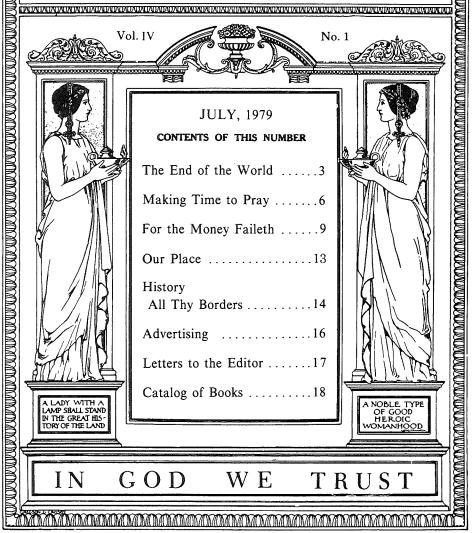
THE INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

"WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL _ WATCH" JESUS





A lady with a lamp shall stand

In the great history of our land

A noble type of good

Heroic womanhood.

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H EE \mathbf{N} D TH E W R D

The phrase "the end of the world" evokes different reactions,—generally indifference, sometimes interest, and often alarm. Scientific thought is never indifferent nor alarmed, so "come, let us reason together" on this issue.

What does the end of the world mean? Jesus said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, ... therefore the world hateth you. ... I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; ... I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

Our textbook says, "Ever since the foundation of the world, ... evil has tried to slay the Lamb." To the White Mountain Church Mrs. Eddy wrote, "the sword of the Spirit is drawn; nor will it be sheathed till Truth shall reign triumphant over the earth." In another letter she touches upon her warfare with the world in these words: "Difficulty, abnegation, constant battle against the world, the flesh, and evil, tell my long kept secret—evidence a heart wholly in protest and unutterable in love." Is the end of the world an occasion for dread or rejoicing?

A recent economic newsletter included some jingles of prophecy first published in England, circa 1485, some of which read:

> Through hills man shall ride, And no horse nor ass be at his side: Underwater man shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.

In the air men shall be seen In white, in black, in green; Gold shall be found 'mid stone, In a land that's now unknown.

The letter stated that thirteen of the fourteen prophecies set forth had come to pass, which (as they saw it) was enough, for the last forecast read:

And the world to an end shall come In nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

One reader turned to his encyclopedia and found reference to this prognostication, but was surprised to read that it ended, "The world to an end shall come. In eighteen hundred and eighty-one."

Of course! All fourteen predictions have been fulfilled. In *The Discovery of the Science of Man* is a chapter entitled "Malpractice Fully Fathomed" which quotes Mrs. Eddy as writing:

Because this error was so remote from the border land of metaphysical science we never fully fathomed its workings until the summer of 1880 . . .

Once malpractice was fully fathomed, our Leader wasted not a moment in making known the methods of evil and the remedy. It was the summer of 1881 that the world of evil received its death blow, for on the seventeenth of August in that year the third edition of Science and Health was published with its forty-six page chapter on "Demonology." One sentence from that chapter reads: "The solution of Salem witchcraft has come, and its remedy is metaphysics instead of a gibbet."

That was the end of the world! Has the world ended for you? Or does it still dangle enticements before your eyes? In 1883 when Mrs. Eddy began the Journal of Christian Science, she wrote, "The signs of these times portend a long and strong determination of mankind to cleave to the world, ... causing great obscuration of Spirit."

Mrs. Eddy determined the end of the world in 1881, but the determination rests with us as to whether we will follow our Leader and see the manifestation of her life's work, or forsake her leadership and let the world plunge us into another Dark Age. She told us in Miscellaneous Writings, "Divine Love ... pursues the evil that hideth itself, strips off its disguises," and "The wisdom of God, as revealed in Christian Science brings the serpent out of its hole."

Christian Science has exposed occultism, witchcraft, necromancy, and brought it out of hiding. Today victims of those practices are publicizing their means and methods which are shocking Christian people, even as forecast in Science and Health. As early as 1902, under the heading "Apathy to occultism," our textbook read, "The present apathy as to the tendency of certain active yet unseen mental agencies will finally be shocked into another extreme mortal mood."

