

## Closing Statements

*Strict obedience to the demands of Mary Baker Eddy's scientific covenant system has proved that the documentary evidence of every authentic utterance of the great Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, necessary to clear the way for Truth's advance, becomes available at the moment needed. Mrs. Eddy is the true Leader of Christian Science today, and the living Church she has founded will remain forever intact.*

### **Doom of the dragon**

From Genesis to the Apocalypse, sin, sickness, and death, envy, hatred, and revenge, — all evil, — are typified by a serpent, or animal subtlety. Jesus said, quoting a line from the Psalms, "They hated me without a cause." The serpent is perpetually close upon the heel of harmony. From the beginning to the end, the serpent pursues with hatred the spiritual idea. In Genesis, this allegorical, talking serpent typifies mortal mind, "more subtle than any beast of the field." In the Apocalypse, when nearing its doom, this evil increases and becomes the great red dragon, swollen with sin, inflamed with war against spirituality, and ripe for destruction. It is full of lust and hate, loathing the brightness of divine glory.

The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but "of his kingdom there shall be no end," for Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples — imperatively, absolutely, finally — with divine Science. This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman, will baptize with fire; and the fiery baptism will burn up the chaff of error with the fervent heat of Truth and Love, melting and purifying even the gold of human character. After the stars sang together and all was primeval harmony, the material lie made war upon the spiritual idea; but this only impelled the idea to rise to the zenith of demonstration, destroying sin, sickness, and death, and to be caught up unto God, — to be found in its divine Principle.

Science and Health, pages 564,565

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Enable us to know, as in heaven, so on earth,  
God is omnipotent, supreme.

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