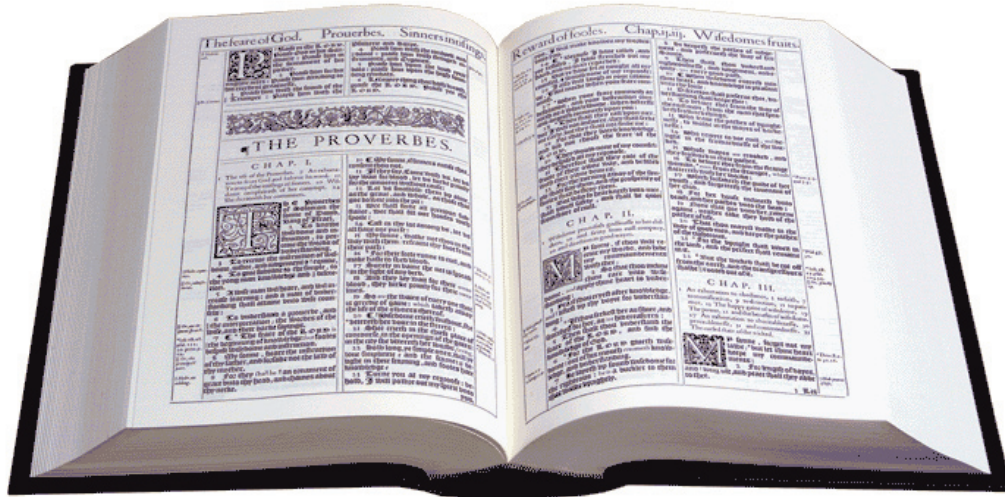


# Biblical Roots of Christian Science



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*“... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

— Rev.22:2



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# THE STORY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

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## Introduction

Publication of the King James translation of the Bible was a milestone in making the Bible more accessible to the general population in England. After an uncertain start, this translation became a best seller for almost 400 years, with billions sold and, due to its popularity was known as the “Authorized” or “Common” version. No other version has achieved such popularity, praise, and love. What is it about this version that has enabled it to endure? An examination of the translation process and its circumstances yields some clues to answer this question.

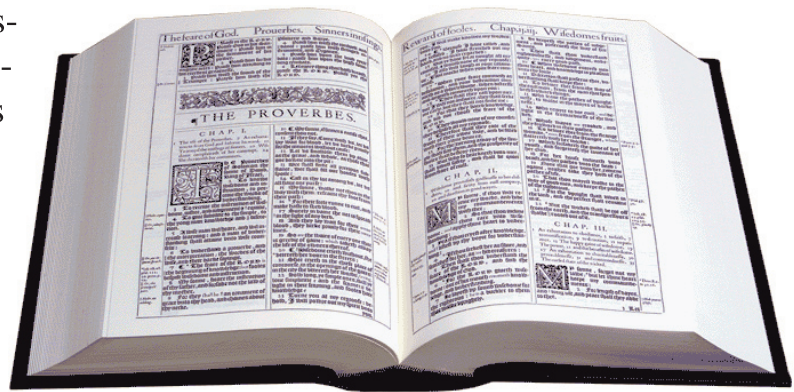
## Historical background - England in 1603

When James I ascended to the English throne in 1603, the time of William Shakespeare and Francis Bacon, the country was very involved with the things of God and the Church. As reigning monarch, James was head of the Church of England, England’s official Protestant Church. Everyone

was required by law to attend Church each week or pay a fine.

## Historical background - King James I and his vision

King James was an extremely scholarly man, the only English monarch ever to publish a book of his own works. He was also an ambitious man and a shrewd politician. His vision for England was that of a peace-



ful and balanced society. However, the Puritans and the Bishops were great rivals in the Church and James needed to find a way to bind them together to avoid their stirring up discontent. After the conference of Hampton Court, the Puritans had suggested the idea of a new translation of the Bible. (None of the three existing Bibles, –the Calvinistic Protestant Geneva Bible, Queen Elizabeth I’s Bishops Bible, and the Roman Catholic Latin Vulgate Bible, –suited James.) James knew that compromise was the only solution and that neither the Puritans nor the Bishops

could be excluded from the translation process. Sanctioning a new translation of the Bible, true to the original texts, – to the Word, which appeals to the mind, and would move the Church away from ceremony, which appeals to the senses, – seemed a promising proposition. Ever the politician, James placed the work under the control of the Bishops, but allowed input from the Puritans.

