

**THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS  
AND THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY**

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## **The Mystery of Godliness and the Mystery of Iniquity**

**In ancient times the name of Rome was Saturnia, or the land of Saturn. Saturn was the principal God of Assyria or Babylonia or Chaldea. In ancient times alphabetical letters were used to form words, and numbers were assigned to the letters. Gematria is the use of Hebrew portions of the Bible interpreted in this manner.**

**The Babylonians developed a number system that had 60 as its basis, and it was called the sexagesimal system and reminds us of our decimal system.**

**In olden times the year was thought to be 360 days long. As this did not correspond properly with the seasons, five days were added as feast days. The world was represented as a circle with 360 divisions or days. By taking the radius and applying it to the circumference, one obtained 6 equal arcs, each representing 60 days. This was the basis of the sexagesimal system. How long this was used, we do not know, although Assyria and Chaldea were in existence in 2000 B.C. We still use this system as**

shown by the fact that an hour has 60 minutes, and each minute has 60 seconds. Also latitude and longitude are measured in degrees, minutes and seconds.

The name Saturn was SATUR which was written as STUR in the sexagesimal system with the numbers as shown:

S	60
T	400
U	6
R	200
Total	666

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding, count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six.

Nimrod was the god of the Chaldean mysteries and that was Saturn. Saturn and Mystery are Chaldean words and are correlative terms. As Mysteries signified the Hidden system, so Saturn signifies the Hidden god.

**In the Mass the worshippers are taught to pray: “God Hidden and my Saviour have mercy on us.”**

**“Catholicism—Protestantism—Christian Science  
The last one is named the final one; therefore, it holds  
the most relentless war against the woman.” (Red  
Book—Oakes)**

**“Christ Mary is higher than Christ Jesus because  
Christ Mary had to give birth to the Christ idea and keep  
it perfect.” (Baker Metaphysical Notes, p. 5)**

## **THE BIBLE**

### **II Thess 2:1-9**

- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?**
- 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

**7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:  
only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be  
taken out of the way.**

**8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom  
the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his  
mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of  
his coming:**

**9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of  
Satan with all power and signs and lying  
wonders,**

**Rev 17:1-18**

**1 And there came one of the seven angels which  
had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying  
unto me, come hither; I will shew unto thee the  
judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon  
many waters:**

**2 With whom the kings of the earth have  
committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the  
earth have been made drunk with the wine of her  
fornication.**

**3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the  
wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a**

**scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.**

**4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:**

**5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

**6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.**

**7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.**

**8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth**

shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- 9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
- 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.
- 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
- 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
- 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
- 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are



- with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.
- 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
- 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
- 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

**PROSE WORKS by Mary Baker Eddy**

**My 124:5-131:16**

**COMMUNION, JUNE 4, 1899**

*My Beloved Brethren:*—Looking on this annual assemblage of human consciousness,—health, harmony, growth, grandeur, and achievement, garlanded with glad faces, willing hands, and warm hearts,—who would say to-day, “What a

**fond fool is hope”? The fruition of friendship, the world’s arms outstretched to us, heart meeting heart across continents and oceans, bloodless sieges and tearless triumphs, the “well done” already yours, and the undone waiting only on your swift hands,—these are enough to make this hour glad. What more abounds and abides in the hearts of these hearers and speakers, pen may not tell.**

**Nature reflects man and art pencils him, but it remains for Science to reveal man to man; and between these lines of thought is written in luminous letters, O man, what art thou? Where art thou? Whence and whither? And what shall the answer be? Expressive silence, or with finger pointing upward,—Thither! Then produce thy records, time-table, log, traveller’s companion, *et cetera*, and prove fairly the facts relating to the thitherward,—the rate of speed, the means of travel, and the number *en route*. 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. Have you learned to conquer sin, false affections, motives, and aims,—to be not only sayers but doers of the law?**

**Brethren, our annual meeting is a grave guardian. It requires you to report progress, to refresh memory, to rejuvenate the branches and to vivify the buds, to bend upward the tendrils and to incline the vine towards the parent trunk. You come from feeding your flocks, big with promise; and you come with the sling of Israel's chosen one to meet the Goliaths.**

**I have only to dip my pen in my heart to say, All honor to the members of our Board of Lectureship connected with The Mother Church. Loyal to the divine Principle they so ably vindicate, they earn their laurels. History will record their words, and their works will follow them. When reading their lectures, I have felt**

