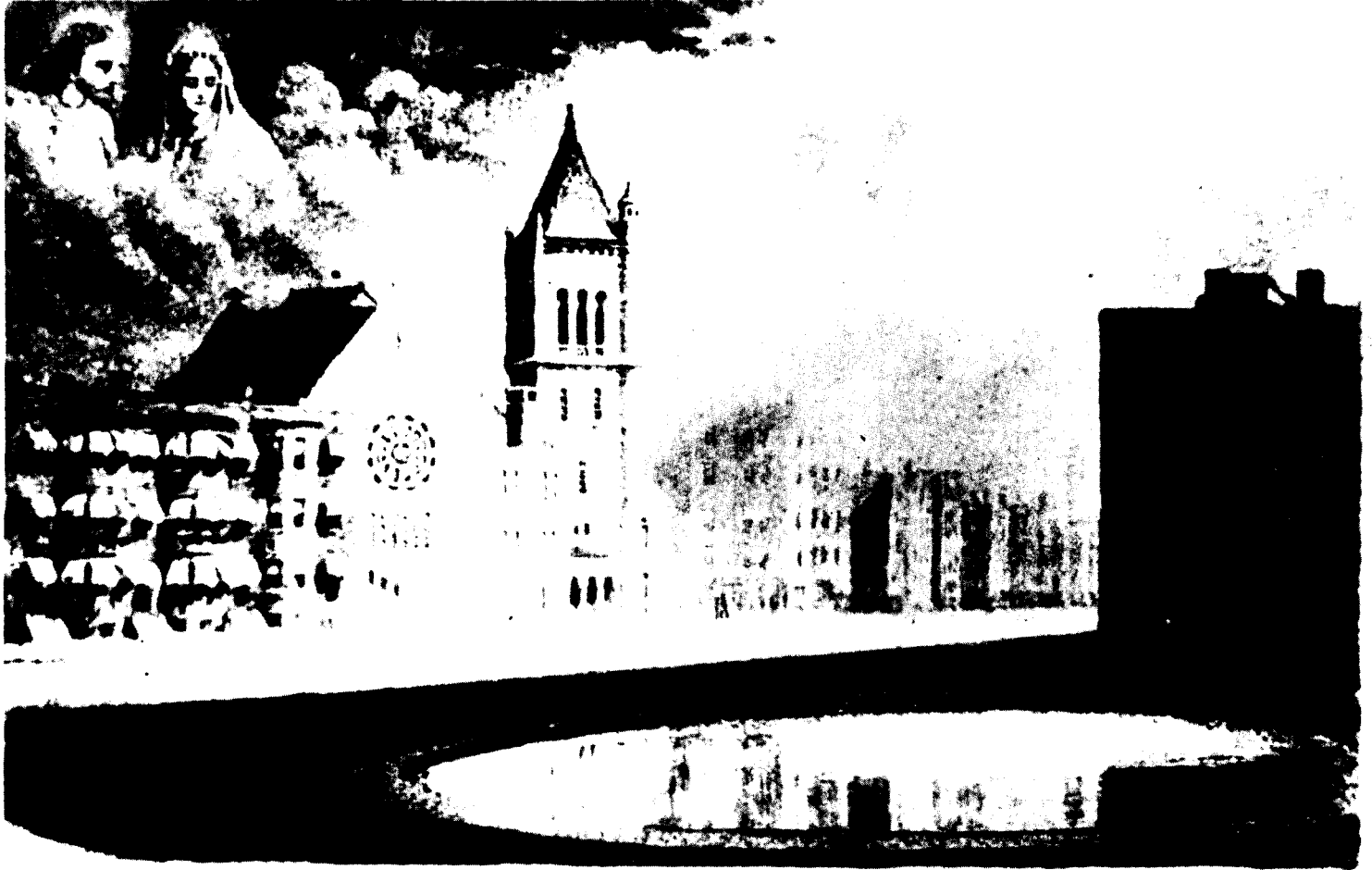


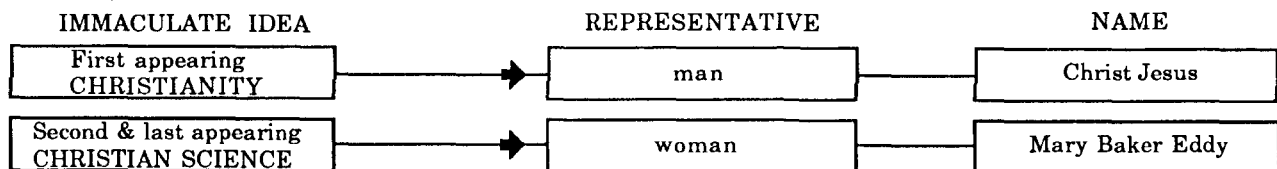
Romanism and The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3,4,10-12 reads, "And I will give power unto my two witnesses. . . . These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth [see Zech 3:11-14 and the back page of *Our Leader's Demonstration of Generic Man*] . . . And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these TWO PROPHETS tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. . . . And THEY ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN IN A CLOUD; and their enemies beheld them." (emphasis added)



This picture was drawn by Mr. Gilman at Mrs. Eddy's request. The man child is rising to the upper right of the tower. This same man child is in another picture done by Mr. Gilman and Mrs. Eddy without the two witnesses in the clouds. Two weeks before the Woodbury trial Mrs. Eddy gave a statement to the world through a newspaper: "Science and Health makes it plain to all Christian Scientists that the manhood and womanhood of God have already been revealed in a degree through Christ Jesus and Christian Science, His two witnesses." (*My*. 