## Goals and Rules Governing the Translation and Ambiguity

The translation process began in 1604. The whole venture was a deeply scholarly enterprise. The approximately fifty translators assembled to do the work were men of great scholarship, several of whom were fluent in multiple ancient Biblical source languages. They were men who would be considered highly educated and cultured today, although they could by no means all be described as pious. In a prefatory note to the readers of the King James Version, the translators wrote

*“Truly we never thought from the beginning, that we should need to make a new translation, nor yet to make of a bad one a good one, but to make a good one better, or out of many good ones, one principal good one.”* Adding that *“whatsoever is sound already the same will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished; also if*

*anything be halting, or superfluous, or not so agreeable to the original, the same may be corrected and the truth set in place.”*

One goal of the new translation was to connect the reader directly with the meaning of a message recorded in ancient languages, generally unknown to the reader. The translators took their work very seriously, sometimes debating at length over a single word. There was a commitment of total fidelity to the original languages, but also to total transmission of the depth of meaning to the reader. To maintain this purity and his other goals, James instituted a set of 15 rules governing the translation process. According to these rules, marginal notes and commentary (to explain some of the more ambiguous passages or words for which there was no equivalent English word,) were forbidden. Translators inevitably exhibit bias, and marginal notes -if printed in the translated document- will reflect that bias to the reader, thereby effectively forming a barrier between him and the original text, and inhibiting individual interpretation. The “no marginal notes” rule had the effect of forcing the translators to find the words or phrases that could convey the multiplicity of meanings of the original. Annotations, found in the margins of some of the original source works used in the translation process, indicate some of the alternative words the translators had consid-

ered using. Other notes show the great ingenuity of the translators in their use of phrasing and judicious punctuation to get closer to the original, and to preserve ambiguity.

## Ambiguity

Ambiguity arose because there were some cases where the translators admitted that they simply did not know what was meant by the original. This visible ambiguity in the King James Version is sometimes criticized, but actually it has great value. Ambiguity, by allowing for multiple meanings, requires the reader to be an active thinker, not just a passive reader, and also demands that he take upon himself the responsibility for interpretation. Ambiguity in meaning, when worked with and pondered, gives the reader the opportunity to grow in his understanding of complex ideas, so that increasingly he grasps the higher and deeper meanings which at first reading maybe he didn't see, or wasn't ready to understand.

The translators were also conscious that the Bible was to be read aloud in Church, and that therefore the way the text sounded when read aloud was important. In considering which words to use, they looked for sounds of greatness and chose words to try to convey a sense of the divine, so that the people would realize that they were in fact hearing the Word of God. They knew the

text must flow and wanted the words to sound like music to the ear when read.

## Completion of the Work and Its Aftermath

The translation process was completed in 1611, but the new Bible at first met with universal loathing. Puritans thought the translation too "high church," too formal. After the death of King James and the murder of his son, England descended into civil war, and the King James Version of the Bible was left to gather dust for some 30 years. But after the Civil War, in 1660, people seemed ready to embrace the new translation as part of a renewal and a fresh start. The King James Bible came to prominence as a link to the past, specially prepared for the Church of England. Phrases borrowed from it have become part of the very fabric of the English language. The King James Bible has been described as the most influential book in the English language. Through the work of missionaries, it has been carried to every corner of the English-speaking world.

## Conclusion

While there are now many Bibles available in modern English, most, but not all, are re-workings of existing versions, rather than totally new translations. An exception (and one of the earliest modern English Bibles)

was Ferrar Fenton's 1903, "The Holy Bible in Modern English". Fenton, an ancient Sanskrit, Greek, Hebrew and Latin scholar, had as his sole goal "to study the Bible absolutely in its original languages, to ascertain what its writers actually said and thought". Today's modern language Bibles cover a broad spectrum of purposes and interests, and some are very contemporary. For example compare Genesis 1:1-2. First the King James Version reads:

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."*

And now the contemporary version published in 2003:

*"First off, nothing! No light, no time, no substance, no matter. Second off God starts it all off and whap stuff everywhere."*

What will a modern day reader look for when choosing a translation of a classical text written thousands of years ago? Could he be satisfied knowing that highly educated, cultured scholars undertook the translation? Could he accept the use of ambiguity as a means to draw attention to passages with a multiplicity of meaning? Will he want to make sure that the transla-

tion conveys the greatness of divinity through the beauty of expression? He probably will. The King James Version will likely have an audience for some time to come.

