

A  
Scientific Analysis  
of  
Chapters I-IV  
of  
Science and Health  
with  
Key to the Scriptures

by  
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## P R E F A C E

THE prime fact of Mary Baker Eddy's discovery is the absolute oneness of being carried through to the point of demonstration and proof in order to embody all that is implied by the term SCIENCE. This disposes of the dualism and pantheism of all other systems of thought and philosophy, and provides through the Science of Christianity a unique answer to the problems confronting humanity today. Without such an answer, life remains a mystery; its origin, ultimate and purpose still unsolved by mankind. But with this answer, there is hope of triumph in every department of life.

It is my main purpose to help the student to help himself: to broaden his spiritual understanding and enlarge his capacity to demonstrate with increasing power and scientific certainty this spiritual truth which enables each one to work out his own salvation. To solve the problem of being and the enigma of mortality and redeem the human concept thus, is to contribute something to humanity's need collectively.

To this end there are certain postulates or premises which are axiomatic, and when accepted and demonstrated, make certain further propositions available and demonstrable within the meaning of Science. These provide the platform on which to stand and the starting point from which to advance. They will unfold in due course as we proceed.

This work on the metaphysics and operation of Christian Science originates in the Bible and is based squarely upon the textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. It is designed to help spiritualize consciousness and develop scientific method in order that the gathering of fragmentary ideas may mature into the consciousness of Truth and the understanding of Being as an undivided whole, like the coat "without seam, woven from the top throughout". Scientific method enables the apprehending of ideas to develop into comprehending them within their divine order. Without order sustained by law and embracing all identity in its harmonious relations, being and the universe in its eternal progression would be unknown and unknowable. Said Paul to the Athenians: "As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you".

## Preface

It has been throughout the centuries, and it still is, the sacred office of the Bible to prepare and lead human thought to an acceptance of the profound spiritual truths contained therein.

In this age it is the inspired office and purpose of the Christian Science Textbook to gather these truths which form the basis of Christian belief, and co-ordinate them into a unified whole whereby the Divine Being can be understood in its Science; also to provide a text that interprets the Divine to the human need through the spiritual idea which is demonstrable as "the way".

It is thus the student arrives at a practice in which demonstration becomes proof—reason and revelation coincide in the understanding so that he finds himself at-one with the divine Principle of his being.

Said Jacob: "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved"

As this textbook is more fully understood, the Bible will increasingly occupy its rightful place in the life of mankind. Together, the Bible and the Textbook in their inspired texts introduce, represent, illustrate and interpret the divine idea through which alone the infinite One can be understood, and is no longer merely accepted on a doctrinal basis of belief.

Only thus can mankind withstand and overcome the pressure of materialism and emerge, provided and blest with the means to analyse and solve scientifically the many diverse questions and problems calling for answer and solution. For today we live in a period when every field of knowledge is subject to scrutiny and analysis based on scientific method. This applies equally to those fields of thought and experience termed the mental, moral and spiritual, as well as to all phenomena studied through the natural and physical sciences. Indeed, the trend of development is towards a unification of all true knowledge within the term SCIENCE, which in its broadest and highest sense embraces all the categories of being. In consequence this twentieth century<sup>1</sup> is a period of upheaval, restlessness, doubt and fear—a period of power politics, trusts and monopolies; a period of great medical progress in the elimination of physical disease, and yet susceptible to new and mysterious forms of disease; a period of marvellous development in research, invention and manufacture, giving to mankind increasing dominion over time and space, hunger and want; and ultimately to man dominion over himself.

<sup>1</sup>My. p. 266: 3-9

## Preface

Consequently this means that the classifications and categories of scientific knowledge are subject to constant reorientation as the shift from a material to a mental and spiritual basis continues. It is to help in this forward movement and to contribute to the general weal, by applying scientific method to the study of Christian Science and its textbook, that this work has been written.

