-afternoon, one of the women in charge suggested, as there seemed to be no one else to join us, that she and I start the tour of the house together. As I look back upon this experience, I realize now how important it was to have been the only visitor. I felt free to inquire about many things I would never have asked about had their been others present. Likewise, she directed pertinent questions my way. For instance, at one point in our conversing together she inferred that I was a Christian Science teacher, which I assured her I was not, although I have to admit that it touched my ego just a bit. As we wandered through this lovely home, I felt the balance, order and beauty of each niche and corner, and the touch of Truth and Love that only a spiritual seer could have demonstrated. By this time because of the warmth and friendliness of my guide, I asked many questions which she answered lovingly and interestingly. Our last stop on this tour was Mrs. Eddy’s bedroom. It was not what I expected, but what I had seen of the rest of the house, gave forth an atmosphere of regality. This room was homespun and expressed simplicity. The ceiling had been lowered, the guide told me, and although a bathroom had been added, Mrs. Eddy had preferred to use the commode stand with its bowl and water pitcher. I was impressed to see several pictures of Jesus hanging on the walls. It was at this moment that my guide turned to me and said she felt impelled to tell me what happened to Mrs. Eddy on December 3, 1910. She went to the door of the bedroom to see if we were alone, and then proceeded to tell me the following incident.

“At the time my guide told me her name which I have forgotten, but she was a sister of Miss Adelaide Still, one of the three persons watching with Mrs. Eddy in the final hours of her human experience. She told me that her sister, Miss Still, had requested her not to repeat what she was about to tell me because Miss Still had promised those in authority at the Boston Headquarters never to speak of this experience to anyone. I can assure you that by this time I was not only awed but more than moved by what she was relating.

“On the night Mrs. Eddy passed, her three valued and beloved workers were with her. They were Miss Adelaide Still, Mrs. Laura Sargent and Mr. Calvin

Frye. On this eventful day in December 1910, the furnace had ceased to function, and a repairman had been summoned to fix it. When he arrived, Mr. Frye and Mrs. Sargent went downstairs to the first floor to admit the repairman. Mr. Frye accompanied him to the basement, while Mrs. Sargent waited in the front hall. Miss Still was left sitting by Mrs. Eddy's bed. Within a short while, the furnace was in working order, and Mr. Frye and Mrs. Sargent hurried to the second floor to return to their post by Mrs. Eddy's side. As they neared the bedroom they noticed that Miss Still was standing in the doorway. Approaching her side they looked into the bedroom and beheld Mrs. Eddy by the side of the bed smiling at them. Then Mrs. Eddy turned and pointed to the bed, where they saw the form of the one they had called Mother. As their gaze turned again to Mrs. Eddy, she was shaking her head back and forth as if to say, "I am not there! I have risen!" Then as they watched the vision of their beloved Leader gradually faded from their sight. At that moment as I stood there looking into Mrs. Eddy's bedroom, I felt a wave of insight into the magnitude of Mrs. Eddy's mission I had never felt before. They had witnessed the ascension of their Leader. This, Mrs. Eddy's final spiritual experience, when understood, will give to us all the opportunity to express ourselves as a complete identity, including all the male and female qualities reflected in the oneness with our Father-Mother God.

"Before we returned to the entrance hall on the main floor, my guide had expressed the importance of what she had told me. She repeated that she felt impelled to tell me of this divine event."

*At the end of Mrs. Eddy's earthly experience, does this passage from Science and Health not match what Jesus experienced? Were there not two women and one man at the time of her passing? Was not Calvin Frye, Mary Baker Eddy's beloved disciple, as John was for Jesus'? We can always tell when we are correct in our conclusion concerning Mrs. Eddy, because it corresponds with the experience of Jesus. As of old, we now see God's two witnesses crucified.*

"Jesus endured the shame, that he might pour his dear-bought bounty into barren lives. What was his earthly reward? He was forsaken by all save John, the beloved disciple, and a few women who bowed in silent woe beneath the shadow of his cross. The earthly price of spirituality in a material age and the great moral distance between Christianity and

sensualism preclude Christian Science from finding favor with the worldly minded.” S&H 36:10

*Again we see Mrs. Eddy at work. She told us beforehand what would be accomplished at the point of her transition. This is an excerpt, dated January 24, 1896, from a diary kept by Calvin Frye:*

“This morning Mother said St. Paul comes nearer to my thought than any other writer in the Bible.

He said David fell on sleep. (See Act 13:36)

- 1) David saw Corruption. The body was buried & decayed.
- 2) Jesus died in belief but the body did not see corruption but was raised again.
- 3) The demonstration for me is that it shall not be death, even, but a body transformed ‘but the renewing of Mind’ spiritualization.” (See Doc. 12.)

*In 1898, in Mary Baker Eddy’s first lesson on, “Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?” December 18, 1898, she ends the 6<sup>th</sup> section with the Bible verse:*

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:3

*If you believe that the universe is evolved by atomic force, you will then believe that Mary Baker Eddy was just that little white haired old lady that got up early, and reached the top of the mountain first to catch the first ray of sunshine. Or, is she the one God appointed and Jesus knew? This is for each one to decide.*

“At one time, Edward Kimball, a Christian Science teacher and student of Mrs. Eddy’s, asked Mrs. Eddy what would happen to the Christian Science Movement if she should pass on? She replied: ‘It would degenerate into material prosperity.’ He then asked what would happen if she ascended? She hesitated, before answering with a beatific smile, ‘The Mother Church would be dissolved.’”