*Sources include: Adam Nicholson, author of "Gods Secretaries." and Ward Allen, author of "Translating for King James."*



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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

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### Introduction

**A**t a meeting of the Christian Scientist Association in 1879, Mary Baker Eddy proposed a motion

on which it was voted: “To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing.” Just over a decade earlier in 1866 Mrs. Eddy had slipped and fallen on some ice and after examination, her doctors had pronounced her injuries fatal. She asked to be given her Bible, and turned to Matthew to an account of one of Jesus’ healings. As she read, the words of Jesus, “*I am the way the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,*” (John 14:6) flooded into her heart and thought. She was suddenly filled with the conviction that her life was in God – that God was the only Life, the only I AM. In that instant she was healed, through prayer, through spiritual means alone. The significance of this moment as the point of the discovery of Christian Science became clear to Mrs. Eddy only later. She concluded that she had to know how her healing had been accomplished. To find the answer she turned to her Bible.

## Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to trace the path down which she was led to the discovery of Christian Science and, through deep study of the Bible, to an understanding of its practice, which enabled her to write the textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. In tracing this path we shall rely heavily on what she wrote about her experienc-

es. Rather than comprising a rigorous historical research document, this paper seeks to find Mrs. Eddy’s own leadership and guidance in her writings -to show us how she discovered Christian Science and learned its practice -so that if we wish, we too may follow in her footsteps. It may be helpful to note here that Mrs. Eddy’s most-used Bible was the “Common” or “Authorized” version, both terms used at that period to refer to the King James Version of the Bible.

## Childhood and Young Adulthood

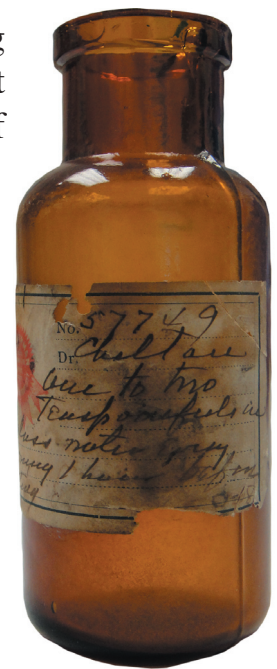
Mary Baker Eddy was born in Bow, New Hampshire in 1821. Her family and their social circle were deeply religious people. As was common in the early 1820s, life was centered on God and how He should be worshipped. From early childhood Mary’s life was Bible-centric. In speaking of her childhood church home, many years later, she describes her “list of blessings infinite” as including: devout orthodox parents; her early association with the Congregational Church; daily Bible reading and family prayer; her cradle hymn and the Lord’s Prayer, repeated at night; and her early association with distinguished Christian clergymen, all of which were very dear to her. She continues “Such churchmen, and the Bible, especially the First Commandment of the Decalogue, and

Ninety-first Psalm, the Sermon on the Mount, and St. John's Revelation, educated my thought many years, yea, all the way up to its preparation for and reception of the Science of Christianity." (Message, '01.) Years later in her autobiography, "*Retrospection and Introspection*" she wrote, "From my very childhood I was impelled, by a hunger and thirst after divine things, — a desire for something higher and better than matter, and apart from it, — to seek diligently for the knowledge of God as the one great and ever-present relief from human woe." (Ret.31:9)

From early childhood, she was described as of frail health, with a delicate nervous system. Mary's chronic ill health, which continued throughout the first half of her life until her discovery of Christian Science, was the driving force behind her medical researches and experiments. She married young but was widowed early, giving birth to a son soon after. Her continuing ill health made it very hard for her to care for her young son, and led to her family determining it would be better for her if he were cared for by another. He was taken away when he was seven and she didn't see him for nearly 30 years. A second marriage, giving hope for regaining custody of her son, ended in divorce following her husband's infidelity.

