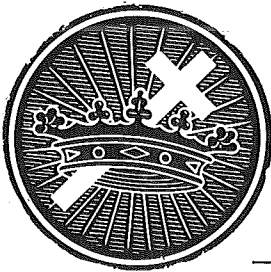


A lady with a lamp shall stand  
 In the great history of the land  
 A noble type of good  
 Heroic womanhood.

LONGFELLOW



OUR COVER design is a reproduction of Mrs. Eddy's cover for Science and Health as it appeared in 1908. Previous issues have included Mrs. Eddy's original Christian Science seal as it first appeared on Science and Health beginning with the third edition in 1881 and continued to appear on all editions of Science and Health until she allowed her students to change it in the spring of 1908.



This is her original cross and crown design. Human opinion changed it somewhat although the wording in the border remained the same—“HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS.”

Her embossed border design of four's, seven's, and twelve's remained the same on Science and Health through 1910.

#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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| S&H - <i>Science and Health</i>  | Man - <i>Manual of The Mother Church</i>        |
| Hea - <i>Christian Healing</i>   | Pan - <i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i> |
| Mis - <i>Miscellaneous Writings</i>  | Peo - <i>The People's Idea of God</i>           |
| No - <i>No and Yes</i>   | Ret - <i>Retrospection and Introspection</i>    |
| Pul - <i>Pulpit and Press</i>  | Rud - <i>Rudimental Divine Science</i>          |
| Un - <i>Unity of Good</i>  | Chr - <i>Christ and Christmas</i>               |
| Po - <i>Poems</i>  |   |
| My - <i>The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany</i>                |   |
| '00 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1900</i>                             |   |
| '01 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1901</i>                             |   |
| '02 - <i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1902</i>                             |   |
| DCC - <i>Divinity Course and General Collectanea</i>                             |   |
| EOF - <i>Essays and Other Footprints</i>   |   |
| 7th Day - <i>Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day</i>                    |   |
| CCT - <i>Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings</i> |   |
| Dis - <i>The Discovery of the Science of Man</i>                                 |   |
| Found - <i>The Founding of Christian Science</i>                                 |   |
| TFL - <i>The Forever Leader</i>  |   |

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“WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL — WATCH” JESUS

The individual Christian Scientist *is* the Christian Science sentinel.



Mary Baker Eddy

The frontispiece in *Science and Health* as Mrs. Eddy left it in 1910 except that her name was written in her own handwriting, was her signature.

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And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity,  
and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be  
removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see  
thy teachers. — *Isaiah*

# THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

"IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL"— Mary Baker Eddy

## GOD THE ONLY POWER

Joyellen Reaves

ALMOST everything in our house and life today is electrified. How many homes and businesses come to a complete stop when the power (flow of electricity) ceases? Electricity was not an integral part of the lives of people when Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science. Their homes, shops, and streets were lit by lanterns. Heating and cooking were done with burnable fuel or steam heat. But our Leader learned mortal mind's claim that electricity was power. She tells us in her writings that before her discovery of Christian Science she had investigated electricity as a remedial agent. Today it is used often in medical practice. Quimby told her that the manipulation of his patients conveyed electricity. Although she never used this method herself, in her earliest teachings Mrs. Eddy instructed her students when treating to rub the head of their patient. (EOF 197) As she became aware of the true nature of this manipulation she had her loyal students delete this instruction from their lesson notes and required them to cease that practice.

### Resistance

In the April, 1887 Journal appeared an item explaining its late appearance. "...a peculiar hindrance

arose. This was in the electricity developed in the paper on which the Journal is printed. None of the printers...had ever known a case of such strong electric attraction. It seriously retarded the work, by causing the sheets to adhere tenaciously and annoyingly to each other." (Dis 352) This explains why in later years she constantly directed the members of her household to handle electricity, especially in relation to the electrical storms which occurred frequently around Pleasant View.

When James Gilman was having a very difficult time getting decent plates for the pictures for *Christ and Christmas*, Mrs. Eddy told him of the problems encountered in the publication of *Science and Health*. She told him, "I know the source from which it comes. It is theosophy...It works in the form of electricity, but it has no power." (Found 147-8)

### Electrical Poison

No wonder Mrs. Eddy frequently instructed her household to know that there is no theosophy, and to handle electricity. When Lewis Strang was interviewing a prospective maid, she told him to ask her how she handled electricity. What is the claim of electricity and electro-magnetism that Mrs. Eddy knew must be handled constantly? She includes electro-magnetism in the list of errors of animal magnetism with which she said she started her handling of error. (DCC 255) She tells us that electricity or electro-magnetism claims to attack the nerve centers and to emit poison— arsenical poison. She asked a student, "Do you understand the handling of electrical poisoning? It is mental thought transference with malice behind it— with an intent to harm. Mortal mind sends its messages without wires. It is aggressive mental suggestion maliciously directed." (DCC xiii) We can understand why she was persistent in requesting that her students constantly handle theosophy and electricity. We must ask ourselves Are we doing our work in this area? Are we arresting the aggressive mental suggestions that bombard our consciousness. "Watch, and pray daily that evil suggestions, in whatever guise, take no root in your thought nor bear fruit." (My 128:30) This is a command.