346:29-2) Remember, she could not say she was the second witness, fulfilling Bible prophecy, because of Mrs. Woodbury's charges explained in the insert to the article *Mrs. Eddy's Demonstration of Generic Man*. To make a statement that Christian Science was the second witness was a very strong statement but to state she was the second witness would have lost the Woodbury case and caused irreparable damage to her cause. Mrs. Eddy does make it clear, however, that she represented the womanhood of God and the motherhood of God and that she was the feminine representative of the spiritual idea.

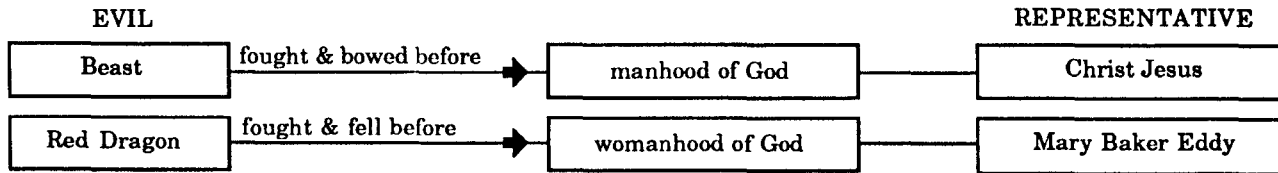
"This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman. . . ." (*S&H* 565:18-19)



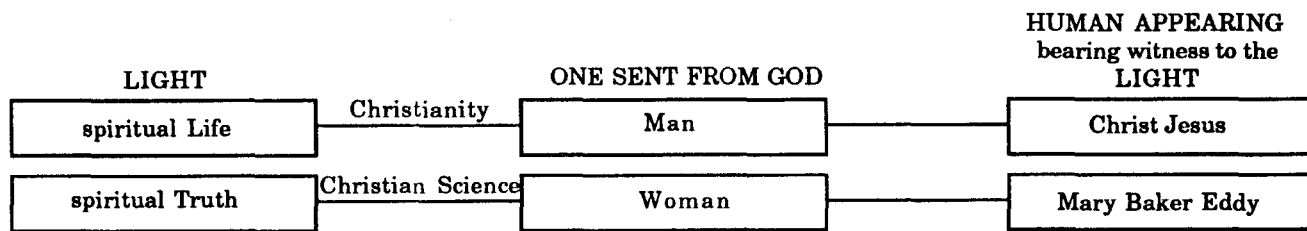
The Bible prophecy concerning the two witnesses states that "they ascended . . . in a cloud." The picture above shows a man and a woman, TWO PROPHETS "ascended in a cloud," not a prophet and a religion. What Mrs.