Science is one of the four great offices of being. The writer is convinced that as these four great offices of being—the Word, Christ, Christianity and Science—are lifted above sectarian and denominational belief and are understood in relation to their one infinite divine Principle, so will the problem of being be solved, and mankind emerge from darkness into light.

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# INTRODUCTION

## BASIC PREMISES

**T**HIS WORK derives from certain basic premises which when accepted, understood and demonstrated open the way for further propositions to appear which are equally demonstrable. These premises are as follows:—

1. The Bible and the Christian Science Textbook are to be seen and accepted as one *whole* indivisible literature, designed to represent and interpret the infinite One or Divine Being—the I AM—in terms of what Being *is* and *does*.

This literature was written in the idiom and language of the people among whom the spiritual idea progressively appeared, for example: Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek; and today English.

2. In this age the spiritual idea has not only re-appeared in English, but in its Science. It therefore must be accepted and understood in its Science and not be merely believed, ignorantly or emotionally, in order to be demonstrated.
3. Throughout the Bible and the Textbook are certain capitalized terms intended to convey the oneness of being and to direct thought away from a Jehovistic or personal Deity. For example: I AM, Elohim, Father, I or Ego, Son, Christ, Holy Ghost, Comforter, Word or Logos.

These terms, whilst indispensable in their own context, do not lend themselves readily to scientific method and classification: hence the need for a group of scientific and synonymous terms designed to define and interpret what the Supreme Being *is*: equally the need for a group of operational terms to convey what the Supreme Being *does* with reference to expression, manifestation, operation.

One of Mary Baker Eddy's first problems, therefore, after her discovery and accompanying demonstration of this Science was to evolve and arrange a scientific vocabulary that would record and propagate her discovery as far as language could sustain it; and yet to leave the door open for the enlargement of her discovery beyond language and ultimately even beyond matter<sup>1</sup>.

4. Eventually through prayer, revelation, heavenly inspiration and demonstration she arranged the following group of synonymous terms to define what the Supreme Being *is* in nature and essence:

<sup>1</sup>S. & H. 380: 22-28.

Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love; and likewise the operational terms: the Word, Christ, Christianity, Science, to denote what the Supreme Being *does* with reference to action and manifestation.

This work enabled her to present a co-ordinated Science of being and the orderly approach to it through reduction to a system in which the constituent ideas are classified in definite categories. This system makes available a demonstrable Christianity which interprets and solves the problem of being at every level of thought and culture; and when sought sincerely reaches every state of human belief as the Christ that heals and redeems, and becomes "the way".

5. Thus the author of Science and Health through revelation and demonstration arrived at her textbook which embodied and interpreted through an inspired and metaphysical use of the English language the leading conceptions of Science and one's orderly approach to them as a way of life.

Such conceptions are fundamental to the understanding and demonstration of Science and a number are listed as follows:—

(a) law <i>M</i>	(b) <sup>1</sup> wisdom <i>M</i>
order <i>S</i>	purity <i>S</i>
rule <i>S</i>	spiritual understanding <i>S</i>
system <i>P</i>	spiritual power <i>P</i>
method <i>L</i>	love <i>L</i>
form <i>T</i>	health <i>T</i>
plan or design <i>L</i>	holiness <i>L</i>

6. The above are stated in their Genesis order of unfoldment; and when accepted in this orderly development enable the student to advance beyond religious belief to a way of life which coincides increasingly with the deeper meaning of the *seven days*, until as "numerals of infinity" they open the way in Science for acceptance of "the divine infinite calculus", and all that it symbolizes and interprets.

These conceptions, understood subjectively, that is from the standpoint of the author of Science and Health and the cultivation of one's own spiritual sense, are then seen to conform to an underlying plan that pervades the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and the whole Textbook throughout its sixteen chapters.

<sup>1</sup>Science and Health, p. 116.

<sup>2</sup>p. 520.