*Divinity Course and General Collectanea, pg. 252*

*Found on Mrs. Eddy's desk, on the day of her passing, was a booklet entitled, "The Latter Days: with Evidence from The Great Pyramid." On page 32, this statement was found:*

*"By the same standard of interpretation, the termination of the Grand Gallery, 1,910 inches, gives the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 1910, as the end of the present era, which we accept as an approximation only, though possibly a very close one." (See Doc.13.)*

*This quotation has a pencil mark beside it. It is said that Mrs. Eddy placed it there.*

*True to her pattern, she said what she was going to do, she showed what authority she had for saying it, and then she demonstrated it. It is interesting to note that the inches in the Grand Gallery, 1,910 correspond with 1910. In November and December of 1910, the thought was that the end justifies the means. No matter how great one may think the end is, it never justifies wrongdoing. There is, in Science, no beginning and no end. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation. Since Mrs. Eddy passed from sight, the Board of Directors has tried to separate infinite Mind from its infinite manifestation.*

*Now will be presented quotes from the newspapers of the day. There was much speculation and many well-researched questions asked by the press reporters. As a matter of fact, they were much more knowledgeable than the Christian Science field. One can only surmise what was going on in the thought of Christian Scientists at the time. Was there fear, sorrow or just apathy on the subject? One would only be making a guess about thoughts in a time now long gone.*

**Sunday, December 4, 1910**

From the *Christian Science Journal*, January 1911:

*"At the conclusion of the services at the Christian Science church Sunday morning, Judge Clifford P. Smith, First Reader of the church, read the following notice regarding the passing of Mrs. Eddy:*



“I shall now read part of a letter written by our revered Leader and reprinted on page 135 of ‘Miscellaneous Writings.’

“My Beloved Students: — You may be looking to see me in my accustomed place with you, but this you must no longer expect. When I retired from the field of labor, it was a departure, socially, publicly, and finally, from the routine of such material modes as society and our societies demand. Rumors are rumors, — nothing more. I am still with you on the field of battle, taking forward marches, broader and higher views, and with the hope that you will follow.

“All our thoughts should be given to the absolute demonstration of Christian Science. You can well afford to give me up, since you have in my last revised edition of Science and Health your teacher and guide.’

“Although these lines were written years ago, they are true today and will continue to be true. But it has become my duty to announce that Mrs. Eddy passed from our sight last night at quarter before eleven o’clock at her home on Chestnut Hill.”

**Monday, December 5, 1910**

*New York Tribune*  
(See Doc. 14.)

FIVE DIRECTORS SUPREME

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No Provision for Successors, Unless in Mrs. Eddy’s Will

**Tuesday, December 6, 1910**

*New York Evening Sun*  
(See Doc. 15.)

SCIENCE CHURCH’S CONTROL

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Question of Who Will Succeed Mrs. Eddy

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BOARD IS IN CHARGE

**Wednesday, December 7, 1910**

*The Christian Science Board of Directors, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 P.M. held a meeting to finalize the takeover of the Christian Science Church. It was a special meeting, and very soon it will be shown the significance of the meeting.*

*This is an extract from the Directors records for that date:*

“Special meeting of the Christian Science Board of Directors at 1:00 p.m. Present, Messrs. Chase, McLellan, Stewart, Dittimore and Dickey.

“Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that at this first formal meeting of The Christian Science Board of Directors since Mrs. Eddy passed from our sight, the following statement be authorized by this board and given to the press through the channels of the Committee on Publication.

“ ‘The authority given to the Board of Directors by the Church Manual remains intact, and is fully adequate for the government of the organization in all its affairs. The policy of this board will be the same as when under Mrs. Eddy’s active direction.

“ ‘The board is in complete harmony and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

“ ‘The adequate written instructions and directions of Mrs. Eddy, under which the Christian Science movement has grown and prospered, including the By-Laws which place the direction of the spiritual and business affairs of the Church entirely in the hands of The Christian Science Board of Directors, will continue to guide their actions’

“Meeting adjourned.

“Approved, December 16, 1910.

“J. V. D.” (*John V. Dittimore*)

*This is copied exactly as found in the transcript of the "Proceedings in Equity." (See Doc. 16:1-16:2.)*

*And so it seems, the Board found a way around that one little By-Law that was needed. Now they had to see if the field would fall for the scheme.*

**Thursday, December 8, 1910**

*At 11:00, Thursday morning, the funeral for Mrs. Eddy was held at Chestnut Hill. They then took the body to a holding vault at Mt. Auburn until the final resting-place could be prepared.*

*That night, a reporter from the New York World held an interview with two men from the Christian Science Board of Directors. The two men in question were John V. Ditemore and Archibald McLellan. Here are the headlines on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and some excerpts from that interview*

*The [New York] World  
(published December 9, 1910)  
(See Doc. 17:1-17:8 for complete interview.)*

**MRS EDDY'S SECT  
"IN MOST CRITICAL  
SITUATION NOW"**

—  
**Written Consent of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science  
necessary to Transaction of Much of the Business of the Board of Directors,  
and Directors Do Not Know that Dead Leader Left Any Such Consent**

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**LEGAL TIE-UP AFFECTS  
THE CHURCH'S PROSPERITY**

—  
**Chairman McLellan Says Situation is "One That We Have  
Not Prepared for"- Mrs. Eddy, After Simple Service,  
Laid at Rest in Cemetery Vault Fitted with a Telephone  
to Aid Watchman Who Will Guard Her Body  
(emphasis added)**

(Special from a World Staff Correspondent)

Boston. Dec 8-Archibald McLellan, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Christian Science Church, admitted to-night to The World correspondent that the death of Mary Baker Eddy had left the church "in a most critical situation."

The very existence of the church is threatened through her death, and it is certain that legal questions will be raised in the near future, possibly in the next few days, affecting to the foundations the structure on which the church was founded and the authority of the Board of Directors to carry on the Christian Science business.