## Medical Experiments

In *Retrospection and Introspection*, Mrs. Eddy wrote that for 20 years, from about 1845 until her discovery of Christian Science, she had been trying to trace all physical effects to a mental cause. Her exploration of homoeopathy had prompted her into this search. She needed to know, however, the nature of this mental cause. She wrote: "The physical side of this research was aided by hints from homoeopathy, sustaining my final conclusion that mortal belief, instead of the drug, governed the action of material medicine. I wandered through the dim mazes of *materia medica*, till I was weary of "scientific guessing," as it has been well called. I sought knowledge from the different schools, — allopathy [conventional medical practice], homoeopathy, hydropathy, electricity, and from various humbugs — but without receiving satisfaction." (Ret. 33:1) In *Science and Health* she added: "The author's medical researches and experiments had prepared her thought for the metaphysics of Christian Science. Every material dependence had failed her in her search for truth; and she can now understand why, and





can see the means by which mortals are divinely driven to a spiritual source for health and happiness. Her experiments in homoeopathy had made her skeptical as to material curative methods.” (S&H 152:21)

This research may be of interest to the reader, in the light of the recent press and TV reports of research showing that in certain tests un-medicated tablets or placebos that have been given to patients have appeared to be equally as effective as the medications being tested.

*Science and Health* explains in regard to homeopathy that “the drug is frequently attenuated to such a degree that not a vestige of it remains. Thus we learn that it is not the drug, which expels the disease or changes one of the symptoms of disease. The author has attenuated *Natrum muriaticum* (common table-salt) until there was not a single saline property left. The salt had “lost his savour;” and yet, with one drop of that attenuation in a goblet of water, and a teaspoonful of the water administered at intervals of three hours, she [Mrs. Eddy, while still experimenting with homeopathy before discovering Christian Science had] cured a patient sinking in the last stage of typhoid fever. The highest attenuation of homoeopathy and the most potent rises above matter into mind. This discovery leads to more light. From it may be learned

that either human faith or the divine Mind is the healer and that there is no efficacy in a drug.” (S&H 152:32-15)

Mrs. Eddy realized that Mind, or God, was the curative agent in her own healing. So she returned to the Bible to find the Science, or Christian method of her healing.

### “The Great Discovery”

In an article titled “The Great Discovery” in her autobiography, Mrs. Eddy writes: “My immediate recovery from the effects of an injury caused by an accident, an injury that neither medicine nor surgery could reach, was the falling apple that led me to the discovery how to be well myself, and how to make others so. Even to the homoeopathic physician who attended me, and rejoiced in my recovery, I could not then explain the *modus* of my relief. I could only assure him that the divine Spirit had wrought the miracle — a miracle which later I found to be in perfect scientific accord with divine law. I then withdrew from society about three years, — to ponder my mission, to search the Scriptures, to find the Science of Mind that should take the things of God and show them to the creature, and reveal the great curative Principle, — Deity. The Bible was my textbook. It answered my questions as to how I was healed; but the Scriptures had to me a new meaning, a new tongue. Their spiritual significa-

tion appeared; and I apprehended for the first time, in their spiritual meaning, Jesus' teaching and demonstration, and the Principle and rule of spiritual Science and metaphysical healing, — in a word, Christian Science.” (Ret.24: 12-9)



Deeply studying the Bible for guidance was not a new experience for Mrs. Eddy. Throughout her life, she turned to the Bible, many times a day, for comfort, inspiration, and guidance. Her great love of and respect for the Bible, and its central importance in the study of Christian Science is evidenced in

many places in her writings. Some examples are:

*“The Bible has been my only authority. I have had no other guide in “the straight and narrow way” of Truth”;* (S&H 126:29)

*“The Bible is the learned man’s masterpiece, the ignorant man’s dictionary, the wise man’s directory.”* (Mis. 363:27)

*“Christian Scientists are fishers of men. The Bible is our sea-beaten rock. It guides the fishermen. It stands the storm. It engages the attention and enriches the being of all men.”* (My.595:17)

*“Acquaintance with the original texts, and willingness to give up human beliefs... open the way for Christian Science to be understood, and make the Bible the chart of life, where the buoys and healing currents of Truth are pointed out”;* (S&H 24:4)

*“Divine Science derives its sanction from the Bible, and the divine origin of Science is demonstrated through the holy influence of Truth in healing sickness and sin”;* (S&H146:23)

It has long been accepted that the Scriptures have both a literal and a spiritual meaning, and Mrs. Eddy was keenly aware of this, and referenced this fact in different places in her writ-

ings. For example: “Take away the spiritual signification of Scripture, and that compilation can do no more for mortals than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice.” (S&H 241:14) Mrs. Eddy came to recognize that it was the spiritual meaning of the Scriptures that had brought her healing, and that just as she had needed to grow up to this spiritual, healing meaning of the Bible, she recognized that everyone needed to grow to this higher, healing, meaning of the Scriptures. Hence her statement that “The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek. In the soil of an “honest and good heart” the seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the swinish element in human nature uproots it. Jesus said: “Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures.” The spiritual sense of the Scriptures brings out the scientific sense, and is the new tongue referred to in the last chapter of Mark’s Gospel.” (S&H 272:3)