Evil always endeavors to destroy its destroyer. If there were any witches in Salem, they were probably the first to incite people by screaming,

"Witch! witch!" while pointing an accusing finger at the innocent enquirer that she might be burned at the stake. The methods today are not much different. Thinkers who are influencing the present generation for good and who have probed into the realm of magic, depicting those activities for good and evil, (such as C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien) are accused of being, or rather labeled as being, members of the occult. These Christian men are not here to defend themselves, and for every serious reader who might challenge such accusations there are hundreds who will be misled by these occult claims. And what would occultism lead the people to do today? Burn such men at the stake? Yes, by burning their books!

This is only a prelude to the attack on Science and Health. If good Christian people can be misled into attacking and denouncing such dedicated Christians as C.S. Lewis, they will soon be told that Mary Baker Eddy was a witch and that all *her* books should be burned.

Will we stand by and let such things transpire, or will we "doff our lavender-kid zeal" and do something about it? To quote again from the third edition of Science and Health, "The solution of Salem witchcraft has come, and its remedy is metaphysics instead of a gibbet."

Are we devoting our thought to metaphysics, or is it lent largely to television and the world? Error has been found out, and our task is to see that it does not again close our eyes. We must insist upon the fulfillment of Mrs. Eddy's words "that error, when found out, is two-thirds destroyed, and the remaining third kills itself."

In 1883 when Mrs. Eddy wrote, "The signs of these times portend a long and strong determination of mankind to cleave to the world," she continued, "When we ... admit the total depravity of mortals, ... and that this Adam legacy must first be seen, and then must be subdued and recompensed by justice, ...— the outlook demands labor." Where does this labor begin? Always within our own consciousness. If I can heal myself of all error, my world must manifest that uplifed state of consciousness. In Jesus' words, "And I, if I be lifted up ... will draw all men unto me."

There is no better guide than the daily requirements of our Manual for self-purification.

First. "The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously." (Art. VIII, Sec. 1)

Second. "pray each day: 'Thy kingdom come;' let the reign of divine Truth, Life and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!" (Art. VIII, Sect. 4)

Third. "It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind." (Art. VIII, Sect. 6)

We must become our Leader's sentinel and Watch, that we neither

forget nor neglect to challenge every suggestion that comes to us. Every erroneous thought must be reversed and made to conform to the Science of being before it is accepted into consciousness. Only thus can we rule out all sin and "let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established" in consciousness. This divine state of consciousness is a present possibility. As we follow the examples set for us by Jesus and Mrs. Eddy the goal draws nearer. We see the desirability and possibility of saying in Jesus' words, "I have overcome the world."

M A K I N G T I M E

The study of Christian Science is the search for spiritual understanding. It is an educational process that progressively unfolds the deeper things of God. Through study and prayer, God's thoughts become your thoughts. God communicates with you subjectively through the unfoldment of spiritual ideas.

One of the first requirements for gaining this spiritual understanding is time,—large amounts of uncluttered, unpressured thinking time in which to be alone with God. A superficial grasp of this Science is possible through casual reading, but true understanding comes only as you make time and space in consciousness for the unfoldment of divine ideas. Spiritualization of thought comes when your mind is quiet, thoughtful, listening, receptive to the inner promptings of the "still, small voice." If you make metaphysics the focal point of thought several hours each day, you can soon experience a flow of ideas that counteract mortal beliefs and spiritualize consciousness. These ideas gradually strengthen into a body of divine intelligence that is the foundation of spiritual healing.

To gain such understanding, you first must make time for God and then you must approach this metaphysical work in the proper frame of mind. The mental capacity to concentrate long and hard on the abstract ideas of these metaphysics is a talent that must be cultivated. It is not an understanding that is compatible with an extremely active materialistic lifestyle. It is futile to try to cultivate spirituality through spasmodic snatches of time grabbed here and there in the midst of a hectic day.

It is difficult, under the best conditions, to discipline yourself to think in spiritual concepts. A mind filled with the activities and demands, the pressures and problems of a complex life cannot concentrate exclusively on spiritual things long enough to accomplish any lasting unfoldment. The excitement churned up by material existence is not turned off and on at will. You may open your books to study, but your frame of mind is chaotic. Almost involuntarily it rushes on making plans, outlining new projects or problems, rehashing old ones, mentally conversing or arguing with others, thinking of things that must be seen or said or bought or done.