### **Basis of Matter**

One definition of electricity is "a fundamental property of matter." Webster defines fundamental as "basis, principle, law or article which serves as the groundwork of a system; essential part." His definition of property is "a characteristic quality of a thing." Electricity then is a basic characteristic of matter. Electro-magnetism is defined as "magnetism developed by electricity."

Today we see the evidence of electricity or electro-magnetism operating with and without wires, with tremendous force, and not always for good. In our textbook it states that the table-tipping produced by mortal mind was believed to come from electricity, a far cry from what electricity claims it can do today. (280:24) What is this but the belief of mortal mind mimicking the power and presence of divine Mind.

### **Ripe for Destruction**

Science and Health tells us that the more closely error simulates truth the riper it is for destruction. It is interesting to note that this paragraph follows immediately the one in which our Leader points out what wicked minds will try to do "during this final conflict." She tells us here what our responsibilities are as Christian Scientists— "to hold crime in check...aid in the ejection of error...maintain law and order and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection." (p. 97) Obviously as sincere students of our Leader we have a job to do in handling this "basic characteristic of matter." This belief of all-powerful electricity is ripe for destruction.

How do we go about handling this claim? Is electricity power or is God the only power? When the electricity ceases to flow, it is said that we are without power. Yes, the belief in power other than the one omnipotence has ceased. But divine power is omnipresent. In what Mrs. Eddy called the second scientific statement of being we are told that the starting point in divine Science is the allness of God. If God fills all space, where is matter? It is no where, no thing! If electricity serves as the groundwork of the system of matter, it is our job to see what the real power is and strike at the root or basis, the

belief that there is matter— operating as electricity. "There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God." (S&H 228:25)

### Translation

Our Leader tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "Matter is a misstatement of Mind." Also, that Jesus' "earthly mission was to translate substance into its original meaning, Mind." (pp. 174, 74) Everything means something, so we do not eliminate, we translate. It is the belief that matter exists and that there is a power other than God that needs to be seen through. We must translate power back to Mind. Then it can never be destructive and can never cease. It is Mind manifested. Therefore it can never be interfered with or be less than infinite good. God is all. There is none beside Him. As we realize this fact we see it expressed.



Daniel did not eliminate the lions. He saw them as the perfect idea of God, the true lion that will lie down with the lamb. The only power is God, and is omnipresent, omnipotent good.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* our Leader tells us that electricity is governed by the law of mortal mind. Then to



handle properly the claim of electricity or electro-magnetism we must eliminate from our consciousness the belief in a law or power or mind apart from God. "Either there is no omnipotence, or omnipotence is the only power." (S&H 249:13)

### **No Other gods**

When we "insist vehemently" that God, good, is the only law, the only power, the only presence we are striking at the root or basis of matter— electricity. The first statement of the Christian Scientist's Prayer is "There is no matter." If we are *knowing* this we are laying the axe at the root of the belief of electricity or electro-magnetism. Remember it is defined as "the fundamental property of matter." There is no matter. "All is infinite Mind."

"Mind is the only source of power. Thought is the only force. Therefore those who have turned to the fountainhead of being for the solution of any problem, have brought such titanic force into intelligent activity that the results may seem incredible." (DCC 217)



## **"MOTHER'S CHURCH" IS RISEN!**

Gail M. Weatherbe

WHEN Mary Baker Eddy rose above the earthly scene in 1910, her Church rose with her. She had used the "visible" church to heal and preach and teach Christ's divine Science, or Christian Science, even as Jesus did. In 1910 she rose, and her Church rose with her.

### **A Pure Theocracy**

Mary Baker Eddy had been preparing for this hour for many years, during which she had written the many "estoppels" in her Church by-Laws forbidding the Board of Directors from making the many administrative decisions that required her approval, conference, or consent "given in her own handwriting." Mary Baker Eddy was the sole

administrator of her visible Church. Her Church was a pure theocracy; it was ruled by God. When our Leader was no longer visible, her Church was no longer visible.

### **Two Deeds of Trust**

In 1892 Mrs. Eddy wrote her Deed of Trust for the visible church, which Deed would govern her church when she was no longer visible. In 1898, she also wrote a Deed of Trust for the Christian Science Publishing Society, which, again, would govern the publishing of Christian Science literature when she was no longer visible. These two Deeds of Trust— the one for the Board of Directors of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the other for the Trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, also in Boston, Massachusetts— would govern the visible church and publishing society of the visible church. "Mother's Church" rose with our Leader in 1910.

"Mother's Church" is "universal" and "triumphant." It is a wholly spiritual organization, built on a wholly spiritual foundation, "than which there is no other." It is not "visible." Mother's Church is "whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle." It is a wholly spiritual idea— "the structure of Truth and Love." It is not visible; but must be visibly expressed by all who love our Leader, by all who are genuine Christian Scientists.