## Conclusion

**M**ary Baker Eddy was fortunate in having a God-centered, Bible-centered childhood, but it was a childhood marred by ill health. Her frail health continued into young womanhood, through widowhood and a divorce, and was the reason she had to give up the care of her young son. Forced into a seemingly endless search for relief from physical ailments, she

seemed to have exhausted both conventional and unconventional means for help. Then in February 1866, in a life-threatening situation her doctors told her they could help her no more, so she turned to her Bible, to God, and was healed.

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The next section “Gracious Preparation” examines the first five chapters of *Science and Health* for links to the Bible, and in so doing guides the student in his own glorious preparation for the understanding and demonstration of Christian Science.



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# GRACIOUS PREPARATION

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## Introduction

In the sixth chapter of her major work, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mrs. Eddy refers to her own preparation for the discovery of Christian Science saying “God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing. This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of Immanuel, “God with us,” — the sovereign ever-presence, delivering the children of men from every ill “that flesh is heir to.”” (*S&H* 107:3-10) Recognizing the significance of her discovery and its value to all Christians and the Christian Church throughout time, she knew that to keep the discovery to herself, was not an option. It had come to her to be shared, and her great love for mankind is proved in the dedication of the rest of her life to doing just that. We get a glimpse of what that cost her from the statement in her book *The First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany*: “Millions may know that I am the Founder of Christian Science. I alone know what that means.” (*My*. 249:19)

This section of our exhibit, entitled “Gracious Preparation”, addresses in

detail the issue of preparation for understanding Christian Science. Robert Peel historian and author of a definitive three-part biography of Mrs. Eddy, guides us to the record of Mrs. Eddy’s own gracious preparation.

## Robert Peel

Mr. Peel’s experience, education, and scholarship earned him his role as pre-eminent historian and biographer of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Born in England, and educated in three countries, he spent part of his childhood in Boston, and had the privilege of attending the Sunday School at The Mother Church. He graduated from Harvard with highest honors, and remained there to study and teach for six more years. During this time he held the post of Professor of History. After service in World War II, (part of the time as an officer in counterintelligence,) he became an editorial writer for The Christian Science Monitor and began a new career as an author. Mr. Peel has also served The First Church of Christ Scientist as an editorial consultant.

During the time he was researching and writing his three-volume biography of Mrs. Eddy, he was given full access to all the information in the Archives of The Mother Church, including information, which had not previously been open to scholarly research. He was a man of keen intellect, and a rig-

orous historian who personally interviewed many of the early workers in the Christian Science movement in researching his biographies of Mrs. Eddy. In addition to much factual information, he includes in his books commen-



tary about Mrs. Eddy's thinking and motives gleaned from his extensive research, which spanned decades. His standard practice was to include information in the biographies, only when it could be validated by other substantial evidence, including and especially Mrs. Eddy's own correspondence.

## The Biographies

**I**n the first book, "Mary Baker Eddy The Years of Discovery" Mr. Peel records with his usual in-depth historical scholarship, the life, spiritual research, and medical experiments that prepared Mrs. Eddy for her discovery of Christian Science, and for writing the

Christian Science textbook, "*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*". However, it is in the third book, "Mary Baker Eddy The Years of Authority", that Mr. Peel introduces the reader to the significance of the new ordering of the chapters in *Science and Health* in the 1902 revision. It may be a surprise to the newcomer to know that Mrs. Eddy did not write *Science and Health* during the years from 1872 to 1875, and then leave it unchanged. She constantly revised it until the final 1910 edition. Some revisions were relatively minor, and some involved both substantial editing and reorganization of material, as in the 1902 edition.

In describing the re-organization in the 1902 edition of *Science and Health*, Mr. Peel, wrote: "*A different kind of logic came into play in the final order which the chapters of Science and Health took in this edition. There had been a good deal of rearranging of material in the major revisions of earlier years, and for the past decade the book had started off with the chapter, 'Science, Theology, Medicine', whose opening words read: 'In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science...' [wording conformed to the 1910 edition.] This was a logical starting point but not a particularly winning one. The author went on in the next sentence to state that God had been 'graciously preparing' her for many years to receive this revelation. By now, however, she had come to the*

*conclusion that the reader, too, needed some gracious preparation for such apodictic assertions. The new arrangement, which remains today, followed a new logic, - the logic of her own early development."*

(“Mary Baker Eddy The Years of Authority. pp189-190)

The first five chapters reveal in-depth the spiritual steps she was led through in preparation for the discovery of Christian Science, and which she felt were equally necessary for us to take to be prepared to fully understand and practice this revolutionary Science. This Divine Science is fully explained in the rest of the book.