The daily stimulation of television, newspapers, books, and movies, as well as other forms of modern communication, intrudes upon the mind and prevents steady concentration. Involvement in family obligations and church duties, and endless other diversions, all pull your thought away from this spiritual work. You may go through the motions of studying, but if you cannot let go of your preoccupation with the world, your mind will continue to cover the same mental terrain in a mechanistic pattern day after day. The same thought-patterns will persist because there is no spiritual unfoldment to change them. Before thought can be spiritualized, you must provide the time and space in consciousness for it to take place.

This seems like such a simple point to make and yet the excuses and reasons for not finding the time today for study and prayer are endless. As examples, the home situation is not favorable to study. Our family and work demand all our time. We need companionship. Instead of withdrawing from the world for inspiration we should get out and let our light shine, mortal mind argues. We need diversion and relaxation in hobbies, sports, and entertainment. The world holds this concept ever before us as the norm. Creative pastimes such as painting, writing, music, etc., are enriching and fulfilling but cannot fill the spiritual void within. Work in civic and social organizations, and especially the church are all necessary to forward these organizations and help those in need, but cannot take the place of time alone with God. Sometimes it seems to us our problems are so demanding or overwhelming that we can't turn away from them long enough to learn the truth that will heal them.

These excuses all seem legitimate. However, God's ideas do not unfold in human activities, relationships, or trials. Until you make time for God. the discord and limitation of mortal existence will remain. I dwell on this point,— making thinking time for yourself, because all spiritual progress begins here. Even under the best circumstances, the spiritualization of thought is neither quick nor easy. The great spiritual leaders of the past spent long periods of their lifetime alone with God in preparation for their work. Moses was alone with his thoughts for forty years before leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Christ Jesus listened for God's voice in the wilderness and the mountains. Mrs. Eddy found this same quiet thinking time in the hills of New England. What were they doing in these years of solitude? Isn't it possible that they were thinking, praying, struggling with the boundaries of their own minds until they pressed through the material limitations within and saw the universe of God's creating? Each of them told of the need to let go of the world in order to gain spirituality. Moses said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deut. 6:5) Christ Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon ... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matt. 6:24, 33) and Mrs. Eddy wrote in Science and Health, "A great sacrifice of material things must precede this advanced spiritual understanding." (p. 16)

If you desire spiritual understanding, then you must work to achieve it and this means sacrificing the material things that deprive you of enough time for prayer and study. By screening out unnecessary commitments, by giving up things you want to do and going without things you want to have, your life can be simplified to the point where it contains an adequate amount of thinking time. Your mental state is quiet. You can concentrate on divine metaphysics and listen from within for God's voice.

When you sacrifice worldly things for this spiritual work, you will soon notice a change in your thinking and your life. In this quiet time, spiritual ideas unfold that heal and protect you from sickness, disease, accidents, and the chaotic, disturbing limiting situations that fill your day to day life with struggle and frustration. This prayerful work unfolds answers to problems that appear to have no solution. It prevents the antichrist influences so abundant in world consciousness today from entering your thoughts. It destroys the ungodlike elements that already seem to be there. And it pours into your life more good than any human plan or work could hope to accomplish.

I can give an example of the healing power of this work in an experience of my own that took place a number of years ago. It seems as though I had always had a very nervous disposition. So much so that I found it difficult to be still for any length of time. I seemed driven constantly to be busy at some kind of work. Underlying this incessant activity was a feeling of excitement and insecurity that made me up-tight about everything.

Because of my love for Christian Science, I began disciplining myself to give some time each day to reading and work for myself. At this time, my children were very small and the only time I had was a few hours in the evening, and so as often as I could, I used this time for study. One night I read an article in The Christian Science Sentinel that told of God's love for man. As I read it, the idea came to me that in the whole of God's universe there was not one critical thought. In God's relationship to man, and in all true relationships between men and women, there was no conflict, no criticism, no disapproval. The law of Love was the one Principle underlying all real existence. As this idea unfolded, a strong feeling of God's love for me gave me a new sense of peace and tranquility. I felt very quiet, secure, and loved. When this change in consciousness stayed and grew stronger, I realized that I had been healed of the belief of nervousness. In analyzing this healing, I saw that the nervousness was the result of a long-standing fear of criticism. I had not been consciously aware of this fear before, and I certainly had not related it to the nervousness. Yet, when the mental cause was destroyed with a spiritual idea, the outward manifestation disappeared. No human reasoning or effort could have uncovered this hidden belief and destroyed it as effectively as did the truth that came in this quiet time I spent thinking about God.