## THE TEXTBOOK OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The text of *Science and Health* follows the pattern of an unfolding Genesis order to meet the need of the learner yet conforms to an operational, fourfold design to meet the requirements of Science and the need of the demonstrator whose consciousness is putting off "the old man with his deeds", and putting on "the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him"... "And above all these things put[ting] on charity, which is the bond of perfectness". (Paul)

It is assumed that the reader is already familiar with the simple rudiments of the Bible and Textbook and is endeavouring to "put on" or demonstrate the Mind of Christ; and to facilitate this, that he desires to think scientifically from the acceptance of God as the only Mind. He is therefore invited to ponder deeply the significance of this reduction to system in such statements and phrases as:— "Divine metaphysics is now reduced to a system . . . This system enables the learner to demonstrate the divine Principle upon which Jesus' healing was based, and the sacred rules for its present application to the cure of disease."

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| ... "the stated system and rule."   | S. & H. 146: 31-5      |
| ... "this Christian system of healing disease."                             | S. & H. 547: 5         |
| ... "led her . . . to the discovery of the system . . . Christian Science." | S. & H. 150: 3         |
| ... "her system has been fully tested . . ."                                | S. & H. pref. VIII: 27 |
| ... "Jesus' system of healing . . ."  | S. & H. pref. VIII: 1  |
| ... "my metaphysical system . . ."  | S. & H. 132: 17        |
| ... "a pathological system of Christianity . . ."                           | S. & H. 111: 30        |
| ... "a scientific system of ethics."  | S. & H. 464: 21        |
|   | S. & H. 464: 29        |

Further, he is invited to become thoroughly familiar with those conceptions which lead up to *system*, and those which are equally indispensable as its outcome.

The supreme question is What is God? To answer this question fully within the meaning of the Word, Christ, Christianity and Science is to demonstrate it; this demands reduction to a system and all that that implies and requires.



To meet this demand of Science, and to define the great I AM, Mary Baker Eddy capitalizes the seven synonymous terms, of Biblical origin, which are individual in nature, "the same in essence", and "multiform in office" These synonymous terms are designed to interpret the divine nature to man. But what the Infinite *is*, is inseparable from what the Infinite *does* in terms of being and its omni-act, and to define this she employs the four operational terms, likewise of Biblical origin, the Word, Christ, Christianity, Science. These two groups of capitalized terms, known for convenience as the "seven" and the "four" pervade the Bible and Science and Health, and it is in the interrelationship which obtains between these terms throughout the text, that we arrive at Science and system.

The seven synonymous terms are employed throughout Science and Health in distinctive orders according to the specific office being considered. This will be discussed later in more detail. Each synonym is distinctive in nature and essence, and each order is designed to convey some diverse aspect or office of the Divine Being—or Supreme Being—that Christendom calls God.

The operational terms are God-given and designed to convey the omnipresence and omni-act whereby the self-existence of the Elohim—the I AM—becomes identified, self-expressed and reflected. These four terms—Word, Christ, Christianity and Science—are basic to identity and identification, individuality and individualization.

Without these great offices and their scientific terminology mankind would have no scientific means of communication and definition; no classification and interpretation; no categories; no reflection; no Christ to redeem and translate the human concept, and solve the problem.

Not only is each of these two classes of capitalized terms self-reflecting within itself, but also the seven synonymous terms and the four operational terms reflect each other in infinite inter-relationship. This makes possible a text that not only meets the immediate human need, but also provides the way of approach, unlocks the Scriptures and opens the gates of reality through the Revelator's symbol of the City Four-square, demonstrating this through the operation of the "numerals of infinity", and "divine infinite calculus".<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>S. & H. p. 331: 29-30.

<sup>2</sup>S. & H. 520: 3-15.

**THE PRIME FACT OF MRS. EDDY'S DISCOVERY:  
THE ONENESS OF BEING**

By confirming and verifying the Bible, and interpreting the divine Word, Science and Health reveals that the prime fact of being, and of Mrs. Eddy's discovery, is the *oneness* of being as opposed to the dualism of all evidence based on the five physical senses.