In the following sub-sections, some of the foundational Christian values found in the first five chapters of Science and Health have been selected and then a few of them are examined by identifying Biblical references supporting them. It may be helpful to the newcomer to note that the order of the first five chapters in Science and Health in the 1902 edition, and in all subsequent editions is:

1. Prayer
2. Atonement and Eucharist
3. Marriage
4. Christian Science versus Spiritualism, and
5. Animal Magnetism Unmasked

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## Chapter 1. Prayer

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### “early childhood”

**I**n “Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Authority” Robert Peel writes: “The first chapter, ‘Prayer,’ with its emphasis on ‘the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace,’ correlates in spirit and intent with [Mary Baker Eddy’s] autobiographical statement: ‘From early childhood I was impelled, by a hunger and thirst after divine things, - a desire for something higher and better than matter, and apart from it, - to seek diligently for the knowledge of God as the one great and everpresent relief from human woe.’ Ret. p 31.”

Below are A FEW examples of some of the essential points found in this chapter followed by supporting passages from the Bible. Obviously the rest of the chapter “Prayer,” can be examined in the same way.

**S&H 1:1** “The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,”

**Jas. 5:15** “*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; ...*”

**Ps. 103:3** “*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*”

**Mark 9:23** “*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all*

*things are possible to him that believeth.”*

**Matt. 17:29** *“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”*

**Heb. 11:1** *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

**Jas. 5:16** *“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*

**Matt. 8:13** *“And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”*

**S&H 8:28** *“We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are.”*

**I Cor.11:28** *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.”*

**II Cor. 13:5** *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.”*

**Matt. 22:37** *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

**Matt. 5:8** *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

Luke 9:55 *“But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.”*

**Prov. 22:7** *“...as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”*

Gal. 6:3 *“... if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”*

**Ps. 77:6** *“I commune with mine own heart; and my spirit made diligent search...”*

**Ps. 139:23,24** *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

**Ps. 19:14** *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.”*

**S&H 14:25** *“Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man’s dominion over the whole earth. This understanding casts out error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak ‘as one having authority.’”*

**Gen. 1:26** *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after*

*our likeness: and let them have dominion...*

**Matt. 7:28,29** *“The people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”*

**Matt. 16:17** *“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.”*

**Luke 4:32** *“And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.”*

**Luke 4:41** *“And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

**John 3:1** *“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, ... The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”*

**Luke 4:36** *“And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.”*

**Luke 9:1** *“Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority*

*over all devils, and to cure diseases.”*

**S&H 16: 2** *“The highest prayer is not one of faith merely; it is demonstration. Such prayer heals sickness, and must destroy sin and death.”*

**1 Cor. 2:4** *“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:”*

**Luke 10:25-37** *“... a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him... He said unto him, What is written in the law?... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and ... soul, and ... strength, and ... mind; and thy neighbour as thyself... And he said unto him... this do, and thou shalt live. ...A certain man went down ... and fell among thieves,... Which now ... thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? ... He that shewed mercy on him. ... Go, and do thou likewise.”*

**Jas. 1:25** *“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”*

**Jas. 2:20** *“...faith without works is dead”*



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## Chapter 2. Atonement and Eucharist

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“as a young girl”

**I**n Years of Authority, Mr. Peel writes: “The second chapter, ‘Atonement and Eucharist,’ is [Mrs. Eddy’s] answer to the basic theological issue of man’s alienation from God which, in its particular Calvinist form, she had challenged as a young girl but which, in its more general ‘misinterpretation of the Word,’ she saw as ‘the underlying cause of the long years of invalidism she endured before Truth dawned upon her understanding, through right interpretation. With the understanding of Scripture-meanings, had come physical rejuvenation.’ Mis. 169:7 “

Below are A FEW examples of some of the essential points found in this chapter followed by supporting passages from the Bible. Obviously the rest of the chapter “Atonement and Eucharist,” can be examined in the same way.

**S&H 18:1-5** “Atonement is the exemplification of man’s unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life, and Love. Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man’s oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage.”