**the touch of the spirit of the Mars' Hill orator,  
which always thrills the soul.**

**The members of the Board of Education, under  
the auspices of the Massachusetts Metaphysical  
College, have acquitted themselves nobly. The  
students in my last class in 1898 are stars in my  
crown of rejoicing.**

**We are deeply grateful that the church militant  
is looking into the subject of Christian Science,  
for Zion must put on her beautiful garments—her  
bridal robes. The hour is come; the bride (Word)  
is adorned, and lo, the bridegroom cometh! Are  
our lamps trimmed and burning?**

**The doom of the Babylonish woman, referred  
to in Revelation, is being fulfilled. This woman,  
“drunken with the blood of the martyrs of  
Jesus,” “drunk with the wine of her fornication,”  
would enter even the church,—the body of  
Christ, Truth; and, retaining the heart of the  
harlot and the purpose of the destroying angel,  
would pour wormwood into the waters—the  
disturbed human mind—to drown the strong**

swimmer struggling for the shore,—aiming for Truth,—and if possible, to poison such as drink of the living water. But the recording angel, standing with “right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,” has in his hand a book open (ready to be read), which uncovers and kills this mystery of iniquity and interprets the mystery of godliness,—how the first is finished and the second is no longer a mystery or a miracle, but a marvel, casting out evil and healing the sick. And a voice was heard, saying, “Come out of her, my people” (hearken not to her lies), “that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities . . . double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double . . . for she saith in her heart, I . . . am no widow, . . . Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; . . . for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.” That which the Revelator saw in spiritual vision will be accomplished. The

**Babylonish woman is fallen, and who should mourn over the widowhood of lust, of her that “is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean . . . bird”?**

**One thing is eternally here; it reigns supreme to-day, to-morrow, forever. We need it in our homes, at our firesides, on our altars, for with it win we the race of the centuries. We have it only as we live it. This is that needful one thing—divine Science, whereby thought is *spiritualized*, reaching outward and upward to Science in Christianity, Science in medicine, in physics, and in metaphysics.**

**Happy are the people whose God is All-in-all, who ask only to be judged according to their works, who live to love. We thank the Giver of all good for the marvellous speed of the chariot-wheels of Truth and for the steadfast, calm coherence in the ranks of Christian Science.**

**On comparison, it will be found that Christian Science possesses more of Christ’s teachings**

and example than all other religions since the first century. Comparing our scientific system of metaphysical therapeutics with *materia medica*, we find that divine metaphysics completely overshadows and overwhelms *materia medica*, even as Aaron's rod swallowed up the rods of the magicians of Egypt. I deliberately declare that when I was in practice, out of one hundred cases I healed ninety-nine to the ten of *materia medica*.

We should thank God for persecution and for prosecution, if from these ensue a purer Protestantism and monotheism for the latter days of the nineteenth century. A siege of the combined centuries, culminating in fierce attack, cannot demolish our strongholds. The forts of Christian Science, garrisoned by God's chosen ones, can never surrender. Unlike Russia's armament, ours is not costly as men count cost, but it is rich beyond price, staunch and indestructible on land or sea; it is not curtailed in peace, surrendered in conquest, nor laid down

at the feet of progress through the hands of omnipotence. And why? Because it is “on earth peace, good will toward men,”—a cover and a defence adapted to all men, all nations, all times, climes, and races. I cannot quench my desire to say this; and words are not vain when the depth of desire can find no other outlet to liberty.

“Therefore . . . let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works.” (Hebrews 6 : 1.)

A coroner’s inquest, a board of health, or class legislation is less than the constitution of the United States, and infinitely less than God’s benign government, which is “no respecter of persons.” Truth crushed to earth springs spontaneously upward, and whispers to the breeze man’s inalienable birthright—*Liberty*.

“Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

God is everywhere. No crown nor sceptre nor rulers rampant can quench the vital heritage of freedom—man’s right to adopt a religion, to employ a physician, to live or die according to



**the dictates of his own rational conscience and enlightened understanding. Men cannot punish a man for suicide; God does that.**

**Christian Scientists abide by the laws of God and the laws of the land; and, following the command of the Master, they go into all the world, preaching the gospel and healing the sick. Therefore be wise and harmless, for without the former the latter were impracticable. A lack of wisdom betrays Truth into the hands of evil as effectively as does a subtle conspirator; the motive is not as wicked, but the result is as injurious. Return not evil for evil, but “overcome evil with good.” Then, whatever the shaft aimed at you or your practice may be, it will fall powerless, and God will reward your enemies according to their works. Watch, and pray daily that evil suggestions, in whatever guise, take no root in your thought nor bear fruit. Ofttimes examine yourselves, and see if there be found anywhere a deterrent of Truth and Love, and “hold fast that which is good.”**

**I reluctantly foresee great danger threatening our nation,—imperialism, monopoly, and a lax system of religion. But the spirit of humanity, ethics, and Christianity sown broadcast—all concomitants of Christian Science—is taking strong hold of the public thought throughout our beloved country and in foreign lands, and is tending to counteract the trend of mad ambition.**

**There is no night but in God's frown; there is no day but in His smile. The oracular skies, the verdant earth—bird, brook, blossom, breeze, and balm—are richly fraught with divine reflection. They come at Love's call. The nod of Spirit is nature's natal.**

**And how is man, seen through the lens of Spirit, enlarged, and how counterpoised his origin from dust, and how he presses to his original, never severed from Spirit! O ye who leap disdainfully from this rock of ages, return and plant thy steps in Christ, Truth, "the stone which the builders rejected"! Then will angels administer grace, do thy errands, and be thy**

**dearest allies. The divine law gives to man health and life everlasting—gives a soul to Soul, a present harmony wherein the good man's heart takes hold on heaven, and whose feet can never be moved. These are His green pastures beside still waters, where faith mounts upward, expatiates, strengthens, and exults.**

**Lean not too much on your Leader. Trust God to direct your steps. Accept my counsel and teachings only as they include the spirit and the letter of the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the teachings and example of Christ Jesus. Refrain from public controversy; correct the false with the true—then leave the latter to propagate. Watch and guard your own thoughts against evil suggestions and against malicious mental malpractice, wholly disloyal to the teachings of Christian Science. This hidden method of committing crime—socially, physically, and morally—will ere long be unearthed and punished as it deserves. The effort of disloyal students to blacken me and to keep my works**

from public recognition—students seeking only public notoriety, whom I have assisted pecuniarily and striven to uplift morally—has been made too many times and has failed too often for me to fear it. The spirit of Truth is the lever which elevates mankind. I have neither the time nor the inclination to be continually pursuing a lie—the one evil or the evil one.

Therefore I ask the help of others in this matter, and I ask that according to the Scriptures my students reprove, rebuke, and exhort. A lie left to itself is not so soon destroyed as it is with the help of truth-telling. Truth never falters nor fails; it is our faith that fails.

All published quotations from my works must have the author's name added to them.

Quotation-marks are not sufficient. Borrowing from my copyrighted works, without credit, is inadmissible. But I need not say this to the loyal Christian Scientist—to him who keeps the commandments. “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures” has an enormous strain put

**upon it, being used as a companion to the Bible in all your public ministrations, as teacher and as the embodiment and substance of the truth that is taught; hence my request, that you borrow little else from it, should seem reasonable.**

**Beloved, that which purifies the affections also strengthens them, removes fear, subdues sin, and endues with divine power; that which refines character at the same time humbles, exalts, and commands a man, and obedience gives him courage, devotion, and attainment. For this hour, for this period, for spiritual sacrament, sacrifice, and ascension, we unite in giving thanks. For the body of Christ, for the life that we commemorate and would emulate, for the bread of heaven whereof if a man eat “he shall live forever,” for the cup red with loving restitution, redemption, and inspiration, we give thanks. The signet of the great heart, given to me in a little symbol, seals the covenant of everlasting love. May apostate praise return to its first love, above the symbol seize the spirit,**

speaking the “new tongue”—and may thought soar and Soul be.