### **One School**

Mother's Church is "the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life." There are no diverse "schools of thought" in Mother's Church. In *Rudimental Divine Science* our Leader says:

In reality there is, and can be, but one school of the Science of Mind-healing. Any departure from Science is an irreparable loss of Science. Whatever is said and written correctly on this Science originates from the Principle and practice laid down in Science and Health, a work which I published in 1875. ...A slight divergence is fatal in Science.

In her Textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, she asks: "Is there more than one school of Christian Science?" She answers, "Christian Science is demonstrable. There can, therefore, be but one method in its teaching." She adds that any departure is some "system of human opinions" and that "although these systems may have occasional gleams of divinity, borrowed from that truly divine Science which eschews man-made systems, they nevertheless remain wholly human in their origin and tendency and are not scientifically Christian."

### **Christian Science**

#### **As Taught By Mary Baker Eddy**

In her 1892 Deed of Trust for the Board of Directors of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mrs. Eddy states that this Board can permit in the church under their jurisdiction, no "preaching or other religious services which shall not be consonant and in strict harmony with the doctrines and practice of Christian Science as taught and explained by Mary Baker G. Eddy in...her book entitled SCIENCE AND HEALTH." In the Deed of Trust for the Trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society, in Boston, Massachusetts, she says that the "purpose" of the Publishing Society is to more effectually promote and extend "the religion of Christian Science as taught by me [Mary Baker Eddy]."

In her Church By-Laws, our Leader says that "Sometimes she may strengthen the faith by a written text as no one else can." She is our Leader and Teacher. She is the Teacher of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, which is now invisible. It has risen with our Leader. She warns of "schisms in our Church [Mother's Church] and the possible loss, for a time, of Christian Science." This is a warning against any "slight divergence," in the teaching of Christian Science, which, she says, "is fatal." She continues: "Members of this Church [Mother's Church] shall not unite with organizations which impede their progress in Christian Science. God requires our whole heart, and he supplies within the wide channels of The Mother Church [Mother's Church] dutiful and sufficient occupation for all its members."

### Leader Must Be Recognized

Mary Baker Eddy warns, under "Working Against the Cause": "If a member of this Church shall, mentally or otherwise, persist in working against the interests...of our Pastor Emeritus and the accomplishment of what she understands is advantageous to this Church [Mother's Church] and to the Cause of Christian Science, or shall influence others thus to act," — they may be removed. She also warns against "treat[ing] the author of our textbook disrespectfully and cruelly;" against "unjust and unmerciful conduct" towards our Leader; and against "represent[ing] falsely to or of the Leader and Pastor Emeritus [Mary Baker Eddy]."

Mrs. Eddy summarizes in her Church By-Laws: "Whenever God calls a member to bear testimony to Truth and to defend the Cause of Christ, he shall do it with love and without fear." And, under "Alertness to Duty," she concludes: "It shall be the duty of every member of this Church [Mother's 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. By his works he shall be judged,— and justified or condemned."

The above is submitted for your most loving and thoughtful consideration.

"I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight." —Christ Jesus

"I do always those things that please Him." —Christ Jesus

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Mr. Kimball 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." (DCC 252)

Are you a member of the Mother's Church? If so, you should be aware of her instruction: "The Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and my other published works, are the only proper instructors for this hour. It shall be the duty of all Christian Scientists to circulate and to sell as many of these books as they can." [Found 296]



## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND THE SUBJECTIVE NATURE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Bicknell Young

ONE cannot accept fear and hate as cause and ever be free from them or their effects any more than one can accept disease as effect and ever be free from it or its cause. The diseases and tragedies of our world can never be disposed of scientifically so long as we accept them as the effect of false thinking; they are mortal mind, finite sense, which is neither cause nor effect but mesmerism. (See S&H 301:24-29)

To accept hate, envy, worry, fear as the cause of physical ills and endeavor to help ourselves and others overcome these so-called sinful characteristics so that health may result, is mental quackery and is doing no more for humanity than our modern physicians are doing. Medical clinics are established today for the correction of faulty and disordered thinking. Many people are under the impression that Christian Science practice is the correction of thought, and following this method has often resulted in great disappointment and sorrow, when earnest, conscientious people have failed to get a healing.

Christian Science is the Science of the one Mind and teaches the self-destruction of the suppositional absence of Mind, or mortal mind, and not its correction or healing; although what appears when Mind is present as individual

consciousness is the correction or healing of mortal mind (really its disappearance). Endeavoring to overcome hate, worry, envy, while still believing that we are human beings with a mind that can hate, be envious or worried, and thus make us ill, is not Christian Science. The only sin is believing in and practising from the standpoint of two minds. If, through mental discipline, human efforts, will power, blind faith, emotional or religious ecstasy, one overcomes apparent hate, envy, worry, the basic error has not been touched, and a sense of health has been obtained only because of a change in emotional balance.