Such healings are available to all of us here today. When you discipline yourself to shut out the endless diversions that would usurp this time, refuse to make excuses for neglecting this work, and overcome a feeling of

guilt because you do not appear to be busily engaged in some "productive work", then spiritualization of thought can begin in earnest. Others may not understand this consecration to God, but you cannot be concerned with this. What greater love can you have for the world than to come out from it and spiritualize your own thinking enough to heal it?

As you establish enough time for study and prayer, you can give order and direction to this work to insure that it brings about healing results.

From Scientific Prayer
By Ann Beals

FOR THE MONEY FAILETH

"When money failed in the land of Egypt, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph." Why did all the Egyptians go unto Joseph? I think we all know that Joseph had foreseen the design of the enemy and had prepared against its effect. But why did the money fail? If we can learn why the money failed in Egypt, we will have found the cause of money failure anywhere and at any time. Study history for a key to understanding the present. A second key equally as valuable is this: Study the present to understand history.

The cause of money failure is not easily found, because a majority of the books on money, finance, banking, economics, history, and civilization do not look for this cause, if, indeed, they even mention the circumstance. But a few authors have probed and found that at the basis of every great nation was a sound economy. They have also found every economic collapse or declining nation involved with fiat money, inflation, and wage and price controls. Each generation thinks it is modern and its ideas novel. When our congressmen begin discussing wage and price controls as a means of curbing inflation, how many of them will realize that they are considering the legislation of declining Rome or the decrees of ancient Egypt?

The following notice and story were in the June 4, 1969 issue of the Myers' Finance Review. "While this letter is copyrighted, in this instance it is hereby authorized: Any person may reproduce ... any quantity; and distribute as far and wide as may be desired— WITHOUT LIMIT."

"The case was in Justice Court, Township of Credit River; Martin V. Mahoney, Justice. In the State of Minnesota, County of Scott; plaintiff First National Bank of Montgomery, and defendant Jerome Daly. The bank had loaned \$14,000 to Jerome Daly, which had not been paid, and it moved to secure possession of the property in a trial by jury. The jury unanimously rejected the plaintiff on the grounds that it admitted it had created the money out of nothing, and that it knew of no law that allowed it to create money. Therefore there was no consideration. The mortgage was declared null and void—Dec. 9, 1968.

"The bank went to appeal in the DISTRICT Court and offered two paper dollars as the standard fee to the Justice of the Peace to transfer the case. Justice Mahoney refused the two dollar bills on the grounds they were not money and he was not required under the State of Minnesota to accept them. However, he invited the bank to a hearing to show cause how they could claim the two paper dollars was money under the law. The bank didn't show up.

"The strongest point of this case is that the bank would rather give up \$14,000 than be required to prove that Federal Reserve notes are money. They dropped the case, undoubtedly hoping the news would go no further. Appeal was denied Feb. 4, 1969.

"They may claim the Justice of the Peace Court is a low court and carries no precedent in law. But here we have the greatest PRECEDENT IN FACT. Jerome Daly defied the Federal Reserve system of the U.S. to claim real property on a mortgage. They have not been able to claim it. Justice Mahoney has defied the Federal Reserve system to force him to accept Federal Reserve notes as money under the constitution of the U.S. and they have abdicated and run away from this challenge."

Does the foregoing mean that our money has failed? Whether the answer is yes or no depends upon what we have accepted as money. Gold and silver have never failed, and every sound economy has used gold or silver or both for its money. Whereever and whenever money has failed, it has always been fiat money.

What is fiat money? The dictionary defines it as paper currency made legal tender by fiat or law, not backed by gold or silver, and containing no promise of redemption. Could such money be used as the basis for a sound economy? The framers of our Constitution thought not, for they provided in the very first Article, Section 10: "No State shall ... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." Note the word coin.

The Minnesota Constitution states that the legislature has no power to pass any law ... suspending 'specie' payments. What are specie payments? Specie is coin; copper, silver, or gold coined and used as a circulating medium of commerce. Is it our money that has failed or is failing? No, it is we who have failed to maintain the integrity of the money our founding fathers provided.