By this *oneness* we mean that Being is one and indivisible in nature, essence, substance, structure and operation, that is, in what it is and does, and this eliminates belief in the co-mingling of opposites. Thus the divine *Whole* or *wholeness* (Mis. 16: 21; S. & H. 465: 14) is One, noumenon and phenomenon conjoined and inseparable yet distinct in office, the former in its infinitude embracing the latter as the substance and content of its own being. It is in this sense that "Principle and its idea is one . . ." (S. & H. 465: 17) and the supreme issue in human life entails the willingness to forego any other claim to self-existence apart from the one divine Being, and to demonstrate this.

We now come to a leading proposition: that what Being is "must be understood through the idea which expresses it", i.e. through what it does in action or operation (S. & H. 467: 29-3).

This great fact of oneness runs through *Science and Health* with unbroken continuity. It appears and reappears under the terms ONE, ALL, ONLY, and INFINITE which are sometimes capitalized, at other times italicized according to the need of the context.

Examples in the text of *Science and Health*:—

ONE	ALL	ONLY	INFINITE
3: 14	17: 15	330: 11	vii: 1
16: 29	280: 3	331: 19	249: 15
112: 16	339: 7	339: 27	336: 21 m.h.
117: 4	366: 29	344: 2	502: 24
	536: 9	469: 14	
		502: 25	

Prose Works: Further references:—

Mis.	173: 17
Ret.	60: 11-12
No.	25: 2
My.	239: 17-21

In order to define and interpret further this oneness of being, the student is referred to the Concordances.

As we proceed it is well still to ponder the distinctive qualities of each synonymous term individually, and in recognized order, so that these terms may build up in thought an indelible yet flexible and expanding concept of what the Infinite is through the qualities which constitute its nature and essence. Likewise, it is good to ponder the four operational terms individually in order to gain an expanding conception of the Infinite in its omni-act; for without omni-act, being in nature and essence would be void.

Almost imperceptibly at first, yet continuously, profound changes and developments are under way. Disconnected, fragmentary thinking begins to yield to an unfolding sense of pattern and design leading into structure and co-ordinated operation, and divine order is accepted and welcomed as the fact of being. One begins to comprehend somewhat the meaning of omni-act as it pervades the whole universe. Thus what God *is*, namely "incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (S. & H. 465) is gained and understood in "nature, essence, and wholeness" through what God *does* in action or operation within and throughout His own infinite being; and coming as the divine Word, Christ, Christianity and Science in their distinctive offices reaches and touches the human consciousness for the purpose of redemption and salvation through spiritual understanding demonstrated.

### THE OFFICE OF MATRIX

*Science and Health* in its inspired text is thus seen to be the presentation and interpretation of Being in nature, essence, structure and operation designed to reach human thought at all levels of belief and understanding. Since the four offices of divine operation are inseparable, yet may be considered individually, they reflect each other in their continuity of action within the framework and indivisible wholeness of being, and therefore can best be understood in terms of a matrix.

A frame or matrix is commonly used to facilitate and elucidate certain conceptions and processes in mathematics.

The matrix in divine Science would interpret the infinite self-containment of Being which is the sum of all relationship in divine

order and omni-action.

John W. Doorly was able to identify these relationships in Christian Science and later to present them so that they may be discerned and understood by the student who is prepared to accept them.

They are summarized and co-ordinated in the following chart which is reproduced by permission of his trustee. The sequences of the synonymous terms themselves are found in Science and Health.

This matrix is based on the fundamental orders of the synonymous terms for God as given in the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. The ordered statements of the synonymous terms occur on the following pages of the textbook:— S. & H. 465: 10, 115: 13-14, 587: 6-7.