## BELOVED ONE

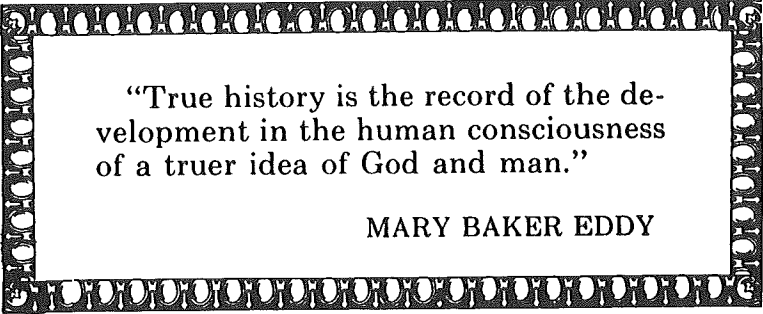
### RECOGNIZING GOD'S WITNESS

James Gilman first met Mary Baker Eddy in December of 1892. He had received letters from her and been a guest in her home Pleasant View several times before he saw the real Mrs. Eddy for the first time on February 12, 1893. Following that glimpse of reality he penned in his diary:

I trust I may never forget that vision of God. It made me feel that I had but one purpose in life, and that to labor to bring this realization of the Beloved One to the understanding of mankind. I asked her if there was not something I could do to relieve her of some of the burden she felt. Immediately she answered; "Yes, three times daily seek consecration to Christ's work," which I promised I would do. [Found 121]

James Gilman's consecration to Christ's work is visible in his illustrations for *Christ and Christmas* which are helping "to bring this realization of the Beloved One to the understanding of mankind."

# H I S T O R Y



“True history is the record of the development in the human consciousness of a truer idea of God and man.”

MARY BAKER EDDY

## HEALING AND REGENERATION

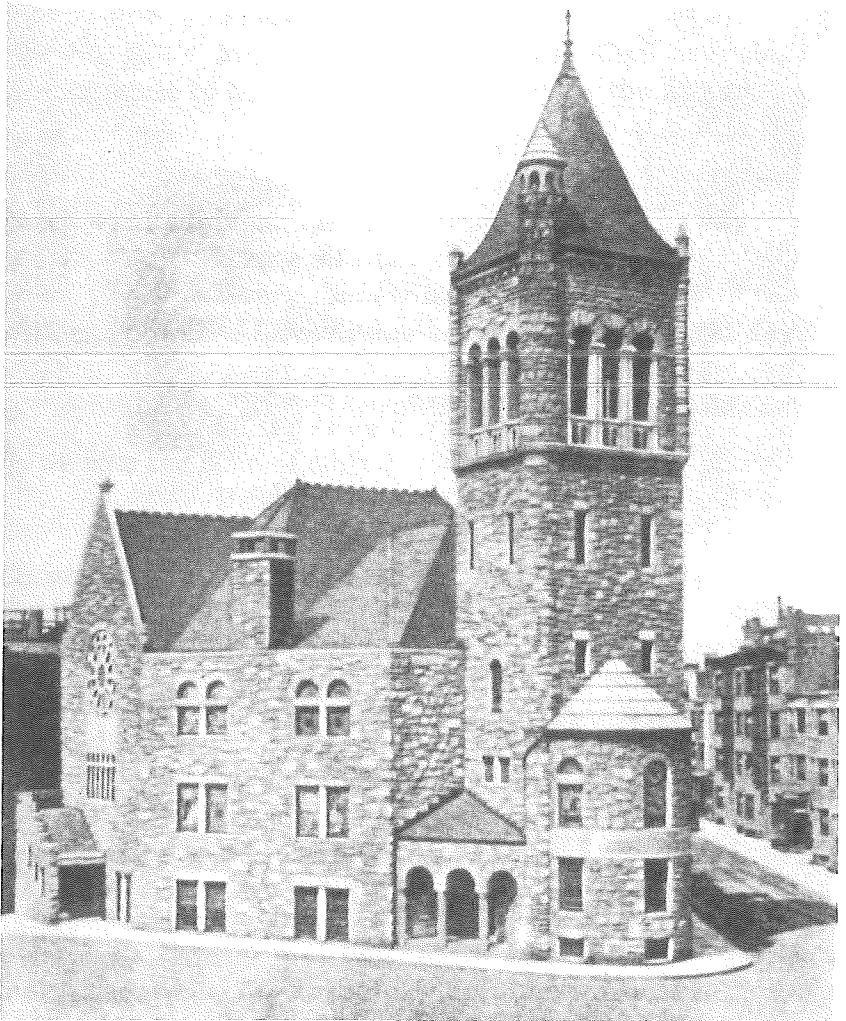
THERE was a man, not a young man, visiting a friend in Boston at the New Year season in 1896. Most likely his family was most grateful for this visit, because this dear man had been a pronounced invalid for many long years and during that time had grown so irritable that it was almost unbearable to live with him.