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**"The situation is very critical, and the points you raise are so serious and important that the board has not yet been able to deliberate on them or to plan a course of procedure."** (emphasis added)

*(As stated earlier in this paper, the Directors had already had a meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.)*

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"No, it would be impracticable to reach any conclusion between now [Dec 8] and tomorrow. The matters involved are too grave to be decided without long and earnest deliberation."

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The discussion took place in the office of Mr. Dittmore, which is in the building known as The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. Mr. Dittmore sat at a massive mahogany desk and Mr. McLellan in a chair to one side. They both sought this retreat directly, after the funeral of Mrs. Eddy, and were engaged in earnest consolation when the correspondent asked to see them.

### **Waived no Rights**

"Is there any document or written instrument in existence," asked The World reporter, "by which Mrs. Eddy waived or relinquished her rights as pastor emeritus and leader of the church?"

"There is none, so far as I am aware," replied McLellan, surprised at the question.

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"Did Mrs. Eddy in any way empower the board to amend or change the existing Church Manual, without her written consent, as therein prescribed?"

“I know of no such act by her,” was the reply, “and I fail to see the necessity for any change. The manual, we hope, is complete and sufficient in itself. It will need no amendment, I trust.”

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**“The present edition, dated 1910, is known as the eighty-eighth, and it is admitted that Mrs. Eddy from time to time saw fit to change it in numerous ways to meet certain emergencies as they arose.”** (emphasis added)

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“These are matters of the gravest importance - matters which will require the most careful deliberation of the whole board before we can decide on a plan of action.”

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*New York Sun*  
(published December 9, 1910)  
(See Doc. 18:1-18-2.)

MRS. EDDY’S DEATH  
ENDANGERS CHURCH

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No One Has Power to Act in Her Stead—End Never Contemplated

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LAWS CALL FOR HER CONSENT

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Even Deeds to Ground Occupied by  
Mother Church Put in Jeopardy.

“I know of no such instrument,” said Mr. McLellan, and when he was further pressed regarding the startling situation in which the Church finds itself he said:

**“You are now raising an extremely critical and important question. I cannot answer intelligently until all of the directors have gone into consultation upon the situation.”** (emphasis added)

*(As stated earlier in this paper, the Directors had already had a meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.)*

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The Manual, which has already passed into its **eighty-eighth edition**, must forever remain as it is now with its last emendation... (emphasis added)

**Friday, December 9, 1910**

The [New York] World  
(published December 10,1910)  
(See Doc. 19.)

MOTHER CHURCH  
DIRECTORS CLAIM  
FULL AUHTORITY

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Christian Science Board in Boston Says  
Its Authority “Remains Intact and Is Fully Adequate  
for the Government of the Organization in All Its Affairs.”

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“UNSWERVING LOYALTY”  
OF OUTSIDE CHURCHES.

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Gen. Baker May Not Offer Mrs. Eddy’s Will for Probate  
Till Next Week-It Leaves Bulk of Estate to Church  
and Directs Sale of Concord House-Because of  
That Son May Consent to Burial in Boston.

(Special from a World Staff Correspondent)

BOSTON, Dec 9-The publication in The World this morning of the admission by Archibald McLellan that the death of Mrs. Eddy had left the future of the Christian Science Church in “a most critical situation” because of the lack of any written consent from her for the amendment of the existing by-laws of the church as set forth in the 1910 Manual created a sensation in Christian Science circles and **forced the Board of Directors, of which McLellan is the head, to hold this afternoon its first session since the death of Mrs. Eddy.** At the close of the session messengers were sent to all the Boston newspapers with the following: (emphasis added)

**“The Christian Science Board of Directors, at its first meeting since the passing away of Mrs. Eddy, held this afternoon [Dec 9<sup>th</sup>] in the Mother Church, authorized the following statement, which was given out through Alfred Farlow: (emphasis added)**

“The authority given to the Board of Directors by the Church Manual remains intact and is fully adequate for the government of the organization in all its affairs. The policy of this board will be the same as when under Mrs. Eddy’s active direction.

“The board is in complete harmony and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

“The adequate written instructions and directors of Mrs. Eddy, under which the Christian Science movement has grown and prospered, including the by-laws, which place the direction of the spiritual and business affairs of the Church entirely in the hands if the Christian Science Board of Directors will continue to guide their actions.

“Stephen A. Chase, Archibald McLellan, Allison V. Stewart, John V. Dittimore, Adam. H. Dickey.”

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**“No Change in Methods.”**

Earlier in the day, when besieged by local newspaper men, who wanted an explanation of McLellan’s statements to The World correspondent, McLellan and Dittimore had given out another statement, which, they sought to assure all inquirers, covered the ground of The World interview entirely. This statement read:

“When asked what effect the death of Mrs. Eddy would have on the future of the Christian Science Church, John V Dittimore, clerk of the church, also member of the Board of Directors, said in the presence of Archibald McLellan, chairman of the board, who corroborated his statement.

““There will be no change whatever in the methods of conducting the activities of the denomination: in fact, the hundreds of messages received from the various branch churches throughout the world prove the unswerving loyalty of Christian Scientists to the teachings of Mrs. Eddy and to the constituted authorities of the Church.

“The by-laws of the Mother Church, which were developed and adopted under Mrs. Eddy’s guidance, have been the rules under which the Church government had been conducted, and they will be adequate for the future. The governing powers of the Church are vested in its Board of Directors by virtue of the written instructions and directions of Mrs. Eddy at various times, those including her written approval, of the by-laws providing that all of the business of the Mother Church shall be transacted by the Christian Science Board of Directors.”

The directors are pinning their powers to Section 6 of Article 1 of the by-laws which reads “Church Business-The business of the mother church shall be transacted by its Christian Science board of directors.”