	<b>THE WORD</b>	<b>THE CHRIST</b>	<b>CHRISTI-ANITY</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>
<b>THE WORD</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Manifestation</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Numerals of Infinity</b>
	MIND SPIRIT SOUL	PRINCIPLE LIFE TRUTH LOVE	PRINCIPLE MIND SOUL SPIRIT	PRINCIPLE SOUL    LIFE
<b>THE CHRIST</b>	<b>Identity</b>	<b>Translation</b>	<b>Reality</b>	<b>Infinite Calculus</b>
	SOUL PRINCIPLE LIFE	TRUTH LOVE SOUL SPIRIT	SPIRIT LIFE TRUTH	SPIRIT    TRUTH
<b>CHRISTI-ANITY</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Plane</b>	<b>Space</b>	<b>Fourth Dimension</b>
	LIFE TRUTH	LOVE SOUL SPIRIT MIND	MIND SOUL SPIRIT LIFE TRUTH LOVE	MIND    LOVE
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>Omnipotence</b>	<b>Omniscience</b>	<b>Omnipresence</b>	<b>Omni-action</b>
	LIFE TRUTH LOVE	MIND	LIFE TRUTH LOVE	PRINCIPLE

Acceptance of the Word intrinsically, that is the Word as the Word, provides the ordered approach to the problem of being through an intelligent understanding of the Infinite as Mind, Spirit, Soul in their respective natures. This approach is further expanded in the full text of Chapter I PRAYER.

As the Word reflects the Christ one becomes aware of his identity not as a mortal, but as an immortal—an idea embraced in the divine Principle, identified immaculately through Soul, with the prospect of an eternal progression before him. Such is the nature of Life and all that it signifies. The text of Chapter II ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST exemplifies this in the life of Christ Jesus.

Since Being is one and indivisible, there is no isolated existence or being, and relationship at the point of perfection is the law of being. Thus the eternal progression co-incident with Life is found to be inseparable from the perfection of ideal manhood embraced in Truth. Chapter III MARRIAGE presents this ideal and opens the way for its attainment through the Word reflecting Christianity.

As the Word reflects Science, being is accepted in its wholeness through the spiritual understanding of Life, Truth, and Love. These three co-ordinate within the divine “trinity in unity” (p. 331) and constitute the eternal progression.

This also provides the spiritual understanding wherewith to analyse scientifically the root error set forth under the term *spiritualism* in Chapter IV CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS SPIRITUALISM.

The accompanying plan in the form of a four by four frame, with each chapter taking its appointed place in the same design, illustrates further what is meant by the term matrix as it appears in Christian Science. It shows what we mean to convey by the Word as the Word in relation to PRAYER; the Word reflecting Christ in relation to ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST; and so on with the remaining chapters when we relate them to these four operational terms and their mutual reflection of each other.

As early as page 3 *Science and Health* presents the idea of an exact Science where there is a marginal heading, “The spiritual mathematics”. The accompanying text shows the necessity for working out one’s own salvation in accordance with established rule and fixed Principle.

	WORD	CHRIST	CHRISTI- ANITY	SCIENCE
WORD	PRAYER	ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED	CREATION	TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
CHRIST	ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST	SCIENCE THEOLOGY MEDICINE	SCIENCE OF BEING	RECAPITU- LATION
CHRISTI- ANITY	MARRIAGE	PHYSIOLOGY	SOME OBJECTIONS ANSWERED	GENESIS
SCIENCE	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS SPIRITUALISM	FOOTSTEPS OF TRUTH	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE	THE APOCALYPSE

Once the student is familiar with this matrix and its function to illustrate how the divine offices reflect each other, he will discover for himself the design pervading the whole textbook, and see how vitally it contributes to the structure of *Science and Health*. This in turn is invaluable in helping to bring his own life and demonstration increasingly within the framework and perfection of divine order. He need not fear losing Christianity in so doing; rather will he gain abundantly by being able to hold Christianity apart from personal sense (S. & H. 126: 32-128: 19) and thus free to function as it obtains in divine Principle.