### **The Chimes**

On the morning of the first Sunday in January he heard chimes playing and asked his friend to which church they belonged. It was the newly built Christian Science church (the original Mother Church) completed just a year earlier, and his friend said that worshipers in that church claimed to heal the sick. Though unable to walk without support, the man took his canes and made his way to the service.

### **Healing**

The invalid stranger was unaware of the thrill and delight felt by the rest of the congregation that morning, for unexpectedly their Leader entered her church and spoke



### THE CHURCH WITH THE CHIMES

The Original Mother Church As It Appeared in 1896



from the pulpit for the second (and last) time. It was Communion Sunday, and her words were much as they appear in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p. 120). Even as her brother in Galilee, Mrs. Eddy's presence and her words were healing. Several who were present on January 5, 1896 reported physical healing. Perhaps she had just said, "...the cup to which I call your attention,— even the cup of martyrdom: wherein Spirit and matter, good and evil, seem to grapple, and the human struggles against the divine, up to a point of discovery; namely, the impotence of evil, and the omnipotence of good, as divinely attested." —when the visiting stranger felt that he was healed. He was back at his friend's house before realizing that he had left his canes behind.

But that is not the end of the story. The visitor was not only healed physically, he was regenerated.

### His Story

Some months later, a man long connected with a bank in New York City went into the office of the vice-president, whom he found in an almost dazed condition, and who asked the question, "Do you know anything about Christian Science?" "Yes, but why do you ask?" The vice-president responded: "Because an old friend of mine, a man I have known for years, has just been here, and he told me what seems to me to be a miracle. This man had been a pronounced invalid for years and had grown so irritable that his family could scarcely live with him. He was unable to walk without support. Last January he was visiting in Boston not far from the Christian Science Church there. Sunday morning, hearing the chimes, he asked to what church they belonged. On being informed that it was the Christian Science Church, and that the worshipers in that church claimed to heal the sick, he went to the service. He said he had not been there long when a woman came in who was announced as Mrs. Eddy, and she gave a talk. She had not talked long, until all of a sudden he felt that he was healed. He did not miss his canes until after he reached the house of his friend. The next day he bought *Science and Health*, a book written by the same Mrs. Eddy who spoke in the church. Since then he has been an ardent student of

that book. This is his story, and I don't believe even he realizes the transformation that has taken place in him. I assure you I never saw so great a change in any person. His face was radiant with health and happiness and for two hours he has talked on Christian Science. I did not know he could be so enthusiastic on anything." (Found 273-4)

Our Leader's presence and her words were healing. If we are following our Leader, our presence and our words should be healing, too. "Thus may each member of this church rise above the oft-repeated inquiry, What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing." (My 165:18) Mrs. Eddy's words on Love will help us to follow in her footsteps:

### **Love**

"I walk the earth in the atmosphere of Love which holds me in spiritual gravitation. The Love that I reflect repels every error of mortal mind, for Love is the only law and Love is all activity. Love fills all channels and expels all error. Love purifies, inspires, protects, and satisfies.

"Love contains, Love maintains, Love sustains. Love does liberate, unbind, unseal, and deliver; naught can hinder Love. Love does supply with perfect freedom; Love does furnish, provide, adorn with great liberty. Love does glow, warm, shine, light with its rays of glory.

"Love does illumine, irradiate, beam with resplendant brilliancy.

"Love is the only and all of spiritual attainment in spiritual growth. Without it healing is not done and cannot be either morally or physically. Every advance step will show you this until victory is won and you possess no other consciousness but Love divine." (7th Day 338)

## A METAPHYSICAL DICTIONARY

MARY Baker Eddy has written in *Retrospection and Introspection*, "After my discovery of Christian Science, most of the knowledge I had gleaned from schoolbooks vanished like a dream. Learning was so illumined, that grammar was eclipsed. Etymology was divine history, voicing the idea of God in man's origin and signification." This is the KEY to the SCRIPTURES.

### Etymology

The schools and schoolbooks of the world are devoted to matter, material history, and current events. If we desire to solve the problem of being, we must follow our Leader into her discovery of Christian Science— where fetters fall. The errors of material sense will vanish like a dream as we learn divine history. And what is the door to this study? Etymology.

### M. A. M.

All of Science and Health is the key to the Scriptures, however, shortly after the publication of the first edition in 1875 Mrs. Eddy began working on the chapter she entitled "Key to the Scriptures." And the wickedness of mortal mind fought as savagely as a cornered beast to stop her work, hurling calamity after calamity in her path— even to the arrest of her husband on an entirely fabricated conspiracy to murder charge. Circumstances forced her to devote her efforts to the uncovering and exposure of malicious animal magnetism.

Following the publication of "Demonology" in the third edition of Science and Health in 1881, she turned again to the "Key to the Scriptures." It was the sixth edition, revised, published in 1883 that had that chapter added at the end of Volume II and those words added to the title. This "Key" was almost an appendix which, without using the word etymology, began: "...we have appended to this work a brief synopsis of our Metaphysical version of Scriptural terms, giving the spiritual sense of the word, or its original

meaning."This was followed by what is now titled "Glossary."