**SCIENCE AND HEALTH by Mary Baker Eddy**

**103:5 Sin**

**Sin was the Assyrian moon-god.**

**196:11-15**

**“Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,” said Jesus. A careful study of this text shows that here the word *soul* means a false sense or material consciousness. The command was a warning to beware, not of Rome, Satan, nor of God, but of sin.**

**THE BIBLE**

**Rev 20:1,2**

- 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**
- 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.**

**RED BOOK—P. 137-139 *Essays by Oakes***

***Revelation 20*—‘The second death’ (from a student’s notes).**

***Verses 1 and 2. Science and Health* is the angel sent down from heaven. M.A.M. is the bottomless pit, and *Science and Health* gives us the key to it. It unlocks the mystery of ages, and its declarations of Truth are the *chain* which binds that old serpent, the devil, for a thousand years—that is, it reduces *sin, sickness, and death* to a ‘*unit of nothingness*’.**

**THE BIBLE**

**Rev 20:3**

**3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**

**RED BOOK**

***Verse 3. Unity of Good* is the *seal* that was put upon the devil and Satan, for its teachings make it impossible for him to longer deceive the nations.**

## THE BIBLE

### Rev 20:4-6

- 4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- 5** But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- 6** Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

## RED BOOK

**Verses 4-6.** They who have been taught of *Science and Health*, the heavenly messenger, are they who sit upon



thrones and have judgment given unto them, for they declare the Science of being over all error, and their judgment is the judgment of God. Then the good that is the reflection of God, is separated from the good that is only a false belief or the error which has upon it the mark of the beast. Then the true reflection of God, good, reigns with those who sit upon the thrones overcoming the *unit of error*. They who are thus taught, reign with the Christ, *whose second appearance 'is the first resurrection'*.

#### THE BIBLE

Rev 20:7

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

#### RED BOOK

Verse 7. It was necessary that Satan should first be 'bound', and then 'loosed (loosened) for a season'. That which bound him was the scientific statement of being. That which loosed (loosened) him was the chapter on M.A.M.

#### THE BIBLE

Rev 20:8-10

- 8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.
- 9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- 10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

#### **RED BOOK**

**Verse 8-10.** M.A.M. first bound, and then loosed (loosened) again, goes out with redoubled energy, knowing that its destruction is near at hand, and encompasses the camp of the saints—those who are demonstrating the Truth, and who dwell in the City of Divine Science. The true meaning of Satan ‘loosed again’, is found in the definition of the verb ‘to loosen’—to be less tight, firm, or compact (Webster). But the saints meet each Gog and Magog, or statement of

**M.A.M., with the denial of error, and the declaration of Love, which is ‘the fire that comes down from God out of heaven’. It is only as Satan is bound and then loosed (loosened), and each saint is compelled to meet every statement of the error, that the army of evil is devoured, and the devil that deceived, is ‘cast into the lake of fire and brimstone’. It is in the constant handling of M.A.M. that the dragon, and the serpent, and the devil or Satan, is tormented forever and forever. The angel of the devil is the false human concept, or unit of personality, that is made up the of ‘self of sense’, and the ‘sense of self’, and they are as ‘numerous as the sands of the sea’; but they can prevail not against the saints whose identities are forever in Mind, or God.**

## **THE BIBLE**

### **Rev 20:11-14**

- 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.**
- 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another**

book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

#### RED BOOK

Verse 11. The constant handling of M.A.M. enables the student of divine Science to discern the great white throne of pure good, and Him that sits upon it is Love, from whose face the heaven and earth of mortal mind—the beliefs of good and evil—flee away and no place is found for them, for they are not.

Verse 12. Thus we are enabled to see ‘the dead stand before God’—dead because of the belief of good and evil—alive because of the message of *Science and Health*, for the ideas of Mind are they which were dead

and yet live, and whose names have been written in the book of Life from the beginning.

**Verse 5.** 'But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.' Final ultimate good will only be discerned by us, as the arguments of the 'loosened' *unit of error* are met and destroyed.

**Verse 13.** Love is the mighty conqueror that rends the veil of sense, and compels the sea of mortal mind, and death, and hell, to give up their dead—to become dust, so that the reflections of good are no longer hidden.

**Verse 14.** This uncovering and destruction of the error is the 'second death', which they who have part in the 'first resurrection' of the scientific statement of being do not fear, for all outside that statement 'is cast into the lake of fire', 'where the beast and the false prophet are'. Blessed are they who have part in the first resurrection—who have the key to the bottomless pit, and who successfully resist Satan when he is loosed (loosened) again.

**RED BOOK**

**Rev. 12:10.**

**10 'And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.'**

***Rev. 22:16.***

**16 'I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.'**

***Rev. 22:17.***

**17 '... let him that heareth say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.'**