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Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and sup
with him, and he with me.

— *Revelation*

The Individual Christian Scientist is expressly for “the lost Israel” who have wakened to their identity as “the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S&H - *Science and Health*

Hea - *Christian Healing*

Mis - *Miscellaneous Writings*

No - *No and Yes*

Pul - *Pulpit and Press*

Un - *Unity of Good*

Po - *Poems*

Man - *Manual of The Mother Church*

Pan - *Christian Science versus Pantheism*

Peo - *The People's Idea of God*

Ret - *Retrospection and Introspection*

Rud - *Rudimental Divine Science*

Chr - *Christ and Christmas*

My - *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*

'00 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1900*

'01 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1901*

'02 - *Message to The Mother Church, June, 1902*

PV - *Science and Health, First Edition, “Precious Volume”*

DCC - *Divinity Course and General Collectanea*

EOF - *Essays and Other Footprints*

6 Days - *Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation*

7th Day - *Mary Baker Eddy's Lessons of the Seventh Day*

CCT - *Christian Science, Its Clear Correct Teaching and Complete Writings*

Dis - *The Discovery of the Science of Man*

Found - *The Founding of Christian Science*

TFL - *The Forever Leader*

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The house in Swampscott, Massachusetts
where Mary Baker Eddy was living
in February, 1866

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the Christian Science sentinel.





MARY BAKER EDDY

Our Mother in Israel



THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

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

THE LION

JOHN tells us in Revelation 5 that “the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”

True Womanhood

John recorded what was shown and told to him. In Revelation 12 he saw “a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun”...“and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.” He probably had no inkling that the God-crowned Woman he saw “clothed with the sun” was also the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Jesus revealed to John that it was the spiritual strength of womanhood that would “open the book.” Centuries prior to John’s revelation Mind revealed to someone that the “lion” protecting, upholding and guarding God’s Truth of Being is Womanhood. And all those centuries ago he depicted this guardian for all mankind for all the centuries to follow as a lioness with the head of a woman. We call it the Sphinx.

IN SCIENCE ALL BEING IS INDIVIDUAL – *Mary Baker Eddy*



THE GREAT SPHINX

at Giza, Egypt

An Enigma

The Sphinx is an enigma to the world. As a result mortal mind has created many myths about sphinxes. But to the Christian Scientist who has begun to understand “the Lion of the tribe of Juda” the mystery of the guarding Sphinx begins to unfold as expressing the importance of Womanhood.

Pyramids

Many years ago using the word *pyramids* in my writing caused the decision to digress to see what Mrs. Eddy had to say about pyramids. She said nothing at all about pyramids! Her only reference was to a singular pyramid. In *Christian Healing* she writes: “The only immortal superstructure is built on Truth; her modest tower rises slowly, but it stands and is the miracle of the hour, though it may seem to the age like the great pyramid of Egypt, — a miracle in stone.” (11:9) That was my introduction to The Great Pyramid.

Consulting the encyclopedias we had at that time gave only pyramids which were ancient tombs of kings. Mortal, malicious mind ignores and endeavors to eliminate that which it does not want mankind to investigate, which is everything with any spiritual connotation. A little searching revealed that there was an extensive literature on The Great Pyramid revealing it to be “the Bible in Stone:” numerous books and pamphlets with a great deal of information.

The Original Pyramid

There is no doubt that The Great Pyramid of Egypt at Giza is the original. Although there is a great deal of speculation, there is no record of when it was built nor by whom it was built. It has been suggested that it could have been built by Enoch.

The other pyramids are all imitations of the great pyramid, and these others were all built by ancient kings as tombs and as repositories for their treasures and jewels.

Enduring

In ancient times Greeks and Romans listed the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. One was the Hanging Gardens of Babylon built

by Nebuchadnezzar. Another was the Great Pyramid of Egypt. Today six of the ancient wonders have disappeared but the Great Pyramid stands — “a miracle in stone.”

Treasures Not Material

Grave robbers looted the tomb pyramids and removed all their treasures in ancient days. But they were never able to penetrate The Great Pyramid. It was 822 A.D. before they finally made a forced entrance. And they found no treasures within and an empty King's Chamber.