### Tracing to Origin

Tracing the roots of Biblical words, through the Hebrew and Greek lexicons, back to their origin or primary roots is an interesting and rewarding study. In doing this with the word *serpent* we learned that one definition of the primary root was "learn by experience."This is also a time consuming activity. We can be grateful that our Leader's Glossary has done a good deal of this tracing back to origin for us.

Once the student begins seriously seeking reality through the spiritual and original meaning of words, he regrets that the Glossary has only 21 pages. However, we can find spiritual (original) definitions for many words that are not in the Glossary scattered throughout all of our Leader's writings. This author has, more than once, started a metaphysical dictionary to make these definitions more readily available. But most of those beginnings are random notes rather than an alphabetical aid. Coming across a page of such notes prompted this article together with the thought that if we publish metaphysical definitions from time to time, at some future date they could be compiled into an alphabetized reference.

### Metaphysical Dictionary

**discouragement** - Impatience, haste to tread where we have not conquered, to occupy a place we have not proven our fitness to fill. (EOF 82:1)

**faith** - understanding, not merely a trust in God, but the clear sense of God's trustworthiness as Life, Truth, and Love, and these three one, and the divine Principle which, understood, we shall not only obey and love supremely, but utilize. (EOF 135:36)

**fasting** - refraining from admitting the claims of the senses (My 222:14)

**first death** - the simple belief that matter has a beginning and so must have an ending, that it goes out through sickness and age. (EOF 73:34)

**impatience** - doubt— doubt of God's willingness to help us, doubt of His presence and power, doubt of His love, when we are told "God is Love." (EOF 82:3)

**resurrection** - seeing the real man that was never in matter (DCC 27:36)

**prayer** - to shut the door of sense— to withdraw from the error sense, and place all intelligence in the soul, and there to understand "I and the Father are one, " which means that principle and soul are God. (EOF 190:2)

**second death** - the effort of sin— malicious animal magnetism— to kill us by putting out our sense of God. (EOF 73:36)

**smelling** - that recognition that goes up from the sacrifice on the altar of Truth of our pure sanctified thoughts, our highest demonstration of Truth— our first fruits. (EOF 141:2)

**tasting** - satisfaction in the words of Truth. (EOF 141:6)

On occasion we have read word definitions written by Christian Scientists which are inconsistent with those given by our Leader. The commandments in the Manual guard against this error in two sentences on page 43: "Whatever is requisite for either [teaching Christian Science or healing the sick] is contained in the books of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Sometimes she may strengthen the faith by a written text as no one else can."

Our readers are invited to send us spiritual definitions of words they come across in our Leader's writings that they would like to see added to a metaphysical dictionary. Please indicate source for each definition for ready reference

## THE IMPERSONAL TEACHER

THERE has never been a teacher of Christian Science who could do much more than touch the hem of the garment of its Discoverer and Founder, even as all the preachers in the world have never equalled the works of Jesus. Nevertheless, the people clamor for preachers and teachers. This was one of the issues, problems, that the Revelator to this age had to solve.

### Time for Thinkers

It is far easier to lead masses off to a holy war (such as the crusades) than it is to lead people to think rightly. From its very first edition, the little book from the hand of the angel has stated: "The time for thinkers has come."

When Mary Baker Eddy began teaching the Christian Science she had discovered, oftentimes her pupils were so inspired that their healings were as miraculous and instantaneous as those of the disciples of old. And when imitators began teaching their material concept of Christian Science, this darkened thought threatened to obscure her holy discovery. But the people were clamoring for teachers, so, in order to *found* her discovery, she found it necessary to set up a system of loyal dedicated teachers and class instruction to counteract the tidal wave of misteaching. However, she always praised those whose *only* teacher was Science and Health.

### True and False Teachers

For every spiritually-minded preacher who leads his congregation towards God, there are a dozen, if not a hundred, (personable and popular) who lead their followers towards worldly solutions, — away from God.

Today there is a proliferation of writers, teachers, lecturers, leaders who call their teachings spiritual. If they do not know God's two witnesses, they have not yet found the *Science* of being. Their words may sparkle like diamonds at times and at other times be dark. "If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness?" — Jesus. They have not yet learned to follow Paul's admonition to "try the spirits whether they be of God."

### Wakening

The world is waking to the facts that Mary Baker Eddy, God's Second Witness, spoke clearly in 1875,— that our universe and our being are spiritual. We are seeing today the fulfillment of her prophecy in the first edition of *Science and Health*: "The time for thinkers has come; and the time for revolutions, ecclesiastic and social, must come."

We have learned in *Science* the Oneness of Spirit and Soul and their omnipresence. For well over a century Scientists have been declaring daily: "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation. ...Therefore man is not material, he is spiritual." And the world is beginning to hear that message.