Eddy said to the nation through the press was correct. She could have said that Christianity and Christian Science are the two witnesses or Jesus and Mrs. Eddy or Christianity and Mrs. Eddy, but wisely stated it was Christ Jesus and Christian Science which does not exclude Christianity nor Mary Baker Eddy. The first coming of the Truth was prophesied as an impersonal dispensation and also as a personal representative, later known as Christianity and Christ Jesus. Both Christ Jesus and Christianity could be considered the first witness. The same can be said for the second appearing. Both an impersonal dispensation and a personal representative were prophesied.

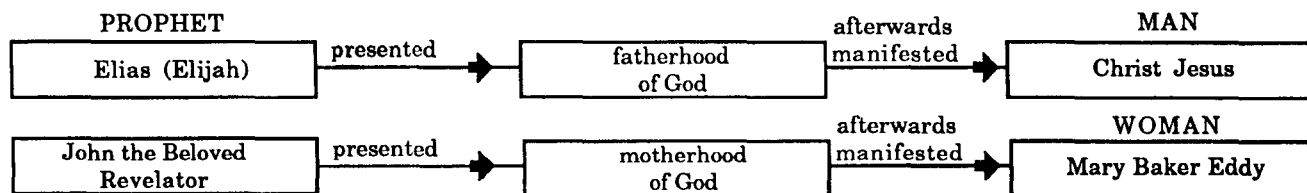
In *Christian Healing* 10:1-8 she says, "The dragon that was wroth with the woman, and stood ready 'to devour the child as soon as it was born,' was the vision of envy, sensuality, and malice, ready to devour the idea of Truth. But the beast bowed before the Lamb: it was supposed to have fought the manhood of God, that Jesus represented; but it fell before the womanhood of God, that presented the highest ideal of Love."



"The spiritual idea is clad with the radiance of spiritual Truth, and matter is put under her feet. The light portrayed is really neither solar nor lunar, but spiritual Life, which is 'the light of men.' In the first chapter of the Fourth Gospel it is written, 'There was a man sent from God . . . to bear witness of that Light.'" (S&H 561:26)



(S&H 562:3-7) "As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood."



The man in the picture is a representation of the first witness, Christ Jesus. Mrs. Eddy saw that he was one of the two witnesses "ascended . . . in a cloud." There is also a woman with a crown. If our Leader wanted to show Christ Jesus and Christian Science as the two witnesses, don't you think she would have placed a cross and crown or *Science and Health* where the woman is? If the angel coming out of the church in this picture is the man child of Revelation 12, then has Mrs. Eddy made a serious mistake because the man child "caught up unto God, and to his throne" (Rev. 12:5) is Christian Science? How then could the woman be Christian Science also? Seems silly for Christian Science to be viewing Christian Science, doesn't it? Apparently, Mrs. Eddy did not see herself as a nice old lady, did she?

There were no Roman Catholic followers of Christ Jesus in his time. It was an unknown system and yet the elements of mortal mind that rejected our Lord and centralized church government were quite evident in the immediate disciples of Jesus,--pride of power, love of place, infallibility, seeking esteem, establishing a hierarchy of personality, rebuking and disobeying their Leader, refusing to listen, reason, or follow, and held in bondage by Jewish orthodoxy, with all of its customs, fashion, rules, and ordinances. Not following his commands faithfully, they fought among themselves as to who would be greatest, thus centralizing authority before any church had developed. Genuine womanhood was not upheld as their Lord had done, but womanhood was rejected and male energy and ego erased its precious influence in the church.