It now becomes clear why the Textbook is built upon a plan comprising sixteen chapters of text (plus PREFACE, GLOSSARY and FRUITAGE), and that these sixteen chapters fall naturally into four groups of four, each group as a whole characterized respectively by the Word, Christ, Christianity and Science.

The two classes of capitalized terms, the seven synonymous and the four operational, and their interweaving throughout one text, may be likened unto the warp and weft in weaving upon which design and structure depend. So in *Science and Health*: the warp and weft of what God *is* and *does*, woven into one text, give the textbook design, form and structure. The Word reveals the ideal of perfection, in its divine order and the approach to it; the Christ constitutes this ideal;

Christianity is the demonstration of this ideal; and Science is the interpretation of this ideal and idealism in real being, which operates as law to the human need and circumstance. The synonymous terms themselves represent the being or *is-ness* of the one Infinite from which this divine operation proceeds.

### DEVELOPMENT OF SURVEY

Let us now expand our survey of this inspired textbook, remembering all the while that the *letter* and the *spirit* are mutually and reciprocally indispensable to each other, and that without spiritual sense we entertain neither one nor the other. Demonstration with scientific certainty is the ideal before us, and spiritual understanding must be accompanied by demonstration.

*Science and Health* ranges from the initial desire to know God, to the presentation and interpretation of reality as recorded by the Apostle John in Revelation. The sixteen chapters ranging from PRAYER to THE APOCALYPSE cover every stage of human experience and development; and in conjunction with the Bible are designed to meet every human need. Whereas the Bible is designed to convey the Word, Christ, and Christianity and to prefigure divine Science, these sixteen chapters as a whole are the embodiment of Science. As we reduce our scale of observation we realise that these chapters individually and in groups of four are designed as categories within categories.

It may therefore be helpful at this point to recall one of Funk and Wagnall's definitions of system: "An orderly collection of logically related principles and facts arranged or disposed so as to express the whole range or scheme of truth in any department". As we proceed we shall become increasingly familiar with the text as a system of categories—of category within category—representing an infinite range of thought and idea embraced within law, order, and classification to fulfil the divine perfection (S. & H. 337: 16-19).

The first four chapters are characterized by the Word, and because of the nature of the subjects of which they treat, may be epitomized as chapters of *approach*, each in its own way; that is, of approach to God from the background of human life and of religious or non-religious experience.

The second four chapters are characterized by the Christ, and may be epitomized as chapters of *scientific translation*, whereby the Christ translates itself to reach and so to translate the human consciousness and character from a material basis to the acceptance of Spirit or divine Principle as the only basis. They also include a scientific uncovering of the mystery and operation of evil for the purpose of destroying it.

The third four chapters are characterized by Christianity, and may be epitomized as chapters which demand the *scientific demonstration* of Christianity as a way of life, to supersede denominational religion and sectarian belief or dogma.

The last four chapters are characterized by Science, and may be epitomized as chapters of the *scientific interpretation* of the whole problem of being; they show how *Science and Health* as God's interpretation of Himself to this age translates and conveys the Holy Ghost or Divine Comforter, as far as language can do, for "achieval" of demonstration and proof. Beyond language and its symbolic representation and interpretation, the divine Word or Logos, Christ, Christianity and Science are one and indivisible in their reality and operation, yet distinctive in nature and office as they constitute this ultimate reality—its substance and sustenance—within "the eternality of the scientific order and continuity of being" (S. & H. 123: 28-29).

### DESIGN AND STRUCTURE OF THE TEXTBOOK

*Science and Health* is a scientific textbook, embodying design and structure in its presentation of divine metaphysics as the Science of Christianity.

Let us now consider chapters one to sixteen in more detail. It is always helpful to observe how the first chapter of a group opens and how the fourth chapter of the group closes.

For example, in chapters I-IV (pages 1-99) we have a complete span, ranging from the initial *prayer of desire* to the M.H. "Key to the kingdom", with the accompanying text: "Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding . . . None may pick the lock nor enter by some other door". (S. & H. 99: 9-12). Observe also how the fourth chapter rises to prophetic altitudes on p. 98.