The Original Sphinx

The lioness guarding the Truth embraced in The Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, has endured the ravages of time and still stands guarding. All other sphinxes are imitations of this original Sphinx. All of the mythologies regarding sphinxes proceed from the mystery of this original Sphinx.

There is still an extensive literature on the Great Pyramid, but those who do not relate it to the Bible miss its message completely. When Christianity makes a spiritual step forward the antichrist endeavors to bury its progress under mountains of lies, debris and rubbish.

End of An Era

One of the Christian pamphlets in the pyramid literature was entitled “The Latter Days with Evidence from The Great Pyramid.” Mrs. Eddy had a copy of this pamphlet, for, on the day she left us, December 3, 1910, she left this pamphlet, *The Latter Days with Evidence from The Great Pyramid*, on her desk, open to page 32. One of the sentences on page 32 states: “By the same standard of interpretation, the termination of The Grand Gallery, 1,910 inches, gives the 3rd of December, 1910, as the end of the present era, which we accept as an approximation only, though possibly a very close one.” (TFL 590)

Enduring Symbolism

There is no doubt that the Great Pyramid at Giza in Egypt is the original and that all of the others are inferior imitations. The same is true of the Sphinx. The huge Sphinx at Giza is the original. All the others and

all the mythology about sphinxes are imitations of and speculation about the meaning of the great Sphinx. Whatever the builder's meaning and message, its symbolism has lasted throughout time. The differing accounts of who built the Great Pyramid and when and how, all ignore its meaningful message.

Replacing physics with metaphysics unfolds all mysteries. It is especially important for Christian Scientists to remember that every time something of spiritual import comes to light animal magnetism is right there to deny and attempt to hide or destroy it by heaping mortal falsities upon it.

Woman Acknowledged

If the guarding Sphinx reveals the place of Womanhood in our journey from sense to Soul, our Leader has given us the same message. The river (channel of thought) which leads out of Eden (materialism) is parted into four heads. The second channel of thought, Gihon, is "The rights of woman acknowledged morally, civilly, and socially." (S&H 587:3)

Motherhood of God

The Motherhood of God was not known until Mary Baker Eddy's discovery of Christian Science.

The Former Era

Mrs. Eddy founded her discovery during the era when, even in America, women were considered inferior. Men were offended if offered the same salary that a woman received for the same work. Many men in Mrs. Eddy's employ quit, and left her (and probably Christian Science) because they disagreed with the wisdom of her decisions. Her wisdom was that of divine Mind which was beyond the comprehension of the worldly wise.

Receptivity of Babes

When the seventy disciples returned rejoicing in their success, Jesus rejoiced and said, "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.” (Luke 10:21)

Mrs. Eddy depicted this in *Christ and Christmas*. She knew she was the Woman who had taken the book from the hand of God, loosed the seven seals, opened the book, and brought it forth for all mankind. Her depiction, in the seventh illustration, of the “Lion” which accomplished all of this, is the child-thought — without which we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

The massive lioness at Giza, guarding and guiding to the seven-sided, white Queen’s Chamber and immortality seems related to Mrs. Eddy’s “seven-hued white” and eternal life.

Thus olden faith’s pale star now blends
 In seven-hued white!
 Life, without birth and without end,
 Emitting light!

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IS-NESS

OR

THE ETERNAL REALITY OF BEING

By Clive Lamprell

THIS small word “IS” proves to be of great importance in the Science of Being. In fact it is part of the verb “to be.”

When we are thinking about or our consciousness dwells on what IS, we are knowing the true fact. Alternatively, when we dwell on

what is not, we are dwelling on error or a lie. Now we have to discern between what is and what is not. Christian Science opens the door to this discernment, and tells us exactly what is and what is not.

Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, through her life experience, inspiration, and extensive and prayerful study of the Bible, gave us the textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

In this book Mrs. Eddy makes absolute statements in which the word “is” appears frequently. This is most evident in the Platform Page 330, and in the chapter Recapitulation, page 465. The latter contains the Scientific Statement of Being, in which the word “is” appears eleven times. This states the present and eternal reality which never has changed and never will, and the opposite, the unreality which never was and never will be. Dwelling on these statements keeps us alert to the Truth of God’s being, of our being, and enables us to discern things as they in reality are.

The word “is” gives us the present state of reality. Thus, we do not look back into the past to find what is, with its pleasant or unpleasant reminiscences, regrets, and “what might have been.” Nor do we look to the future, with its uncertainty or expectancy of good or bad occurrences. In the words of our hymn (391)

Why search ye the future and the past?
 Why do ye look with tearful eyes
 And seek far off for paradise?
 Before your feet Life’s pearl is cast.

Note the word “is” in the last (truthful) line.

The word “is” expresses the eternal NOW of being. From the Bible we have: “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.” (Matt 6:34) “Behold, NOW are we the sons of God.” (1 John 3:2) “...NOW is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” (Rom 13:11) “...behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation.” (II Cor 6:2)

From Science and Health the word IS emphasized:
 In Science, man IS the offspring of Spirit. (63:5)
 Mortal existence IS an Enigma. (70)

Nothing IS real and eternal, — nothing IS Spirit, — but God and His idea.
(71:1-2)

Evil IS a negation, because it IS the absence of truth. (186:11)

God IS at once the centre and circumference of being. (203:32-1)

Mind, not matter, IS causation. (208:25)

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really IS. (275:10-12)

IS-ness never changes — never becomes “was” or “may be” — it is always the present reality of now.

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BE YE PERFECT

DO Christians endeavor to obey Jesus’ commandments? Do we? One of his commandments is: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Matt 5:48)

Considering the principle of mathematics, we know our problem is never solved nor correct until we have the right, the perfect, answer. The problem of being is the same. Principle informs us that perfection is omnipresent. Is there anything more powerful than Spirit, God, Principle? What endeavors to convince us that our Being is not spiritual and perfect here and now? Jesus called it Satan. And our Leader labeled it malicious animal magnetism. She made malicious animal magnetism more understandable by reducing it to aggressive mental suggestion.

If our thoughts are less than perfect, they are not our thoughts! They are aggressive mental suggestion or malicious animal magnetism using our consciousness for evil purposes.

Jesus told us to be perfect. Mrs. Eddy taught us how to do this. It is all in our textbook. She also taught and urged advanced students to progress more rapidly. Following are some “Notes from a Divinity Course” (unedited).

1. Because God is, I am absolutely perfect, infinitely perfect, I am perfect in God. Perfect in intelligence; manifesting power, wisdom, faculty, action, and love. I am perfect activity, the perfect expression, the perfect product of the Principle of existence. I am the representative of the divine Mind. I am the image of God's being — the full representation of everything that really is. I have everything that God has — being His reflection.

2. God is Spirit, and I am spiritual. God is Truth, and I am truthful. God is Love, and I am loving. God is health, and I am healthy. God is harmony, and I express harmonious being. My real identity is spiritual consciousness, spiritual substance and structure. My real being is intelligence, reflected and expressed in consciousness. My real identity is divine, not human.

3. My being is expressed in sonship with divine Mind. I am then eternal, universal, spiritual embodied idea of all that is God, true, real, enduring, and beautiful; and I am the spiritual consciousness of divine Mind. I, being the spiritual man of God's creating, never had a material body, tissues, or organs. I never experienced sickness, decay, or regeneration. I, being the perfect man of God's creating, express one-ness with God, — perfect, eternal, from everlasting to everlasting. The activity of Love in my consciousness is the very circulation of my life.

4. Sight, hearing, memory, action, cannot be lost. They are eternal as God. Eyes do not see. It is Mind. Then if I have lost my sight, God has lost His.