A letter recently received pictured the apathy on this issue stating that when you point out the valuelessness and illegality of our present paper currency, the immediate response is: "Well, I"ll take all I can get;" and if you point up the inevitable, the resort is: "It can't happen here." The author of the financial review before quoted deplored this attitude of shrugging off or laughing at solid evidence and quoted another who said, "They laughed at Noah every day it didn't rain." The voice in St. John's vision said, "Come out of her my people, ... that ye receive not of her plagues" which shall "come in one day."

We have a choice before us, and the choice is as simple as this: we can either do something or we can do nothing and let history repeat itself. If we laugh and shrug, we shall do nothing, but if we heed the Biblical instruction to "come out of her," we shall begin doing something by separating ourselves from the system designed to destroy earth's civilizations. Our founding fathers separated themselves from this ancient system. and that is why America was known as The New World. They built a solid foundation for us by establishing a sound economy together with the legal tool for maintaining it. To this end they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, and then had to fight a desperate war in which many lost their lives and fortunes. But they lost not their sacred honor, and they gave to their posterity freedom, a sound economy, and a safeguard for both. That safeguard of our freedom and economy is tattered from abuse and rusty from disuse, but it is still with us. We need only dust off the Constitution, study it, and apply it.

To return to money failure,—as with any other disease or malfunction, this must be met scientifically. With a bodily disorder the malfunction or failure to function points up the necessity for correction. How is this necessary correction made? Most metaphysical practice begins with a negative, because the average student of Science is not very diligent until something goes wrong. We begin at this wrong point, whatever it might be, and work backward. How glorious our lives and our heavenly planet will be when we start educating our children scientifically that they might start from a positive standpoint and work forward.

Then will we begin to discover the thrill, the magnitude, and potential of scientific being and use our textbook as a textbook and a dictionary instead of merely as a medicine to rub onto our wounds. But this marvelous textbook provides instruction for all states and stages. When we find ourselves faced with a disorder or failure we must work backward by first resolving things into thoughts. There is no effect without a cause, and all cause is mental. The cause of the malfunction is an error of belief.

The next step is the most important one. Everything means something. Even an error of belief is a reversal or lie or mistake about some truth of being, and it is the truth back of the belief that must be understood and established. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The failure of money is to be met just as you would meet any bodily disorder or failure, because it is a bodily disorder. The body of man is not physique. It "is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas." If man includes all right ideas, then money is as much man as is head or heart.

My body is not mortal nor limited. It is the embodiment of all right ideas, the image and likeness of God, and as such it is not subject to failure. My money is a God idea because God is the only cause and creator. My money is substantial because God is all substance and the only substance. My money is established by law, the law of Spirit which is omnipotent and irrevocable. As a God idea money is indispensable; it is a truth to be learned and wisely used. It cannot be hoarded, manipulated, nor misused. Can anyone hoard, manipulate or misuse God? It is just as impossible to hoard or manipulate a God-idea.

It is the error of belief about money that says a human government can create it by fiat and cause inflation and failure. The founders of our republic provided protection against this erroneous belief by prohibiting, in the supreme law of the land, the use of any Thing but gold and silver coin as money. And in these United States we pledge allegiance to this republic, one nation, under God.

In Mrs. Eddy's Message for 1900 she said: "Certain elements in human nature would undermine the...laws of nations and peoples, ... History shows that error repeats itself until it is exterminated." The error about money, the belief that it can fail, has repeated itself again and again throughout the history of the world as nation after nation, civilization after civilization has succumbed to this belief. But the time has come for this error to be exterminated from the face of the earth.

In Miscellany we read: "Now what have you learned? The mystery of godliness—God made 'manifest in the flesh,' seen of men, and spiritually understood; and the mystery of iniquity—how to separate the tares from the wheat, that they consume in their own fires and no longer kindle altars for human sacrifice."

Let us end human sacrifice, end the repetition of error and the failure of money. These United States of America are one nation, under God; and under God's law the money faileth not.

> From Principle and Practice By Doris Grekel

O U R P L A C E

I believe that God has given to every one a place, and in this harmonious creation there is no void,— nothing left out, nothing lacking,— so we may as well try to breathe without air, or think without mind, as to think we can rotate out of the divine order of being, or take any place other than our own. Others may try to unsurp us; they may try to be like us; they may move earth, and apparently heaven, to gain our position; but when God has placed us there, we are there, and naught can move us out of this our rightful inheritance.

If this were understood, many warfares would cease; envy and jealousy be exchanged for the peaceful gleams of joy and gratitude; and, mingling with the light of love, would bring to man new health and happiness,—yea, Life immortal.