The disciples and followers of Christ Jesus rejected their Lord's position and place, and placed themselves in his place. They gave him some obligatory recognition, but that was all. As centralization of the church developed, Jesus had to go and so they deified him, the only route open to preserve their own love of place and power. As our Leader says, "The ignoble conduct of his disciples towards their Master, showing their unfitness to follow

him, ended in the downfall of genuine Christianity, about the year 325, and the violent death of all his disciples save one." ('02 18:25) Isn't our Leader telling us that the disciples produced Romanism, the downfall of genuine Christianity? The disciples, through their rejection of their Lord and the instituting of fear among the people, produced a desire for hierarchy and authority, thus sowing the seeds of the destruction of all that Jesus had accomplished. They would not support his place and allowed him to be deified and thus lost his example of the human and divine coincidence. They were responsible for the development of Romanism, before those inherent claims of mortal mind were manifested to the world as a church.

If the claim that removed Christ Jesus from his church was deification, then wouldn't the claim removing Mrs. Eddy be excommunication? And if these two claims of Romanism reject the two witnesses, would Christian Scientists, who rejected their Leader's place in Bible prophecy, and as the second witness, be under the influence of Romanism?

The nature of Romanism is to hide the grand demonstration and example, the lives of the two witnesses, and this can be accomplished by deification or excommunication. When Romanism removed Jesus' grand example and demonstration, mortal mind could then continue to seek esteem, place and power for itself. For the same reason the great reformer, pioneer and Leader, the demonstrator of the Science of Christianity, has been excommunicated from her own church. Mrs. Eddy says, "The old and RECURRING martyrdom of God's best witnesses is the infirmity of evil, the *modus operandi* of HUMAN ERROR, carnality, opposition to God and His power in man." ('02 10:24-27, emphasis added) Our Cause has been under an attack since its inception. Romanism in the church excommunicates our Leader, elevates male energy, hides all that pertains to her that is of a loving and correct nature and gives lip service to our Lord.

If our Leader speaks of the martyrdom of God's best witnesses, how can she be referring to Christian Science when Christian Science cannot be martyred? She is speaking of the two prophets, the two witnesses of Revelation and Zechariah. On p.134 of *Science and Health* she says, "The word *martyr*, from the Greek, means *witness*; but those who testified for Truth were so often persecuted unto death, that at length the word *martyr* was narrowed in its significance and so has come always to mean one who suffers for his convictions."

The Roman Catholic has a right to the church of his choice, but a Christian Scientist has enlisted in the battle to lessen the beliefs of sin, disease and death. He must ever be on guard that the claims of Romanism do not invade his church, claims that are inherent in mortal mind. It is not necessary that there be a single Roman Catholic in the world for the claims of Romanism to enter the church. The disciples of Jesus were evidence of that.