But they deliberately omit all references to Section 5, the one immediately preceding which says:

“The Christian Science board of directors shall consist of five members, they shall fill a vacancy occurring on that board after the candidate is approved by the pastor emeritus.”

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### “The Power of the Church”

The lawyer’s reference to the publicity side of Christian Science **draws attention to the power which** the church, through **the Board of Directors, exerts over every newspaper published in Boston.** [*This is being written by a New York newspaper.*] There is not one that will print anything that in any way reflects on the management of the church’s affairs or of the conduct of any of its officers. Whether the matter be of much or little news importance to the community-at large, McLellan or Dittmore need only send out the word, “Don’t print this,” “Do not send that, “ and forthwith the thing is done as they direct. (emphasis added)

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*The New York Times*  
(published December 10, 1910)  
(See Doc. 20:1-20:3.)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE  
FUTURE CALLED SAFE



Powers and Policy of Church Directors  
Not Affected by Mrs. Eddy's Death

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LEFT FULL INSTRUCTIONS

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Founder's Will Not to Be Probated  
for Several Days—G. W. Glover,  
Her Only Son, May Contest It.

*Special to The New York Times.*

BOSTON, Dec. 9 – Replying to published statements that Mrs. Eddy herself had so bound the very essence of the laws governing the church to her own personality that those now in charge are powerless to revise the present laws or make new ones, this statement was made public to-night **following the first meeting of the Board of Directors since Mrs. Eddy's death**, through Alfred Farlow of the Publication Committee, and signed by Stephen A. Chase, Archibald McLellan, Allison V. Stewart, John V. Dittmore, and Adam H. Dickey, Who constitute the board:.. (emphasis added)

“The authority given to the Board of Directors by the Church Manual remains intact and is fully adequate for the government of the organization in all its affairs. The policy of this board will be the same as when under Mrs. Eddy's active direction.

The board is in complete harmony and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

The adequate written instructions and directors of Mrs. Eddy, under which the Christian Science movement has grown and prospered, including the by-laws, which place the direction of the spiritual and business affairs of the Church entirely in the hands if the Christian Science Board of Directors will continue to guide their actions.”

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*New York American*  
(published December 10, 1910)  
(See Doc. 21.)

SCIENCE CHURCH DIRECTORS  
ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD

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Policy to Be the Same as When  
Under Mrs. Eddy's Active Direction.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT GIVEN

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Perfect Harmony Prevails and  
Branches Promise Unswerving Loyalty

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*New York Tribune*  
(published December 10, 1910)  
(See Doc. 22.)

MRS. EDDY TO GUIDE IN DEATH AS IN LIFE

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Directors of Christian Science Church  
Issue Statement to This Effect.

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*Christian Science Monitor*  
(published December 10, 1910)  
(See Doc. 23.)

CHURCH MANUAL  
GIVES DIRECTORS  
AMPLE AUTHORITY

The Christian Science Board of Directors in a meeting at The Mother Church yesterday (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>) issued the following statement:

'The authority given to the Board of Directors by the Church Manual remains intact and is fully adequate for the government of the organization

in all its affairs. The policy of this board will be the same as when under Mrs. Eddy's active direction.

'The board is in complete harmony, and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

'The adequate written instructions and directors of Mrs. Eddy, under which the Christian Science movement has grown and prospered, including the by-laws, which place the direction of the spiritual and business affairs of the Church entirely in the hands if the Christian Science Board of Directors will continue to guide their actions.'

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*Boston Evening Transcript*  
(published December 10, 1910)  
(See Doc. 24:1 & 24:2.)

NEEDS NO "SPIRITUAL HEAD"

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Mrs. Eddy's Book is Leader of Scientists

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They Say for Fifteen Years This Has Been Apparent

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Directors Claim All Necessary Power

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Cannot Change By-Laws or Mrs. Eddy's Books Now

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...The board is in complete harmony and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

**Saturday, December 10, 1910**

*Boston Herald*  
(published December 11, 1910)  
(See Doc. 25:1 & 25:2.)

BOARD TAKES UP MRS. EDDY'S WORK

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Directors Meet and Announce Control of Christian Science Affairs.

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Burial Place Undecided

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Bulk of Leader's Fortune of \$1,500,000  
Willed to the Church She Founded

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The members of the Christian Science board of directors, Stephen A. Chase, Archibald McLellan, Allison V. Stewart, John V. Dittmore and Adam H. Dickey, met in the Mother Church, yesterday afternoon, for the first time since the passing away of Mrs. Eddy, and formally declared themselves in full control of the business and spiritual affairs of the Christian Science movement. They announce that their policy will remain unchanged and that they are in entire harmony. Their statement says:

“The authority given to the board of directors by the Church Manual remains intact, and is fully adequate for the government of the organization in all its affairs. The policy of this board will be the same as when under Mrs. Eddy's active direction.

“The board is in complete harmony, and hundreds of telegrams and letters received from branch churches and societies throughout the world show that it has the unswerving loyalty and support of the entire denomination.

“The adequate written instructions and directions of Mrs. Eddy, under which the Christian Science movement has grown and prospered, including the by-laws which place the direction of the spiritual and business affairs of the church entirely in the hands of the Christian Science board of directors, will continue to guide their actions.”

**Saturday, December 17, 1910**

*On December 17<sup>th</sup>, a “new” Manual of the Mother Church appeared on the scene. It was called the 89<sup>th</sup> Edition. Even though McLellan and Dittmore had agreed the “Manual in its present form, as of the date of Mrs. Eddy’s death...must remain the permanent and immutable form of the organization... which the Board of Directors must adhere to.” When it appeared, there were five changes made to the text. They are listed below:*

- 1 Title page: Added descriptive title of author under name.
2. Page 21: Removed “Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, Pastor Emeritus” from list of Church Officers.
3. Page 120: Added “and Branch Churches” to end of title.
4. Page 127: Added “and Branch Churches” to end of title.
- 5 Page 127 Added footnote “If a collection is taken....”