**John 5:19** “Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”

**John 5:30** “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”

**John 14:9,10** “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”

**Phil. 2:13** “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

**John 14:23** “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”

**John 14:6** “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

**John 10:30** *“I and my Father are one.”*

**John 17:24** *“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”*

**S&H 35:25** *“Our Eucharist is spiritual communion with the one God. Our bread, “which cometh down from heaven,” is Truth.”*

**John 6:50,51** *“This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”*

**Matt. 26: 26-28** *“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*

**Luke 22:19** *“And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This*

*is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

**John 14:26** *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*

**Mark 12:28-32** *“And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:”*

**S&H 38:24** *“Jesus mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love. To those buried in the belief of sin and self, liv-*

ing only for pleasure or the gratification of the senses, he said in substance: Having eyes ye see not, and having ears ye hear not; lest ye should understand and be converted, and I might heal you. He taught that the material senses shut out Truth and its healing power. “

**Mark 8:18** “*Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not?*”

**Luke 14:26** “*If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*”

**John 14:6** “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

**Romans 6:16** “*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*”

**II Tim. 4:3,4** “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*”

**S&H 50:30** “The real cross, which Jesus bore up the hill of grief, was the world’s hatred of Truth and Love.”

**Ps. 35:19** “*Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.*”

**John 7:7** “*The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.*”

**John 15:18** “*If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*”

**John 15:24,25** “*If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.*”

**Mark 8:34,35** “*And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.*”

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## Chapter 3. Marriage

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### “her first marriage and early widowhood”

**P**eel writes “The third chapter, “Marriage,” deals with the related topics of marriage, home, children, divorce, woman’s place in society – the problems she herself faced after her first marriage and early widowhood, representative of the disciplines of human living which, she felt, serve to unite thought more closely with God.”

Below are A FEW examples of some of the essential points found in this chapter followed by supporting passages from the Bible. Obviously the rest of the chapter “Marriage,” can be examined in the same way.

**S&H 56:4** “Jesus’ concessions (in certain cases) to material methods were for the advancement of spiritual good. Marriage is the legal and moral provision for generation among human kind.”

**Matt. 3:15** “And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”

**Rom. 8:4** “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

**Rom. 13:9,10** “For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou

*shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

**Mark 12:13-17** “And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar’s. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s. And they marvelled at him.”

**Luke 20: 34,35** “And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world,

*and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:”*

**S&H 57:1** “Chastity is the cement of civilization and progress. Without it there is no stability in society, and without it one cannot attain the Science of Life.”

**Ex. 20:14** “*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*”

**Prov. 6:32** “*But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.*”

**Gal. 5:19, 21** “*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ... and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

**John 8:3-11** “*And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote*

*on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*”

**S&H 64:17** “Marriage should signify a union of hearts.”

**Matt. 19:6** “*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*”

**Prov. 31:10,11** “*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

*The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.*”

**Deut. 11:13,14** “*And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this*

*day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil."*

**Ruth 3:7-11** *"And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman."*

**1 Sam. 1:8** *"Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart*

*grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?"*

**S&H 66:30** *"Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us where it found us. The furnace separates the gold from the dross that the precious metal may be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lessons He teaches?"*

**Matt. 26: 27** *"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;"*

**Ps. 147: 3** *"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."*

**Prov. 4: 23** *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*

**Is. 51:12,16** *"I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;*

*And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people."*

**Is. 54:4,5** *"Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou*

*shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.*

*For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.”*

**S&H 68:11** “Be not in haste to take the vow “until death do us part.” Consider its obligations, its responsibilities, its relations to your growth and to your influence on other lives.”

**I Cor. 7:34** “*There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*”

**Matt. 22:30** “*For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*”

**Matt. 19:3-9** “*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave fa-*

*ther and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*

*He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”*

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## Chapter 4. Christian Science versus Spiritualism

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“in the mid-nineteenth century”

**P**eel writes, “The fourth chapter, “Christian Science versus Spiritualism,” explores the crucial distinction between the spiritual values of Christianity and psychic phenomena as represented by the eruption of spiritism in the mid-nineteenth century when

[Mary Baker Eddy] herself had briefly essayed to “try the spirits whether they are of God” –and by the various occult and paranormal developments with which Christian Science has been confounded ever since. “

Below are A FEW examples of some of the essential points found in this chapter followed by supporting passages from the Bible. Obviously the rest of the chapter “Christian Science versus Spiritualism,” can be examined in the same way.