5. You do not have to sleep. Mind is always active. Cessation of thoughts is not what is needed, but everpresence.

CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

THE NINTH PICTURE

THE inclusion of snips from *Christ and Christmas* in TICS is always something that I look forward to seeing and analyzing. Through your publications, this beautiful poem and its pictures frequently send some new message from Truth and Love for one to decipher. The January 2013 quarterly brought out the comparison of the light rays between the sixth and seventh pictures. The reason for the contrast surely is something for one to ponder. We know that the broad brushstrokes of light in contrast with the narrow in these two pictures present a meaningful purpose to be discovered by the viewer.

The Circle

There is much to be resolved scientifically once the thinker sets out to interpret the eleven plates in *Christ and Christmas*. Having learned that “The circle represents the infinite without beginning or end;” (S&H 282). I often wondered why our Leader made only the ninth picture a perfect round, and what was the purpose of a scene that would surely rile up conflicting opinions about Mary Baker Eddy’s place, even among many Christian Scientists? Then, one day after reviewing the full meaning of the fourth chapter of Zechariah, (given to me by a Bible scholar) I no longer wondered about the picture’s objective. The thought came that the ninth picture was needed in order to enable the laying of the foundation of The Mother Church building.

The Two Olive Trees

The laying of the foundation in Boston seemed to coincide with Scripture. Briefly, looking back on Bible history, in 587 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple of Jerusalem, and took the Israelites captive to Babylon. According to *Harper’s Bible Dictionary* the temple could not be rebuilt until 71 years later. The method of construction was revealed to Zerubbabel, the builder: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zech 4:6). The requisite for laying the foundation of the temple was revealed to

Zechariah in a vision. It demanded the recognition of the two olive trees. The chapter ends with the angel, saying, “These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

The Two Anointed Ones

One might ask, “Is there evidence that our Leader had confessed recognition of the two anointed ones in September 1893, at which time she mandated the Directors of The First Church of Christ, Scientist to lay the foundation for her church building?” The reply is an emphatic YES! The artists, Mary Baker Eddy and James F. Gilman, had painted the pictures in *Christ and Christmas* that very same year. The ninth illustration is perfectly round in shape, and within that round is a garden. Seated in the garden, and standing next to him while holding a scroll with the inscribed words, “Christian Science” are two figures that surely constitute her recognition of the two witnesses, the two olive trees, or the two anointed ones. We read in *Science and Health*, “The picture is the artist’s thought objectified.” (p 310) We know this picture is Mary Baker Eddy’s absolute acknowledgement of her place — a perfect round in consciousness when understood.

Name withheld by request

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THE TWO CANDLESTICKS

Zechariah 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecy...

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

CHRIStIAN Scientists who know that Mary Baker Eddy is God's Chosen Witness know that Jesus of Nazareth and Mary of Concord are "the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth;" and that they are also the "two olive trees" "which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves."

Revelation 11 tells us that God's two witnesses are also the two candlesticks.

Seven Candlesticks

Looking for the two candlesticks in the prophecy of things to come, we find seven golden candlesticks. And we find Christ in their midst with seven stars in his right hand. And we hear the explanation he gave to John: "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." (Rev 1:20)

Seven Church Ages

The seven churches are the seven ages or eras of Christianity in the world. They are named Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Each era has its special connotation.

Ephesus — The Awakening

Smyrna — Persecution

Pergamos — Popularity

Thyatira — Corruption

Sardis — Reformation

Philadelphia — Perfection

Laodicea — Apathy

All seven stages seem to apply to each one of us in our experience, whether our own or what we see.

The Perfect Church

We find the perfect church, perfection, in the sixth church, the church in Philadelphia. There is no doubt that Mary Baker Eddy is the angel of the church in Philadelphia. Everything she said and did and wrote for us and for all mankind was and is perfect.

The Seventh Church Age

But we find that we cannot stay in the church in Philadelphia because that era ended December 3, 1910. We are in the seventh church age, the church of the Laodiceans whether we like it or not. And this seventh and last church age is apathetic.

Criticism

The Spirit saith to the church of the Laodiceans, “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot.” “thou sayest I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” (Rev 3:15,17)

Sardis

To the church in Sardis the Spirit saith: “I have not found thy works perfect before God.” (Rev 3:2)

A Perfect Candlestick

Of the church in Philadelphia there is no criticism. The Spirit saith to Mary Baker Eddy's church: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:" (Rev 3:8). We have found one perfect candlestick.