Considering the second group (pages 100-254), beginning with



Chapter V we find a complete change of subject, namely the uncovering of the essence and nature of evil, under the chapter title, ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED, which is self-explanatory. Chapter VIII, FOOTSTEPS OF TRUTH, closes on p. 254 with the M.H. "Patience and final perfection", and the text asks the questions: "If you venture upon the quiet surface of error and are in sympathy with error, what is there to disturb the waters? What is there to strip off error's disguise?" This uncovering is the office of the Christ.

The closing M.H. "The cross and crown" and its accompanying text foreshadows the stresses and strains encountered in a real, working Christianity—Christianity demonstrated.

The third group (chapters IX-XII) lies between pages 255 and 442, and ranges from CREATION, presenting the ideal to be demonstrated, to CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE, the elucidation of demonstration in actual practice. These four chapters present a concept of Christianity beyond anything we have known hitherto. Chapter IX opens with the changes that are inevitable within a demonstrable Christianity, and Chapter XII closes with M.H. "Christ the great physician" and with the words "When Christ changes a belief of sin or of sickness into a better belief, then belief melts into spiritual understanding, and sin, disease, and death disappear". On account of these changes, imminent and inevitable, Christian Scientists are enjoined to become a law unto themselves, that is, within the operation of divine law.

The fourth group is concerned essentially with Science: Chapter XIII is TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, and all that it involves; Chapter XIV is RECAPITULATION, which embodies the substance of what is to be taught by epitomizing the whole textbook through a system of questions and answers. Having accomplished this presentation of metaphysics the textbook then provides, beginning with Chapter XV, the Key to the Scriptures. This Chapter XV, GENESIS, is a detailed and inspired elucidation of the two Genesis records, analogous to the orderly unfoldment that is fulfilled in scientific proof and "the burden of disproof", that is, demonstrating the reality of that which is, through knowing the unreality of that which is not—the Adam story. Chapter XVI, THE APOCALYPSE is the interpretation of sixteen selected passages, the first twelve of which are concerned with the mission of the spiritual idea to destroy evil,

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p. 47: 1)

symbolised by dragon and serpent. Passages 13-16 symbolise The New Jerusalem, The City Foursquare. Man's attainment to this reality is in proportion to his spiritual understanding and his awakening to present possibilities.

### RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP

These sixteen chapters also have reciprocal relationship and the following notes, I trust, will help to develop a deeper understanding of these relationships. (Please refer to Matrix chart on page ix.)

PRAYER provides the initial approach from "desire" to "loftiest adoration" through the Lord's Prayer, since the Word as the Word firstly bestows the light of revelation that generates the prayer of desire.

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ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST corresponds to the Word reflecting Christ; it is illustrated and demonstrated to perfection through the life of Christ Jesus. Atonement is the process; *at-one-ment* is the fact of being; Eucharist is the conscious union and communion that sustains being.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED is reciprocal with Chapter II in that it uncovers the root-error to be dealt with—separation—its nature and consequence—and illustrates the Christ reflecting the Word.

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MARRIAGE covers the whole field of relationship in its approach to the ideal wherein Principle and its idea *is* one; and illustrates the Word reflecting Christianity.

CREATION presents the perfection of being in its divine order as the ideal that obtains in absolute Christianity; and illustrates Christianity reflecting the Word or Logos. This in its reduction to the human need is illustrated in Chapter III, MARRIAGE, namely Word reflecting Christianity as approach.

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CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE  
VERSUS  
SPIRITUALISM

illustrates the Word reflecting Science and the using of this office to examine, analyse and penetrate the mysticism of minds many, or so-called spirits and their phenomena.