*There have been a total of 54 changes made in the Manual of the Mother Church from 1910 to the present date.*

**Sunday, December 18, 1910**

*New York Sun*  
(published December 19, 1910)  
(See Doc. 26.)

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CRISIS

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Boston Directors Eager to Retain Temporal Power

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WOULD END SINGLE CONTROL

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They Have Directed the Vast Financial Interests of the Body.

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Instances of the Methods by Which Mrs. Eddy Had Built Up Her Control Over the Great Body of Her Followers—“Science and Health” and Its Many

Editions—Property She Deeded to the Church to Return to Her if Converted to Any Other Use—The Publishing Business a Valuable Asset.

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BOSTON. Dec.18—The directors of the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, self-appointed stewards of the faith left without a leader by the death of Mary Baker G. Eddy, hold a precarious tenure and they realize that fact.

Should some one of the faith possessing powers of leadership and a following rise to dispute the authority which the directorate of the Mother Church here has assumed without a specific bequest of the dead leader a crisis in the affairs of the whole Church would follow. The five directors of the Mother Church are not unaware of the possibility of such a contest. They are preparing against it.

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Investigation of the situation in which the directorate now finds itself and a review of the spirit and purpose of the Church indicate that the board of directors cannot overestimate the results of a possible rebellion against its self-assumed authority.

*Because Mary Baker Eddy understood the workings of mortal mind better than anyone on earth, it would not be wise to use anything but her words to describe the situation that has transpired.*

“Some of the mere puppets of the hour are playing only for money, and at a fearful stake. Others, from malice and envy, are working out the destinies of the damned. But while the best, perverted, on the mortal plane may become the worst, let us not forget that the Lord reigns, and that this earth shall some time rejoice in His supreme rule, — that the tired watchmen on the walls of Zion, and the true Christian Scientist at the foot of the mount of revelation, shall look up with shouts and thanksgiving, — that God's law, as in divine Science, shall be finally understood; and the gospel of glad tidings bring ‘on earth peace, good will toward men.’” Mis 369:23

“In founding a pathological system of Christianity, the author has labored to expound divine Principle, and not to exalt personality. The weapons of bigotry, ignorance, envy, fall before an honest heart. Adulterating Christian Science, makes it void. Falsity has no foundation. ‘The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.’ Neither dishonesty

nor ignorance ever founded, nor can they overthrow a scientific system of ethics.” S&H 464:21

**January 1, 1911**

*The Christian Science Journal for January contained an article entitled, “The Mother Church.” (See Doc. 27:1-27:5.) The author, William R. Rathvon, was a member of Mrs. Eddy’s household at the time of her passing. All of this deception was going on around her as she was working out her Life plan. Like Jesus, if she had ever fallen to the level of hate, she could never have accomplished what had to be done for mankind. One would wonder if these words from the Bible came to her thought:*

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”  
Luke 23:34

*This article, The Mother Church, epitomizes the thought at that time expressed by the Board of Directors. It was important to impress upon the mind of the field who was in control of the Church. In the article the term “The Mother Church” is referred to 14 times and it is referred to as “it” 31 times. Lest we forget, we must always be reminded where our loyalty must be placed. It is strange that in Retrospection and Introspection, page 50:19, Mrs. Eddy instructs us with these words:*

“By loyalty in students I mean this, — allegiance to God, subordination of the human to the divine, steadfast justice, and strict adherence to divine Truth and Love.”

*Here presented are some excerpts from the article:*

“Misuse of our text-book in public has been largely prevented by the vigilance of The Mother Church, acting under the by-laws of its Manual...

*(Sadly enough, they were the ones to pervert it.)*

“A similar safeguard, simple as it is admirable, applies to practitioners. Those who would follow the healing of the sick through Christian Science and have their professional cards

appear in the *Journal* must also be members of The Mother Church, which implies careful scrutiny as to their fitness...

*(Nowhere in the Manual of the Mother Church is there a By-Law demanding that a practitioner be a member of the Mother Church.)*

“A benevolent protection is exercised by The Mother Church over all its branches...It is continually responding, through its Board of Directors, to requests for advise, for interpretation and construction of church law, and for counsel respecting the solution of local problems. Yet it rigidly adheres to the letter and the spirit of the Manual, and never interferes unsolicited with churches or individuals in the conduct of their own affairs. It is a court of last resort, not a policeman...

*(That may have been true in Mrs. Eddy's time, but in the history of the church from that time to now, this is far from a true statement. How many have been reprimanded, excommunicated, harassed, and in general treated like criminals in their own church, we will never know.)*

“...as Christian Scientists we must be ready for the time when we shall have outgrown the need of church organization...but, this we know, that until the hour strikes when the branch churches have fully played their part in the great drama of the salvation of mankind from sin, sickness, and death, so long will The Mother Church be as needful as the mother's loving hand to the toddling infant, as her wise counsel to the growing youth, as her comforting and inspiring companionship to maturity. And what does she ask of us in return? Only two things which should ever go hand-in-hand, namely, love and loyalty.

“...we have before our thought the ideal Mother Church of Christian Science which asks our love and loyalty.”

*From the Manual of the Mother Church, page 73:*

“No Interference. SECT. 10. ...In Christian Science each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government, and no individual, and no other church shall interfere with its affairs.”