The claims of Romanism in our church reject Mrs. Eddy's place in Bible prophecy--the claims of self-deification, self-importance, apostolic succession, love and fear of place and power. Romanism rid the world of Jesus' example by deification. Romanism has rid the world of Mrs. Eddy's example by excommunication from her own church. Where is the evidence? The six points detailing her place in Bible prophecy put out by the 1943 and 1962 Directors is rejected by the present Board. The "Six Points" leaflet has been removed from the reading rooms. Her childhood home burned down shortly before her death. Her favorite home, Pleasant View, was destroyed intentionally shortly after her death, and recently the property was sold. The beautiful pyramid marking her birthplace was dynamited by the Board of Directors. (See photograph of pyramid in *Landmarks from Bow to Boston* in your reading room.) Her birthplace and memorial gravesite are inaccessible during winter. There is a present attempt to close down all the historical homes of Mrs. Eddy and to gather up all the bound volumes of our early history. The women from the front of the *Sentinel*, put there by Mrs. Eddy, were removed. The olive trees from Zechariah's prophecy concerning the two witnesses were removed from the front of the *Quarterly*. Biographies which are totally alien to her are accepted within the bosom of her church. She is seldom spoken of in lectures, a violation of the *Manual*. In periodical testimonials, she is now known as a faithful follower of Christ Jesus and this is the most frequent way gratitude for her is ever mentioned. If Romanism in our church claims that Mrs. Eddy is merely the faithful follower of Christ Jesus, then Jesus is our Leader. From July 1911 to the end of December 1911, we see that Mrs. Eddy is given deep, loving gratitude in 87% of the testimonies in the *Journal*! As a stark contrast to this we now see perfunctory gratitude in only 9% of the testimonies that appear in the *Journal* from November 1986 to April 1987. This sad trend is also evident in the *Sentinel*. From September 1911 through February 1912, of the 360 testimonies, fully 67% expressed deep gratitude towards Mrs. Eddy. In the most recent six month period, November 1986 to April 1987, a paltry 5% of the testifiers barely mentioned any gratitude whatsoever in the 109 testimonies appearing during this time, except for one testimony of heartfelt gratitude. If one researches on their own in years prior to this, a decided downward trend is apparent. Why? Obviously, this is not indicative of the true feelings of individuals in our Movement as there are many who write loving testimonies, but the severe editing of every testimony, especially gratitude to Mrs. Eddy, by those in Boston is simply another attempt to control what is read in our Movement. Boston has asked that all pictures of her be removed from reading rooms and churches. Precious memoirs and reminiscences are kept out of circulation, volumes in which early workers expressed their love for her and for her place in Bible prophecy. Accessibility to these are now being limited at Longyear and all such material is hidden in the archives. Mrs. Eddy never established the archives. Tomlinson's book was removed from the reading room with its last chapter detailing her place in

Bible prophecy and other books were removed that express a sense of reverence for her. Have all Christian Scientists gone a fishing while their Leader has been excommunicated from her own church?

When a member of the Catholic church is excommunicated, no member is to speak of him again, and they remove all evidence of this individual as having ever been in the church. Have all our churches been warned not to receive Mrs. Eddy, not to have her pictures, not to talk of her in testimonies, etc.? Have lecturers been told to simplify their remarks concerning her? Why? Have editors of the periodicals been told to eliminate gratitude for her from testimonies? Why? Have teachers been told not to teach her place in Bible prophecy? Why?

Why have Christian Scientists ridiculed the Roman Catholics? Is it because Catholics will not read anything their church has not authorized? Is it because they refuse to question the authorities of their church? Is it because they bow to authority because afraid of being disciplined or excommunicated if they speak out? Do we laugh at them because they seem so docile they will not take a stand and are in constant fear of not coinciding with the bureaucracy? Do we consider them less than Christian because they want a person with a position of trust to handle all of their problems? Is it because the local churches look to Rome for all solutions? Is it because we feel Catholic go to church mechanically, unprepared to give and unaware of any responsibility to their church and its members? Do we ridicule the total centralization of their church and the lack of self-government in it? Do we pity the Catholics who report fellow members who do not follow the prescribed rules to the church authorities? Do we pity those who report on those who get out of line and who conspire to spy on members for a reward from the hierarchy? Do we think it strange that their people cannot understand why healing left their church and why it is not there now? We really have a good laugh about their lack of studying in their Bibles and their lack of biblical knowledge. Do we laugh that the Pope does not give out his salary? There is only one other church in the world that does not report the salaries of its top officials. Does the Catholic church allow the studying of the vast material it keeps in its archives except for the privileged few? Do we think it strange that Catholics call upon church intermediaries to get them closer to God and to answer all of their questions, yet never study and pray for themselves? Do we ridicule them because they think they belong to the one true church and need do nothing? Do we look at the officials of the Catholic church and ridicule their love of place and power? Do we think it strange that this power builds upon fear?