TEACHING  
CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE

Observe in this Chapter (Science reflecting the Word) the attention given to handling and eliminating malpractice, the *mental assassin*, the wicked evasions of hypocrisy and ecclesiasticism, preparatory to thorough teaching based on scientific interpretation and method.

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SCIENCE  
THEOLOGY  
MEDICINE

This chapter corresponds to the Christ intrinsically, or Christ as Christ; it records the author's account of her discovery of Christian Science as the Comforter to this age. This is followed by the uncovering of the way animal magnetism would organise itself through these three counterfeit systems of thought which so largely determine the life of mankind in conjunction with the physical senses: consequently the chapter (p. 115) includes the great office of scientific translation.

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PHYSIOLOGY

illustrates Christ reflecting Christianity to uncover the way animal magnetism would use the human system or body as the focal point upon which these three systems operate; hence the title PHYSIOLOGY.

SCIENCE OF  
BEING

illustrates Christianity reflecting Christ to provide the Science, system and scientific method (as in the Platform) and their categories which are a complete antidote and elimination to the ways, means, and methods of animal magnetism as analysed and uncovered in Chapters IV, V, VI, VII.

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SOME  
OBJECTIONS  
ANSWERED

This chapter goes to the heart of Christianity, and in handling the chemicalization resulting from resistance to this analysis and uncovering, it shows that proof is indispensable to a genuine Christianity. The chapter corresponds to Christianity as Christianity.

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FOOTSTEPS  
OF TRUTH

When Christ reflects Science the way out from the morass of materialism begins to appear: hence FOOTSTEPS OF TRUTH providing the way, and . . . . .

RECAPITULA-  
TION

RECAPITULATION as Science reflecting the Christ providing through twenty-four questions and answers the system, substance and 'way' of what is to be taught, in order to enable the student to stand on his own feet through absolute reliance on and relation to divine Principle.

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CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE  
PRACTICE

illustrates Christianity reflecting Science to provide an introduction to Christian Science Practice and its elucidation; beginning with the Magdalene story it illustrates how the immediate human need or problem is met in true practice.

## GENESIS

is not only the Key to the Scriptures but in its office of Science reflecting Christianity provides, through its two records understood in conjunction with each other, an *absolute* practice. This practice is the unfoldment of reality and its calculus, together with the exposure of impersonal evil or animal magnetism through the Adam record and personified evil through the story of Cain and Abel: the proof and the "burden of disproof" (Un. p. 47).

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APOCALYPSE corresponds to Science as Science to present in its first twelve passages the final destruction or annihilation of evil under the symbols of serpent and dragon. The last four passages present and interpret the reality of being, through the symbols of the CITY FOURSQUARE. These sixteen passages are a perfect matrix.

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Before beginning this reading of *Science and Health* I must make it clear that the main body of the textbook is designed to represent, and then to interpret, a calculus of ideas; that is to say, a living structure of ideas which express their parent Mind or divine Principle and which in their operation constitute an infinite development or eternal progression identified as man and the universe. This progression dawning on human thought as the spiritual idea demands continuous change and development in the broad pattern of events, commonly called evolution, history, progress; and healing, renewal, redemption where the individual is concerned.

Since progression is eternal—outside time and physical space—it is impossible that the text which interprets this diversity of tone and office be divided or subdivided into rigid sections, any more than the currents of a river can be channelled into separate streams or the rays of the spectrum radiate in finite lines. Though they are individual and distinct in themselves they flow together as one river or radiate as one light.

Consequently my markings are designed only to help the student to discern these distinctions of nature and essence, structure and operation, until he reaches the point where he can dispense with them. They are in no way to be regarded as fixed and final. This is the interpretation (as I see it at present) of an infinite calculus of ideas, “forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis” (S. & H. 258: 14-15).

YE shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

—JOHN viii. 32

THERE is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.

—SHAKESPEARE

OH! Thou hast heard my prayer;

And I am blest!

This is Thy high behest:—

Thou here, and *everywhere*.

—MARY BAKER G. EDDY

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