### The False Prophet

Now comes the false prophet of Revelation claiming that he is creating a "new spirituality" and an evolution of soul. Jesus' words 2000 years ago are just as pertinent today: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures." Knowing the Scriptures, we will know what the false prophet will say and do and recognize it when it appears. One of Mrs. Eddy's most dedicated followers, Herbert W. Eustace, wrote: "I feel that every truthful statement made in Christian Science can rightfully be attributed to the Revelator of Christian Science, because it must always come from the one divine Mind which is the Mind of the Revelator and the source of the Revelation." That is in Mr. Eustace's article "Translation of 'The False Prophet' of Revelation Into Mind Ending All Warfare." (CCT 911)

Mrs. Eddy knew that her words were from infinite Mind and were the *one* rightful teacher for this age. So she collected her writings from a 25 year period and made them available in book form as the impersonal teacher. Mind had already led her to replace preachers with readers and to ordain the Bible and *Science and Health* as the only preachers. When she brought forth the impersonal teacher, *Miscellaneous Writings*, she suspended class teaching for the period of one year.

As thought wakens to spiritual reality, "the devil...knoweth that he hath but a short time." His false prophet claims to be an angel of light "and he doeth great



Portrait of Mary Baker Eddy

which appeared as a frontispiece in the first edition  
of *Miscellaneous Writings* in 1897 and continued to appear  
in all editions through 1910



wonders...and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles." (Rev 13:13-14) Wide and broad is the way to destruction: straight and narrow is the way to Life.

### **Straight and Narrow Way**

If we would stay in the straight and narrow way we must follow in our Leader's footsteps. We must study and ponder our textbook every day. And we *must practise*. How much progress would a piano student make if he read his music every day but never practised it?

And we have the impersonal teacher to help us with our practice. One of our Leader's best helpers saw this clearly and wrote her as follows:

Dear Mother: To me, and I believe to the world, February 10, 1897, is a Red-Letter day in Christian Science. On this day, the first edition of "Miscellaneous Writings" was delivered at our Publishing House in Boston, and through the Publisher, Mr. Armstrong, distributed to all parts of our country, and to some foreign points. I believe I realize the truth of the following passage in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," today as never before,— "Divine Love always has met, and always will meet every human need."...

Two years ago you gave us the Impersonal Pastor for our Mother Church, and soon afterward the same Pastor was appointed for all the branch churches. Now you give us the Impersonal Teacher. I wish I might find words adequate to express all that I feel in receiving this last *great gift* from you. ...

I am so much rejoiced to have, assembled with other articles, your letters to the Church, to the First Members, your sermons in the early days, as well as all the other warnings, admonitions, and wise counsellings. I had never dared to hope for all this in a book which I could take in my hands and call my own. God is better to us than we ask or think.

After reading "Miscellaneous Writings" one is impressed with the great fact that God has done this by

the hand of His anointed. One more delightful experience in reading this Book is, that it takes us back to the classes in the Massachusetts Metaphysical College, and it seems as though we were sitting at your feet and being taught directly by you. Then again, what a blessing to those who were unable to enter your College, but have waited long years to do so! To them you speak, as of old you spake to your students who were present, and these brothers and sisters who have been waiting and longing for this day are now fed, not with crumbs, but with meat from the table of our God,— who is Life, Truth, and Love.

Your affectionate student,  
Edward P. Bates (Found 295)

There are 471 pages in *Miscellaneous Writings*. You can read it once each year by reading only one and one-third pages each day. And it is as important to study and ponder a little each day as it is to eat a little food each day. If we put off our eating until the end of the month we would be in trouble. Too many do this with their spiritual food and wonder why they are in trouble. The world is clamoring louder and louder for your attention and for all of your time. Remember, every moment belongs to God.

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## DANIEL

IN 1872 the Revelator to this age was struggling with the malicious animal magnetism she had uncovered— the heavily cloaked malice her second student, young Richard Kennedy, was cherishing. He was clandestinely reversing and perverting all the marvelous truth his Teacher had been pouring out to him for more than three years. As Richard mentally manipulated all of her other students, many of them fell away. At this crucial period God's Second Witness was as surrounded by ravening beastiality as was Daniel in the den of lions.

It was in February of 1872 that Mary Baker Glover opened her Bible for guidance and God spoke to her

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your thoughtful letters and comments are welcome. Because of space limitations we reserve the right to edit.

I have been reading the older issues of T.I.C.S. and have found many thoughts that are simply brilliant and extremely appropos for today's problems. For example, in the January 1980 issue, the article "The Individual and the Collective" and "Individual Being" were especially notable, for me.

Kenneth P. Hanks  
Miami, Florida

After I finish studying each issue, I say to myself: I don't think the next one can ever be this good, and lo, the next one is better!

I truly feel I have grown in spiritual understanding from this grand little "gem" of a magazine.

Helen R. Gleitman  
San Antonio, Texas

I was immensely interested in the "Christ and Christmas" article as my husband, Carl Lundstrom, did much reading regarding how "Christ and Christmas" evolved. He had all the copies (years and changes).

It was indeed wonderful to have the pictures there to tie in with the article.