Smyrna

Mrs. Eddy wrote of the church in Smyrna: "According to Dean Stanley and our most learned compilers of the Bible, Christian healing continued over a period of three centuries after the crucifixion of our Master. I love to contemplate that period, though it be dim with the mist of remoteness and the light hath faded on the mount of revelation. Over the track of time, swept clean by the wind of centuries, methinks I behold the untiring zeal, the struggling hope, and the pure faith of the Christian martyrs, and I see the right hand of their blessed fellowship take hold of this hour — " (EOF 8:18).

Spirit Saith

To the church of Ephesus the Spirit saith: "I have somewhat against thee," (Rev 2:4). And to the church in Pergamos it saith: "I have a few things against thee" (Rev 2:14). But to the church in Smyrna there is no criticism nor condemnation.

A Second Perfect Candlestick

We have found the second candlestick that is perfect before God.

Jesus' Church

There is no criticism of the church in Smyrna nor of the church in Philadelphia. Every other church age is criticized. We know that Philadelphia is Mary Baker Eddy's church. Smyrna is the church of the Christian martyrs. Who is first and foremost among them? Is it not Jesus? The crucifixion has spoken down the centuries for this church age. Can we not consider the church in Smyrna as Jesus' church?

Two Candlesticks

Now we have identified the two candlesticks as Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. And we find that our Leader has put the two candlesticks in *Christ and Christmas*.

The Two Candlesticks

From the Fifth Illustration



CHRISTMAS MORN



HISTORY

“I cannot advise you regarding a Christian Science practitioner, but I earnestly request that you select one who knows Christian Science history.”
— *Mary Baker Eddy*