*This is the second time that love and loyalty have been demanded of the field. What a sad set of circumstances the field was faced with in their hour of sorrow when losing their true Leader. All that Mrs. Eddy had ever asked in terms of loyalty was "allegiance to God, subordination of the human to the divine, steadfast justice, and strict adherence to divine Truth and Love."*

*Did they consider the Christian Science field a group of imbeciles? What a condescending pack of lies had been foisted on the ignorant Christian Scientists.*

### **January 1911**

*The last edition of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures in Mary Baker Eddy's lifetime came out in September of 1910. The first one to appear after her passing was in January 1911. When it was issued, it had one big change. Mrs. Eddy's picture and signature were removed from the front of the book.*

*Referring to this subject before, wasn't Jesus denied three times? Peter was asked, "Do you know this man, Jesus?" Three times he denied knowing him. When you take someone's picture, signature and title away, it is in essence saying, "I don't know this person." Her picture and signature were removed from Science and Health and her title, Pastor Emeritus, was removed from the Church Manual. True to the pattern, the historical events fit the circumstances.*

*The author has in her possession a Science and Health with the date of 1911 on the title page, which has no picture on the facing page. However, there is an inscription on the inside cover stating, "To Uncle Bill with love and good wishes, from Leigh, Christmas 1910."*

*In truth, there was not enough time to accomplish all the tasks that were necessary to issue a new Science and Health and Church Manual, in two weeks for the Manual and three weeks for the Science and Health. When we study the calendar, there seems to be too few days. It gives the impression that all of these adjustments in her writings may have been planned well in advance of the actual date of Mrs. Eddy's passing.*

January 26, 1911

“At the permanent burial at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, January 26, 1911, newsmen looked a last time on her face. It was unchanged though 7 weeks had passed since the funeral. Now the open view plate was closed forever and the casket loaded onto a hearse. Horses and men began drawing it the quarter mile to the waiting tomb. **But suddenly appeared with the procession an unidentifiable lady. Who was she?** Everyone had been admitted to the high-fence-enclosed cemetery by ticket only. All identifications had been verified. And all other people had been removed by caretakers before the Eddy procession had arrived. Only men had been invited. The day was cold, not fit for a woman to be there. Newspapers finally presumed the woman was the funeral director’s assistant. She had, 7 weeks before, prepared the body for burial. But the director denied that she was at Mt. Auburn! The woman was as unrecognized to all in that final cemetery procession of Mary Baker Eddy as was Jesus to Mary Magdalene when she met him, risen, beside the sepulcher of the Arimathaeon.”

Excerpt from the *Memoirs of Judge Septimus J. Hanna*  
(See Doc. 28.) (emphasis added)

*Excerpts from two newspapers the next day:*

*The [New York] World*  
(published January 27, 1911)  
(See Doc. 29:1-29:2.)

MRS EDDY’S BODY  
BURIED IN GRAVE  
ON SHORE OF LAKE

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Removed From Vault and With  
Simple Ceremony Consigned to Earth in Cemetery Lot.

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HER BOOKS ON CASKET

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Thirty Persons, Mostly Christian  
Science Leaders, Witness the Transfer.

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Jan. 26 ...The transfer of Mrs. Eddy's body was witnessed by **only one woman and she was an assistant to the undertaker**. All others were men, consisting of those above mentioned and the undertaker and his assistants. (emphasis added)

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*The same information appeared in the Boston Globe, published January 27, 1911.*

*How can our thought not be brought back, to a time gone by, when two men made their way to Emmaus. Did their eyes behold the glory set before them? They were looking for a human because their hearts could not grasp the spiritual events that had just transpired.*

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.  
Luke 24:13-16

*No one could recognize the lone woman that was present in the funeral procession as it wended its way to the final resting-place of Mary Baker Eddy. Is history repeating itself two thousand years later? Could the woman have been Mary Baker Eddy? How the reader perceives it will determine his progress spiritward.*

June 28, 1947

*The quest for power and authority has only grown stronger over the years. As the true history of the Christian Science Cause has faded into the background and the church is now based on person and not Principle, the arrogance of mortal mind rears its ugly head even more. Here are some quotations from the report given at Annual Meeting, June 2, 1947. The complete article may be found in the Christian Science Sentinel, June 28, 1947. (See Doc. 30:1 & 30:2.)*

A Word from The Christian  
Science Board of Directors,  
Read by Adair Hickman,  
Retiring First Reader

THE MOTHER CHURCH: ITS PLACE,  
ITS AUTHORITY, AND ITS MISSION  
IN THE MODERN WORLD

“...The Mother Church is the watchful and tender guardian of human consciousness in its ascent Godward.

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“To it falls the mandatory duty of applying church discipline, independently of the branch churches.

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“And to it falls in special measure the privilege of counseling and aiding workers in the Field, as well as branch churches, societies, and organizations

“In their decisions the Directors are governed by **their understanding** of our Leader’s intentions for her Church. (*emphasis added*)

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“The primary mission of The Mother Church is to foster and safeguard spirituality.”

*Let us now advance to the last 10 years and what has transpired. There has been a complete revision and perversion of Mary Baker Eddy’s writings and intentions. The wolf has been busy and the goats have eaten up everything that they have been fed. The field is not only blind, but the leaders have assumed control of everything concerning Christian Science.*

*There is a wonderful article in Miscellaneous Writings entitled "Blind Leaders." These next quotes will tell the age-old tale of greed and power that has run amuck in the Christian Science Church organization since the demise of Mrs. Eddy.*

"What figure is less favorable than a wolf in sheep's clothing? The braying donkey whose ears stick out is less troublesome. What manner of man is it that has discovered an improvement on Christian Science, a 'metaphysical healing' by which error destroys error, and would gather all sorts into a "national convention" by the sophistry that such is the true fold for Christian healers, since the good shepherd cares for all?

"Yes; the good Shepherd does care for all, and His first care is to separate the sheep from the goats; and this is among the first lessons on healing taught by our great Master.