We never see the stars vieing for each other's places, nor the sun and moon at variance; nor have we seen a Paul take Peter's place, or John the place of our Master, or vice versa. Each fills its own, her own, his own place, whether they have knowledge of it or not; and I, for one, would be content in the sweet consciousness that I have a place with Thee, eternal Love; and however grand or great, humble or small, I am of thy creation; therefore thine.

PIONEER

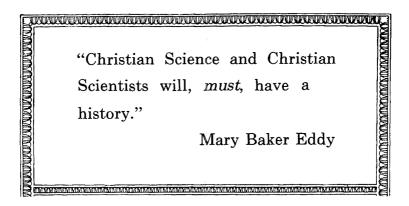
From Journal of Christian Science December, 1883

The False Argument of Being Too Busy

We say we are too busy— to do what? To be decided. Too busy to give attention to Christian Science; too busy to love, too busy to establish the kingdom of heaven within; too busy for the Mind, which means Truth and Life; too busy with sin, sickness and death, with that which means sin and sorrow. But Christian Scientists are either being saved or not being saved. Christian Science, if it means anything, means salvation already achieved.

From Teaching and Addresses of Edward A. Kimball, C.S.D.

HISTORY



ALL THY BORDERS

Oh thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

Isaiah 54:11-12

The miniature of Mrs. Eddy pictured on page 15 has a border "of pleasant stones." When she presented this to a student, the tempest-tossed years of affliction and poverty were passed. In 1897 she had written in the preface to *Miscellaneous Writings*, "With tender tread, thought sometimes walks in memory, through the dim corridors of years, on to old battlegrounds, there sadly to survey the fields of the slain and the enemy's losses." In 1898 our Leader presented this miniature in a setting of forty diamonds to her beloved student, Augusta E. Stetson.

"THY BORDERS OF PLEASANT STONES"



Mary Baker Eddy

This miniature of Mrs. Eddy, in a setting of forty diamonds, was presented by her to Mrs. Stetson in 1898.

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I am one hundred per cent in agreement with Christian Science as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, as exemplified in her life and works, and as put forth in her book. Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-annointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a "special offense" to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Article XI, Section 12). And I am in agreement with the demand of her Church that a member shall not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (Article XII, Section 2). I further aver that I do not practise or teach Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in Mrs. Eddy's last copyrighted edition of Science and Health.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last February complimentary copies of *The Independent Christian Scientist* were sent to all fifty states. Following are excerpts from a few of the numerous responses we have received:

On Guard

Oh how grateful I am— our two ladies, back on the cover of "The Independent Christian Scientist" Sentinel.

Thank you and Thank you again and again.

Sincerely, Mrs. Alice Strong Sandusky, Ohio

Platform for Understanding

We do appreciate so very much having the platform part of my letter brought out in *The Independent Christian Scientist*. The complete presentation of "A Platform for Understanding" was beautifully done. I am truly grateful to you for this gift to "me and mine and all."

Yours in Light and Love, Carl Lundstrom, C.S. Saratoga, California

Thank You in Four Languages

You darling Western People! What a refreshing "Conplimentary Copy" you sent me of The Independent Christian Scientist. Beautiful, with the "Heroic Lady" back again. Indeed, "In God We Trust."

Thank you! Mahalo nui loa! Mange Tak! Danke Schön! Love is the liberator. Nothing attempted, nothing accomplished.

Aloha,

(Name withheld by request)

Purity Refreshing

Again and again, I hear nothing but compliments about your catalog. ... I am so happy over this. ... One thing that I think makes it so lovely is that the choice of books is only the very best of Science things. That is what I liked about it from the first. There is a purity about it that is so refreshing. I hope it will always be like that!

Ann Beals Pasadena, California

CATALOG OF BOOKS

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Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures\$15.00 (Mary Baker Eddy) 6" by 9"; brown cloth

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Mary Baker Eddy Retrospection and Introspection

The books listed below have been found to be helpful and of interest to serious students of Christian Science. We feel that all of our authors write honestly, and cite, and quote deferentially from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

An American Dictionary of the English Language .\$15.00 Shipping 1.75

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An exact reproduction, unabridged, of Noah Webster's famous 1828 edition and handsomely bound in one volume. This was the dictionary in use when Mrs. Eddy wrote Science and Health.

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