THE CONANTS AND THE CONCORDANCES

By Veta Foote Wright

“...good and its sweet concords have all-power.” — **Mary Baker Eddy**

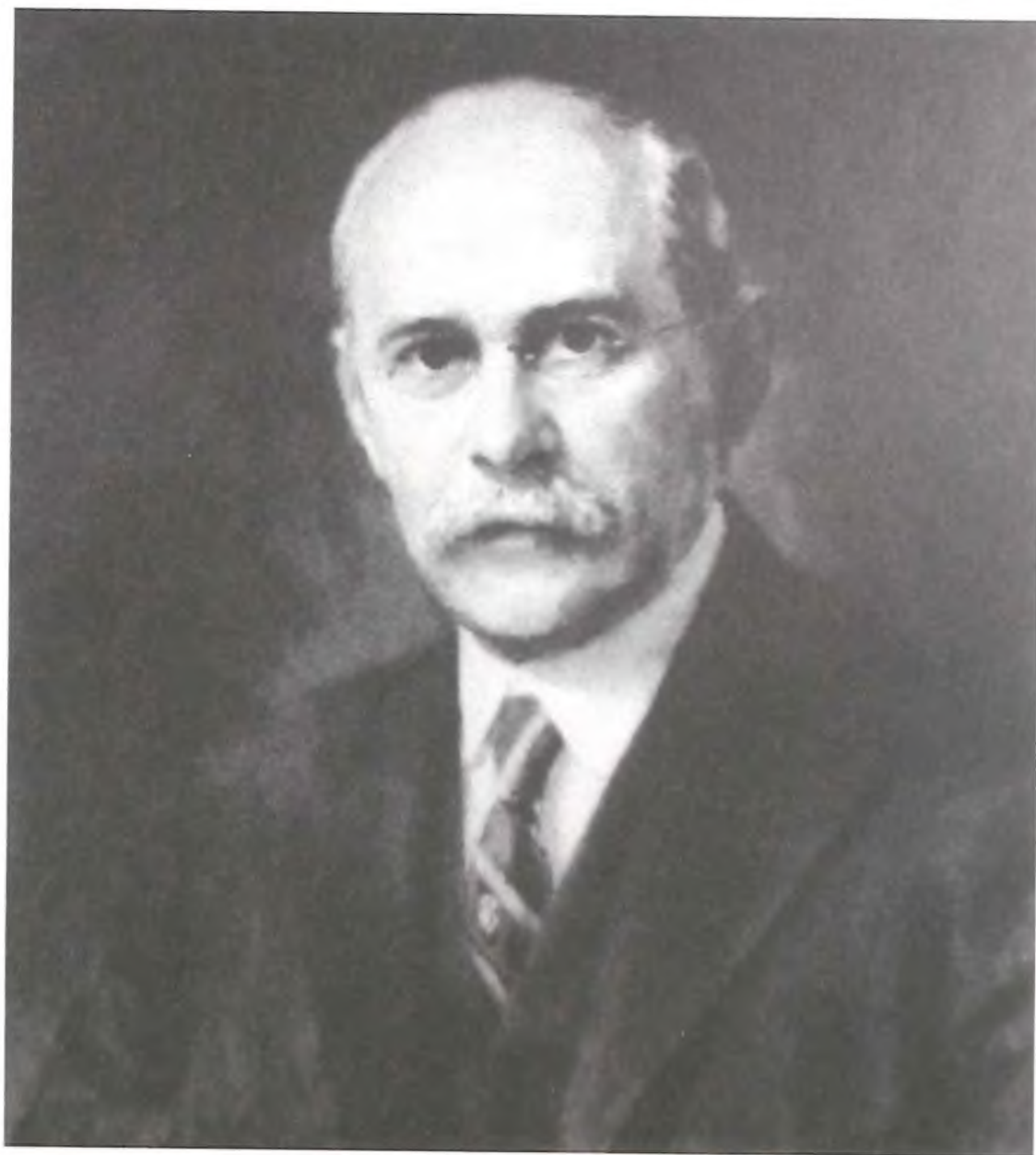
Mrs. Eddy’s Project

WHILE she was living at Pleasant View, her home in Concord, New Hampshire, Mary Baker Eddy employed Albert Conant as the compiler of the *Concordance to Science and Health*. She took personal direction and supervision of the work, starting in 1901. Albert was also the long-time organist of The Mother Church and composed or arranged some of the familiar settings of Mrs. Eddy’s hymns.

Mrs. Eddy’s Choice

Our Leader also took a personal interest in the appointment of Albert’s wife, Laura Conant, as Second Reader, serving at the time of the dedication of the Extension of The Mother Church in June 1906. Because of overflowing attendance on Sunday, Laura Conant also conducted the following Wednesday Evening meeting in the Original Mother Church.

“My history is a holy one.” — *Mary Baker Eddy*



ALBERT F. CONANT



LAURA C. CONANT

Directors' Projects

Later the Christian Science Board of Directors appointed Albert Conant to compile a revised Concordance to include changes in the 1910 final edition of the Christian Science textbook. It also employed Albert to compile a *Concordance to the Writings of Mary Baker Eddy Other Than Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, which he began in 1912. In that same year the Conants moved to San Diego, California, where Albert became organist at First Church. He completed the Concordance in 1915.

Many years later my family moved to San Diego where my mother joined First Church and my sister and I attended Sunday School. It was held before church in the pews of the auditorium until we moved into a new building adjoining the church. Previous to the move, my sister and I also attended the church service. The Second Reader was Elizabeth DeSilva, Albert and Laura Conant's daughter.

My mother served on the Literature Distribution Committee, which prepared packets of Christian Science literature for Navy ships arriving in the harbor. Early in 1941 we were aware of rumors of war, and I was impressed with the sacred mission of the Committee. And I was also impressed with my mother's telling us of a very special event for the Committee when Laura Conant invited the women to visit her in her home.

Mother was deeply grateful to Laura for showing them her Reader's scrapbook of the dedication of the Extension of The Mother Church and for relating some of her experiences in church work, one of which I remember as follows.

An Unusual Experience

Laura assisted Albert in compiling the concordances, sometimes late at night because of their busy schedules. While they worked one night, the lamp went out. Consequently, they went to the porch in the dark to refill the lamp then went back inside, lit the lamp, and continued their work. The next morning they discovered that they had not filled the lamp with the required lamp fuel but with gasoline motor fuel.