Do we think it absurd that they excommunicate for resistance to false church doctrine but never for gross immorality? Don't we think it sad to think of the priests and bishops saying, *I must be quiet or I will lose my effectiveness. What will become of my work if I speak out? All of those who rely upon me will lose my help if I am excommunicated.* Do these same officials ever want anyone to know they made a mistake? Do we look down upon them because priests and cardinals do nothing to dissuade members from revering them and do nothing to diminish adulation? Do we laugh at them because they don't reject all awe and reverence from those to whom they should be servants? Do we pity them for seeking place and power and adulation rather than seeking to be the dearest servants and friends of those they should be lifting up? Do we think it so strange that Catholics are followers of a hierarchy and laugh at them because they do not follow their Leader? Do we laugh at them because Catholics love to hear what priest, bishop and cardinal have to say, but care little about what their Leader says? And, say you, isn't it pitiful the way they are so intolerant towards those with differing opinions in their church. Isn't that outrageous, you say. Do we laugh that the Pope considers himself the literal successor of their Leader and that he stands in the Leader's stead? Do we say, if I were in that church and in their place, I would certainly take a stand against the errors in the church, and I would put a stop to all that adulation and error? Mrs. Eddy said that Christian Scientists love Protestant and Catholic alike, whoever promotes the prosperity of Zion. Perhaps Christian Scientists have been so busy laughing that they have failed to love, and that unloving character has brought those same errors upon Christian Scientists. Fear of deifying Mrs. Eddy and fear of looking like Roman Catholics have placed us under the claim of Romanism--that which has aided her excommunication. Roman Catholics have an excuse for allowing Romanism to affect them. We have the Science of being; we do not have an excuse. It is no longer laughable, is it?

Mrs. Eddy included salaries for the Board of Directors and Committee on Publication in the *Manual*. The Board was to receive \$2500 each annually and the COP not less than \$4000 annually. Evidently, Mrs. Eddy thought the COP worth more than the Board. Times have changed. Another interesting fact is that we have \$100 for class instruction then, and now. Isn't it interesting that the cost of spiritual instruction, teaching, has remained the same, while the Board's salary has gone so high that they are the only officials outside of Rome who do not give out their salary and retirement salary, a retirement salary never considered in the *Manual*. So the Board's pay has increased as has the COP, but now the Board makes far more than the COP, while the remuneration for spiritual instruction remains the same. It appears that the emphasis has been on money in the Movement and not on the spiritual, and we wonder why the Boston bureaucracy has gotten larger and the teaching has diminished. It certainly would not be difficult to be honest in this matter and compute the present salaries and teaching costs from the value of an ounce of gold in 1910 and its purchasing power then and what the same ounce of gold is worth now. It is very comparable. That would enforce obedience, wouldn't it? It seems that the love of money is far more evident in our church than the love of God. Dear friends, this is Romanism.

We spoke before of the rejection, trashing and burning of unauthorized material as Romanism. At a videoconference, the Board announced that the number of *Science and Healths* sold had increased by a large margin. There was loud applause. What they were not telling was that one wealthy Scientist bought ten thousand copies. When this man lovingly gave some of these *Science and Healths* to Christian Science churches, many of these same people who wildly applauded the increase in sales, returned them to him, others trashed them, and some even burned them. Yes, rejected, trashed, and burned *Science and Health*. Why? Because they were not from Boston. It would appear that some of our people would be much happier in the church of Rome.

Also in relation to *Science and Health* and Romanism, do you realize that *Science and Health* is promoted only within the church to church members? Can you imagine the distribution of *Science and Health* if it had a fraction of the money promoting it as the *Monitor* had? And do you realize that *Science and Health* can only be bought in reading rooms? Romanism hid the Bible, and now it is hiding *Science and Health*.

In the July 1891 *Journal*, page 135, Mrs. Eddy wrote the following:

CARD.