"... Whoever desires to say, 'good right, and good wrong,' has no truth to defend. It is a wise saying that 'men are known by their enemies.' To sympathize in any degree with error, is not to rectify it; but error always strives to unite, in a definition of purpose, with Truth, to give it buoyancy. What is under the mask, but error in borrowed plumes?" Mis 370:20

**July 1994**

*The Christian Science Journal*  
(Pages 53-56)  
(See Doc. 31:1-31:4.)

MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE PUBLISHER, THE WRITINGS OF MARY BAKER EDDY

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"Virginia S. Harris

"...As part of our ongoing response to the increasing demand for Science and Health in the public square, I'd like to announce that this fall a new edition of Science and Health designed especially for first-time readers will replace the current brightly colored Paperback Edition... This will provide

fresh opportunities for publicly and positively advancing the message of Christ-healing.

“...The new edition will include a word index, a one-page Publisher’s Note, and offer modest refinements in the page design.

“...We *are* a Church awake and active; we *are* attuned to the voices of our time, and we *are* a wondrously evangelical people, casting abroad the good news of ‘Christ’s precious Science.’”

*So, from 1911 until this day, the desecration of our beloved Science and Health continues. Also, Mrs. Eddy never referred to the members as evangelists, but rather:*

“The new Evangel” (Marginal heading)

“This angel or message which comes from God, clothed with a cloud, prefigures divine Science. To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. When understood, it is Truth’s prism and praise. When you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means, and it has for you a light above the sun, for God ‘is the light thereof.’ Its feet are pillars of fire, foundations of Truth and Love. It brings the baptism of the Holy Ghost, whose flames of Truth were prophetically described by John the Baptist as consuming error.” S&H 558:9

*In Science, we learn that the only work is done in our own thought. We are always working out from perfection. If that is true, why do you need people running around trying to correct what God has mistakenly forgotten?*

**September 5, 1994**

*Christian Science Sentinel*

(Pages 4-7)

(See Doc. 32:1 & 32:2.)

*Science and Health’s*

Increased availability

*“Need one be a Christian Scientist to understand it? It’s a nondenominational book. Among church members it’s called ‘the Christian Science textbook,’ but Mrs. Eddy chose not to put the words ‘Christian Science’ on the front cover. It’s not a book just for church members. It has many readers worldwide, including doctors, ministers of other churches, people in all walks of life.*

*“The term *Christian Science* is used throughout the book, but Mrs. Eddy refers to Christian Science as a term identifying the Science of Christianity, or the law of God. The book carries a message for everyone. It’s simply being offered to people who are interested in the subject matter, and are receptive to its message about God and His relevance in our lives.”*

*We must always go back to our true Leader and ascertain the correct answer. This is what she said in her message to the church in 1901:*

*“Finally, brethren, wait patiently on God; return blessing for cursing; be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good; be steadfast, abide and abound in faith, understanding, and good works; study the Bible and **the textbook of our denomination**; obey strictly the laws that be, and **follow your Leader only so far as she follows Christ.**” ‘01 34:20 (*emphasis added*)*

*The Board of Directors not only took over the textbook, but now they state that it is a nondenominational book.*

### **Thanksgiving 1995**

*This appeared in the *Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lessons, 1995, entitled Thanksgiving. It is on page 4, “About this Bible Lesson.” (See Doc. 33.)**

*“...In her Explanatory Note about the Lessons, Mrs. Eddy wrote, The bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers...The canonical writings, together with the word of our textbook, corroborating and explaining...”*

*How interesting that they left out, "We shall now read scriptural texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook,--these comprise our sermon." This omission is a practice that has continued. One would wonder if Mrs. Eddy would approve of this new practice.*

**September 1997**

*Christian Science Sentinel*

(Page 21)

(See Doc. 34.)

“FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Circulation of literature

“Public interest in Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer of Christian Science, has grown over the last few years, along with the increased circulation and sale of her book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. As mentioned at the Annual Meeting of the Mother Church in June (see July issue of *The Christian Science Journal*), over the next few years the Board of Directors will make available in appropriate ways some of Mrs. Eddy’s unpublished writings, including portions of her correspondence.

“..If you are urged to circulate literature on Christian Science other than that available from Christian Science Reading Rooms, it is always well to remember that Mrs. Eddy’s writings, and the Church which she founded, present the full and final revelation of Christian Science. Nothing else is needed.”

*There is one little item that they always choose to overlook. In the Manual of the Mother Church Mrs. Eddy states very clearly:*

“Books to be Published. SECT. 8. Only the Publishing Society of The Mother Church selects, approves, and publishes the books and literature it sends forth. If Mary Baker Eddy disapproves of certain books or literature, the Society will not publish them. The Committees on Publication are in no manner



connected with these functions. **A book or an article of which Mrs. Eddy is the author shall not be published nor republished by this Society without her knowledge or written consent.**” (*emphasis added*)

*And how do they get around that By-Law? In 1910 the Board of Directors removed her name as Pastor Emeritus, at her passing, and in essence took on the title for themselves. Once that is accomplished, the house and all its contents are theirs.*

**November 17, 1997**

*I would like to now present you with an excerpt from an article that appeared in the Forbes Magazine of Nov. 17, 1997. An explanation will follow. (See Doc. 35.)*

### **“The ultimate test**

By Katrina Burger and Ashlea Ebeling

“After the recent unexpected death of Roberto Goizueta, Coca-Cola stock didn’t drop, nor was there great turmoil in the company. With his death he passed the last, great test of a chief executive officer: He had prepared his succession. How many top executives can say the same?