Nothing is impossible to God, but the limited human mind always tries to argue otherwise. “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.” — Christ Jesus (Luke 18:27)

Tremendous gratitude is due to the Conants, especially Albert, for fulfilling our Leader’s desire for the concordances that are prime resources for our individual spiritual discovery and growth.

Modern science, theology, and medicine continuously present new notions and words. However, they can never change the language of the pure, eternal Science that is preserved in the two books.

Concordance is derived from the Latin word *concordant*, which means “of the same mind.”

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CONSCIOUSNESS

By Mildred L. LeBlond, C.S.B.

CHRISTIAN Science teaches us that consciousness is fundamental, primal. What do we understand by this statement? Simply this, That of which one is conscious is his existence, for he knows that he exists. Therefore one can begin to question the state of his existence, by questioning the state of his consciousness. Material education has taught man that his consciousness is determined by what he sees, hears, or feels as person, place or thing. If it is evil, then he is conscious of error. If it is good, he is conscious of goodness. In *Unity of Good* Mrs. Eddy gives this answer to the question, “Is anything real of which the physical senses are cognizant?”

Everything is as real as you make it, and no more so. What you see, hear, feel, is a mode of consciousness, and can have no other reality than that sense you entertain of it. (8:4)

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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 percent 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*. 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 12). 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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CONSCIOUSNESS — continued from page 22

The first step in understanding the natural law of Being, is to learn that that only is real, which is established as or by consciousness, not by the thing perceived. Knowing this, one determines within himself that of which he will be conscious, — for Christian Science is also teaching him:

All consciousness is Mind; and Mind is God, — an infinite, and not a finite consciousness. This consciousness is reflected in individual consciousness, or man, whose source is infinite Mind. There is no really finite mind, no finite consciousness. (Un 24)

One learns that he may determine within the one and only Mind, (because that Mind is his consciousness) of what he will be conscious. Consciousness proceeding from Mind is a state of absolute Being, depending on no thing, in order to be. Consciousness is a state of absolute, good Being.

But there is another step to take, equally important, and that is to understand that consciousness is not abstract or something in solution, but is concrete Being. Jesus proved that he could be conscious of seeing, when faced with blindness, of food in the face of lack, of life instead of death, and health instead of sickness, etc. To dwell in this house, consciousness, is to dwell as self-conscious Mind, or divine intelligence. Mind aware of its own infinity, completeness, all-oneness, is the only consciousness there is, for there is but one Mind. In this realm of true being, all is one grand concordant Us, the “Only I or Us.”

And then, “In my Father’s house, [consciousness], are many mansions.” In this infinite consciousness are infinite individualities, for this self-conscious Mind is infinitely conscious of its own Being. Mind looking out from within itself, gives to each idea its true individuality, perfectness, completeness, wholeness, for Mind is one and whole, and could therefore not express less than wholeness.

God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. (S&H 331:18-25) (Continued on page 28)



**“If any man hear
my voice,
and open the door,
I will come
in to him...”**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your thoughtful letters, comments, and testimonies of experiences in Christian Science are welcome. Because of space limitations we reserve the right to edit.

When I wrote the article [“The Conants and the Concordances,”] I was unaware that publication of the printed editions was apparently discontinued in 2010 and that the Concord search engine apparently omits many references to Mary Baker Eddy, information so crucial to an understanding of her and Christian Science.

I am grateful that Mind led me to the information. Perhaps things have changed about the publication practices. In any case, the edit makes the point of studying with the original book concordances.

**Veta F. Wright
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“When my students need me I will come to them.”

—Mary Baker Eddy—

I like your subjects on America, Freedom, Washington, etc.

Beatrice Dent
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Dear Editor,

I have just read Mrs. Wynne Coleman's letter regarding Frank Baum and his thoughts being influenced by theosophy especially as seen in *The Wizard of Oz*.