Since my attention has been called to the article in the *May Journal*, I think it would have been wiser not to have organized the General Association for Dispensing Christian Science Literature.

1. Because I disbelieve in the utility of so wide spread an organization. It tends to promote monopolies, class legislation and unchristian motives for Christian work.

2. I consider my students as capable, individually, of selecting their own reading matter and circulating it, as a committee would be which is chosen for this purpose.

I shall have nothing further to say on this subject, but hope my students' conclusion will be wisely drawn, and tend to promote the welfare of those outside, as well as inside this organization.

MARY B. G. EDDY.

This card in the *Journal* was in response to a group of students who in 1891 formed the General Association for Dispensing Christian Science Literature. Mrs. Eddy saw it as a move to control what her students should read. Mrs. Eddy's letter to Mr. Nixon in 1891 showed what she thought about authorized literature. It was extremely severe criticism for the students' attempts to "authorize" only her works and "the literature best adapted to the demand [which] will be named by a Committee." (*Journal*, May 1891.) Mrs. Eddy referred to her students' plan as "prescriptive and tyrannical, working against justice and love." She stated that the authorizing of literature was "most wicked. . . uncharitable," was a "curse" and "offensive." She declared that her writings were for the entire world, and that she had not given God's Word to just "a privileged monopoly to tyrannize over other writers." What has happened since, dear friends, is Romanism.

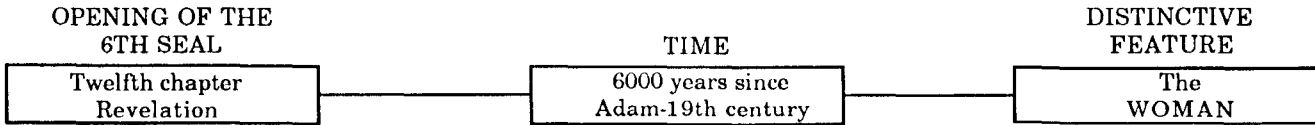
Later, the page containing this warning was taken out of the *Journal* in reading rooms throughout the country. Apparently, Boston could not maintain its authority without controlling what the membership read. This scheme has continued to this day. The policy of "authorized literature" was not enacted until six years after Mrs. Eddy's passing.

This does not mean that Christian Scientists clamor for those things our Leader did not write and substitute those for our proper study. But the claim of authorized literature gives us a sense that we must be spoon fed and accept all that Boston writes. This leads to poor writing and mistaken metaphysics in the periodicals, and these are not fit for Christian or Scientist alike. The claim of authorized literature leads to lack of study of even that which is authorized; it leads to a captive audience and Mrs. Eddy never wanted these claims of Romanism in her church. The moment we accept the claim of Romanism, that authoritarianism must protect and spoon feed us, that is the moment we have masters instead of one Master and leaders instead of one Leader. With only his or her books to guide them, Christian Scientists will study and grow, taking in new ideas and matching them against the books. But given no choice, mentally in bondage to authorized literature, man will not grow, will not study even the works of Science he has, and he and the Movement will wither away. The intent to tell intelligent people what to read is an attempt to tell them that they are not intelligent enough to make that choice themselves.

The Christian Scientist who understands his Leader's place in prophecy does not go astray, but cleaves steadfastly to her writings. Those who do not see this point can be led astray. What need is there to "authorize" writings, when Scientists come to the understanding that God dictated these writings through His messenger? If Boston is honestly trying to keep Scientists in the books, they will elevate the understanding of Mrs. Eddy's place and not hide it. This will be a signal for all as to what is, or is not, "divinely authorized," and this will protect her revelation far better than a stamp placed upon church literature by men that reads, "Authorized Literature." Citizens of the freest republic in the world's history are uniquely qualified to make their own choice of reading material.