**“Virginia Harris**

Chairman

Christian Science Church

“The founder of the Christian Science Church, Mary Baker Eddy, faced the issue of her death and succession over 100 years ago. **In 1892 she set up the first five-member board of directors** and established the succession plan. The five of us who serve on the board of directors function as one in the sense of one full-time chief executive officer, but each of us has our own area of the organization we head up. **We serve for life.**

“If I were to die today, the four would meet and pray that they choose the best candidate. Because **we are a self-perpetuating board**, I see our leadership as about perpetuating

the vision, rather than about a personal style or about myself.”  
(*emphasis added*)

*How sad that the chairman of the Board of Directors doesn't know the history of her own church. In 1892 Mrs. Eddy formed a Board comprised of **four members** (*emphasis added*) known as grantees. This Board is the self-perpetuating Board and not the five-member Board created in 1903. The four member Board, formed in 1892, was referred to as the "Christian Science Board of Directors." Below is an exact copy from the Manual of the Mother Church, pages 128-135:*

“Deed of Trust

The following is a Copy of the Deed of Trust  
Conveying Land for Church Edifice

“KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

“That I Mary Baker G. Eddy of Concord in the County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire in consideration of one dollar to me paid by Ira O. Knapp of Boston, Massachusetts, William B. Johnson of Boston, Massachusetts, Joseph S. Eastaman of Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Stephen A. Chase of Fall River, Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and, also in consideration of the trusts and uses hereinafter mentioned and established, do hereby give, bargain, sell, and convey to the said **Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph S. Eastaman, and Stephen A. Chase as trustees as hereinafter** provided and to their legitimate successors in office forever, ...

“...1. Said grantees shall be known as the "Christian Science Board of Directors," and shall constitute a perpetual body or corporation under and in accordance with section one, Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts.(1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Board the remaining members shall within thirty days fill the same by election; but no one shall be eligible to that office who is not in the opinion of the remaining members of the Board a firm and consistent believer in the doctrines of Christian Science as taught in a book entitled

SCIENCE AND HEALTH, by Mary Baker G. Eddy beginning with the seventy-first edition thereof. ...

“In witness whereof I the said Mary Baker G. Eddy have hereto set my hand and seal this 1st day of September, 1892.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.” *(emphasis added)*

*The four-member Christian Science board of Directors was made up of four men, Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph S. Eastaman, and Stephen A. Chase. The five-member Board was not formed until the 28<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Church Manual in 1903. There is no provision in the Manual that provides for a member to “serve for life” on that Board. In reading the Deed of Trust you see that the four- member Board of 1892, is the self-perpetuating Board, not the five-member board. The five-member Board was not formed to replace the four-member Board, as Mary Baker Eddy did not amend the Deed of Trust. In fact, she could not legally add someone to the four- member Board. How woefully ignorant they are.*

*It is very alarming to see our Cause being included in the New Age culture and presented as another self-help book. Mrs. Eddy addresses the subject thus:*

“The march of mind and of honest investigation will bring the hour when the people will chain, with fetters of some sort, **the growing occultism of this period.** The present apathy as to the tendency of certain active yet unseen mental agencies will finally be shocked into another extreme mortal mood, — into human indignation; for one extreme follows another.” S&H 570:1 *(emphasis added)*

*One of the attractions of occultism is esoteric knowledge. It is defined in the dictionary as “that which is secret, mysterious and taught to a select few.” It further states that “this knowledge is now available through the Internet and other media to, ‘any serious seeker after truth.’” (See Doc. 36:1-36:3.) These are very familiar words to any Christian Scientist. We are on very dangerous ground in the game now being played out in Boston. Headquarters prides itself in being involved with the following: Consciousness, Enlightenment, Holistic Medicine, New Age and Spirit-Mind-Health. This is just a partial list of the New Age thought with which we have been associated. In Science and Health Mrs. Eddy consigns these*

*beliefs to doom. At the end of the law case the "Chief Justice of the Supreme Court" concluded his charge:*

*"We further recommend that Materia Medica adopt Christian Science and that Health-laws, Mesmerism, Hypnotism, Oriental Witchcraft, and Esoteric Magic be publicly executed at the hands of our sheriff, Progress." S&H 441:20*

*What is happening today is not, but it is going back to a time that Mrs. Eddy had uncovered and destroyed with the Truth. Is this something that Christian Scientists want to repeat? As found in the Manual of the Mother Church, page 34:*

*"The BIBLE, together with SCIENCE AND HEALTH and other works by Mrs. Eddy, shall be his only textbooks for self-instruction in Christian Science, and for teaching and practising metaphysical healing."*

*There is no need to look to person, place or thing for our answers. We already have what is needed.*

*"The senses, not God, Soul, form the condition of beautiful evil, and the supposed modes of self-conscious matter, which make a beautiful lie. Now a lie takes its pattern from Truth, by reversing Truth. So evil and all its forms are inverted good. God never made them; but the lie must say He made them, or it would not be evil." Un 52:26*

*There are so many more things that could be included but to spare the reader the unhappy experience of reading it all, the author has given you an overview of what has happened in the last 92 years.*

*As the churches close their doors and Christian Science appears to be fading into yesteryear, we can only imagine what could have been had there been obedience to the Manual of the Mother Church. Who knows, maybe this was the way it was to end. Material organization has its place. In the end, we must all fulfil the instructions left by our Leader:*

Address before the Christian Scientist Association  
of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, in 1893

SUBJECT:  
*"Obedience"*

"However keenly the human affections yearn to forgive a mistake, and pass a friend over it smoothly, one's sympathy can neither atone for error, advance individual growth, nor change this immutable decree of Love: "Keep My commandments." The guerdon of meritorious faith or trustworthiness rests on being willing to work alone with God and for Him, — willing to suffer patiently for error until all error is destroyed and His rod and His staff comfort you." Mis 118:12