I welcome this correction as well as the brilliant explanation of theosophical philosophy which is not well understood by students of any religion today. It may be seen as another subtle form of the serpentine attempt to confuse thought tending spiritually upward.

Obviously I did not check the facts concerning Mr. Baum's inclination toward theosophy as closely as I should. This is a very good lesson for me and I'm grateful for it.

Mrs. Eddy once admonished a student for writing ahead of her ability to demonstrate her words. I'm guilty of the same. It shall not happen again.

I am glad Mrs. Coleman found some good in the electricity article.

Lovingly,
Julie Harrison

Thank you for the January issue of TICS. In many ways this alerts us to better work to dispel animal magnetism. The act of congress of 1871 should be an awakener to Americans who believed that because of a military victory over oppression in 1776, they are now "free." How could this have been kept a secret for so long? The 1871 act subjected this country to financial servitude under British interests. British Financiers took advantage of the financial weakness of the U. S. caused by the Civil War, and somehow got congress to make fraudulent deal which would, by deceit and trickery, alter the very fabric of this nation from freedom to potential bondage.

Some time years ago I read the following (maybe not quoted exactly): After the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis was known to have said to George Washington: "You may have won on the battlefield, but now a holy war will begin: Americans will be taught the Jews' religion and in 200 years, Americans will think they are free, but they will be loyal subjects of the crown."

I do remember reading in one history book, that after the War of Independence, many "evangelists" came from Britain to the U.S. carrying various false doctrines such as the "rapture."

Also, I was interested in the letter referring to Theosophy. I did some research and found there to be no similarity between that and Christian Science, as Mrs. Eddy has pointed out. They claim they are "seeking the truth," and are tolerant of other religions, but some of their writings seem to promote racism. They are mixing matter with "spiritual" thoughts — New Age.

Thus, we cannot put our trust in any form of human government or semi-religious beliefs, divine Mind governs, and God, Principle, is our only true government. We KNOW the Truth as revealed in Christian Science.

To quote Isaiah (33:22): "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us." Our true three branches of government.

We may well be reminded of Mrs. Eddy's admonition (Misc 177): "...absolute consecration to the greatest and holiest of all causes."

A helpful statement appeared in the recent issue of THE BANNER from Divinity Course and General Collectanea attributed to Mrs. Eddy (p 216), telling us not to let our consciousness be "dragged through" "the passing procession of mortal mind" but to "Stay in your own home of demonstration."

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On one pretext or another, that of unhappiness, lack, sickness, sorrow, discouragement, self-pity, or the like, the attempt of belief is to lure one outside this house, or consciousness, to endeavor to make the individual embody evil and call it person, place or thing, and not a mental condition. If this temptation is accepted, one seems to be lured outside of his true house or consciousness, into the pageant of mortal mind, and there he can do nothing but contend. Contending never heals; it is error itself.

Like the prodigal son, one seems to depart from his true self-hood, that of self-conscious Mind until he finds out that consciousness is fundamental. What he is conscious of is all that exists to him, is his existence. Knowing this the Christian Scientist begins to decide which he would have as existence, truth or error. Either he lives falsely and objectively, or choosing Truth, he awakens in his Father's house, and in awakening, he is conscious that he has forever been in his Father's house. He has learned that it is the false sense of "I," which seems to work out a false sense of environment, and all that that entails. He has learned that evil only seems to be, as far as he is concerned, as his own concept. He awakens as from a night dream and with that awakening, disappear all the false pictures, proving them not things, but a mental condition, and in place of these pictures he finds the ideas of Mind. He rejoices in the fact so beautifully stated in *Unity of Good*:

Christ cannot come to mortal and material sense, which sees not God. This false sense of substance must yield to His eternal presence, and so dissolve. Rising above the false, to the true evidence of Life, is the resurrection that takes hold of eternal Truth...God is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." (60:26)

From Association Address, 1947

The manhood and womanhood of God have been revealed.



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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*

Christian Scientists...must guard against the deification of finite personality...The Scriptures and Christian Science reveal “the way,” and personal revelators will take their proper place in history, but will not be deified. — *Mary Baker Eddy*