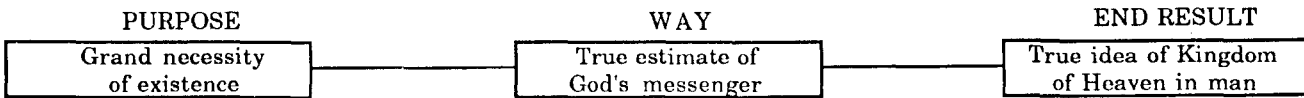
These claims of Romanism are mental in nature. They are not a property of the Vatican nor exclusive to the Roman church; they enter every church. A few years ago a Baptist friend told me of a new minister coming to his church. Immediately the minister told the congregation what he was going to do, in a very authoritarian manner, and what they were going to do. They immediately told him he would be happier in the Catholic church down the street. We, too, have members of our church whose thoughts are more in line with that church. The Christian Science Movement needs its renaissance period, its new birth, the re-emergence of genuine Christian Science and the repudiation of Romanism in its ranks.

In *Science and Health* p.559:32-5 Mrs. Eddy says, "The twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, or Revelation of St. John, has a special suggestiveness in connection with the nineteenth century."

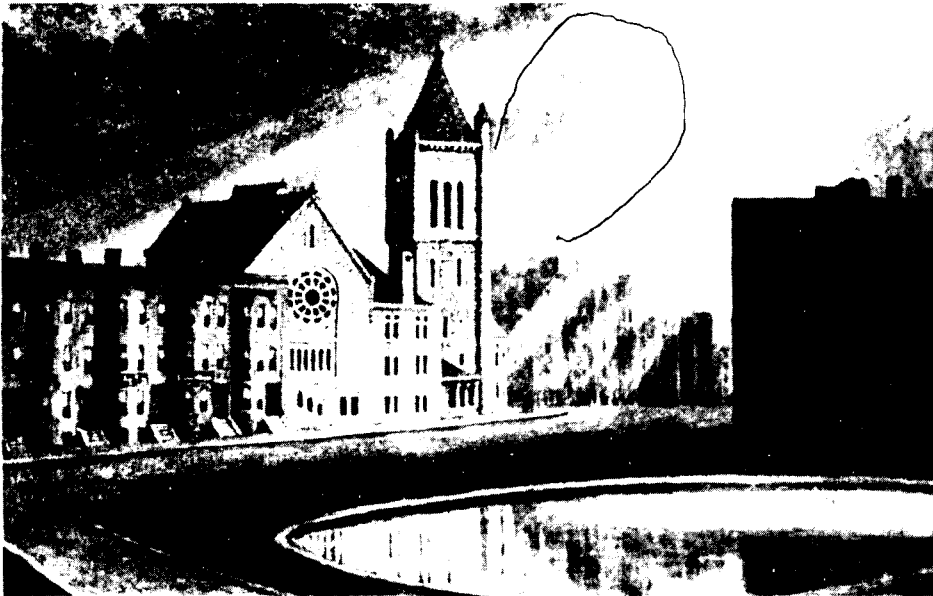


Mrs. Eddy's explanation of Revelation 12:1 (*S&H* 560:13):

"The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we . . . entertain a false estimate of anyone whom God has appointed to voice His Word."



You don't gain the true idea of the kingdom of heaven within yourself if you do not gain a correct estimate of God's messenger, Mary Baker Eddy, who appeared in the 19th century.



Man child included as Mrs. Eddy gave it to the Directors.

Mrs. Eddy gave this picture to the Board of Directors of her church, which consisted only of those who understood her place in Bible prophecy. It was, at her request, to be hung in the Directors' room. I have been told it has been removed. The child caught up unto God and to His throne is not distinct but has been circled to make it easier to see. Some editions of Powell's book include the child on p.30 and some have it erased on p.198. Mrs. Eddy's letter to the Board accompanying the picture, states in part, that may our lives be gathered "into one signal for future history to float over this church." Apparently, Mrs. Eddy thought it a very important picture.

"Cowardice is selfishness."

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