LaVerne Lundstrom, C.S.  
Brentwood, California

Received my Nov., 2002 issue. The "Christ and Christmas" review wonderful— I have a second edition (and several newer editions) the type style in Second is with yours! The spiritual facts and the human experience depictions awareness so obvious.

Have a couple more requests for April 1980 "The Ascension of M.B.E." by Carl Lundstrom and Nov. '99 issue "The Revelation-December 4, 1910" Mabel E. Ayres.

(Enclosure: From a letter dated 1886: "Each victory won over self and sickness strengthens you for the next contest, and so on, until you can say with the Apostle, 'I have fought the good fight.'" —Mary Baker Eddy)

JaRue D. Andree  
Huffman, Texas

The new T.I.C.S. volume [Nov, 2002] is extraordinary. From page 3 through page 9 it is just bursting with healing messages.

Kathryn Salter  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Vol. XXVII No. 2 is wonderful. Thank you for sharing the original type faces for Christ and Christmas.

"Keeping the sabbath (p. 24) and making every day a spiritual reality" aligns itself with the line "I will listen for Thy voice..." in our hymn.

Mary Elizabeth Booth  
Santa Monica, California

I always get excited when I see the T.I.C.S. in my mailbox. The November 2002 issue is excellent and well underlined. In particular— Handling Electricity and Animal Magnetism.

Luba Lacusky  
Youngstown, Ohio

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through the words of Isaiah: "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever." (30:8) This was the genesis of Science and Health.

As Mrs. Eddy was beginning her work on Science and Health a young artist in London named Briton Riviere was working on his depiction of Daniel in the lions' den— which we have reproduced on page 6 of this issue. This picture was completed in 1872. It was nearly two decades

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# PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Each Christian Science practitioner advertising in our columns has signed his or her name to the following statement:

"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 set forth in her book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. I acknowledge Mary Baker Eddy as the God-anointed and God-appointed Revelator to this age. I also acknowledge it to be a 'special offence' to represent falsely by word or work our Leader and Pastor Emeritus (Church Manual, 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 (1910) edition of *Science and Health*."

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## THE IMPERSONAL TEACHER

### A Manual of Right Living

Dearly Beloved Mother:

We are having a sweet rejoicing over the dear book, which has come to us direct from your hand and from the patient, overbrooding love which ever extends its sheltering wing to warm and comfort the struggling hearts of your students and of all mankind.

Having been one of those who urged upon you the publication of "Miscellaneous Writings," I must say that I appreciated it somewhat long before it was published; but now that hope has become fruition, and this volume, and its priceless utterances, is before us, with its wise precepts, its tender admonitions and loving warnings and entreaties, with its rules for solving hard problems and dissolving hard hearts, I see that my imagination never touched a full appreciation of this manual of right living, and I learn that, concerning the things of God, realization is far more satisfying than anticipation.

To me these articles seem to be as milestones marking the progress over the rugged pathway of an experience that has included all of the stings, persecutions, and dire oppression of a most "outrageous fortune." A pathway often bedewed with tears or flooded by the torrents of unspeakable evil that have poured themselves out upon your devoted head.

But they also assure us that the progress was made, and that in the midst of all these years, when evil has seemed real and trials so hard to bear, God's grace has been sufficient for thee.

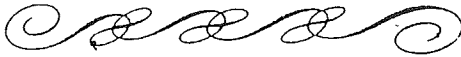
Viewing, from afar off, such a holy ministry as yours has been, with its countless achievements, and having gained but a small sense of the sustaining power of the Divine Presence, it is no wonder that it appears to me as the miracle of centuries that you should have continued faithful when beset by such appalling odds.

This book contains the flower and fruitage of a consecrated and sanctified husbandry, and its aroma, rising heavenward, will perfume the ascending journey of the race, until all shall awake in His likeness, and be satisfied.

To say that I thank you would be very tame and inadequate, in view of the fact that I should not to-day be manifesting a sense of life on earth if it had not been for the demonstration of Christian Science by you, and the teaching which was pursued at the cost of such interminable sacrifices.

Hoping that I may become more worthy of a place in the kinship of those who are watching with you in this hour, I sign myself, with loving gratitude,

Your affectionate student,  
Edward A. Kimball



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before Riviere's second portrayal of Daniel in the den of lions was completed in 1890. The two renditions are companions and were very well received. They adorned the walls of many Christian homes in the twentieth century, including Mary Baker Eddy's Pleasant View.

When the Simonsens visited the Leader at Pleasant View in 1901 she told them that she prized Briton Riviere's steel engravings of Daniel in the lions' den very highly. This has a good deal of meaning when you know that at other times she had viewed what others thought to be a beautiful painting and said: "There is not a stroke of Soul in it."

Rev. Simonsen recorded that she "told us that when error seemed to press her exceptionally hard, she would leave her work for a few minutes and come and stand before this picture, and study anew the calm and loving manner in which Daniel looked steadfastly to God and God only. ...With new and fresh courage, she said, she would return to her work, with a heart full of joy and gratitude for His protective care." (TFL 42)