**S&H 70:1** “Mortal existence is an enigma. Every day is a mystery. The testimony of the corporeal senses cannot inform us what is real and what is delusive, but the revelations of Christian Science unlock the treasures of Truth.”

**Isaiah 8:19** “*And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God?*”

**1 Cor. 13:12** “*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*”

**Matt. 11:27** “*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son,*

*and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*”

**Ps. 27: 8,9** “*When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.*”

**1 Cor. 15: 50-54** “*Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*”

**S&H 82:31** “In a world of sin and sensuality hastening to a greater development of power, it is wise earnestly to consider whether it is the human mind



or the divine Mind which is influencing one.”

**Matt. 11:28-30** “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Matt. 6:6** “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

**Ps. 19:12,13** “Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.”

**Jas. 3:13** “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.”

**Rom. 7:22-25** “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who

*shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”*

**1 Peter 1:13** “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

**S&H 91:5** “Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.”

**Genesis 1:26** “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

**John 10:30** “I and my Father are one.”

**Ps. 139:8-10** “If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”

**Rom. 8:35, 37-39** “Who shall separate us from the love of

*Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**S&H 95:6** "We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them."

**Rom. 8:6** "*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*"

**Luke 19:1-5** "*And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make*

*haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house."*

**John 4:29** "*Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"*

**John 4:17-19** "*The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet."*

**Luke 8:45,46** "*And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me."*

**John 8:10,11** "*When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."*

**S&H 99:9** "Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding."

**Phil. 2:12,13** “*Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*”

*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*

**John 10:7,9** “*Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”*

**Rev. 3:20,21** “*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”*

**John 8:32** “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

**1 Cor. 13:12** “*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”*

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## Chapter 5. Animal Magnetism Unmasked

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**“Mrs. Eddy was forced to sort out in the early sixties”**

**P**eel writes: “The fifth chapter, ‘Animal Magnetism Unmasked,’ deals with the quintessential difference between reliance in the human mind (suggestion, will power, hypnotism) and on the divine Mind (prayer, spiritual understanding, unselfed love) as the basis of Christian healing – a difference which Mrs. Eddy was forced to sort out after her encounter with Quimbyism in the early 1860’s before she could write what now appeared at the beginning of the sixth chapter: ‘In the year 1866, I discovered...’ “

In this chapter animal magnetism is defined simply as “the specific term for error or mortal mind.”

Below are A FEW examples of some of the essential points found in this chapter followed by supporting passages from the Bible. Obviously the rest of the chapter “Animal Magnetism Unmasked,” can be examined in the same way.

**S&H 101:21** “The author’s own observations of the workings of animal magnetism convince her that it is not a re-

medial agent, and that its effects upon those who practise it, and upon their subjects who do not resist it, lead to moral and to physical death. “

**James 4:7** “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”

**Acts 19:13-16** “*Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*”

**1Kings 18:25,26,30,33,35-38,40**

“*And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bull-ock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bull-ock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come*

*near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull-ock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.”*

**Matt. 27:3-5** “*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repent-*

*ed himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.”*

**Ps. 52:1-5** *“Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.”*

**Luke 12:16-20** *“The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:*

*And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.*

*And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for*

*many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”*

**S&H 102:1** *“Animal magnetism has no scientific foundation, for God governs all that is real, harmonious, and eternal, and His power is neither animal nor human. Its basis being a belief and this belief animal, in Science animal magnetism, mesmerism, or hypnotism is a mere negation, possessing neither intelligence, power, nor reality, and in sense it is an unreal concept of the so-called mortal mind. “*

**1Chron. 29:11** *“Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.”*

**Matt. 4:8-11** *“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him*

*only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.”*

**Rom. 8:7-9** *“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”*

**2 Chron. 20:6** *“O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?”*

**Luke 4:33-36** *“And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What*

*a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.*

**S&H 103:15** *“The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie.”*

**Rev.11:17** *“We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.”*

**Deut. 30:15-18** *“See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.”*

**1 Chron. 29:11** *“Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that*

*is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.*”

**Is. 40:26** “*Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.*”

**Luke 10:17-19** “*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*”

**John 19:10,11** “*Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?*

*Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.*”

**S&H 104:29** “Our courts recognize evidence to prove the motive as well as the commission of a crime. Is it not

clear that the human mind must move the body to a wicked act? Is not mortal mind the murderer? The hands, without mortal mind to direct them, could not commit a murder.”

**Matt. 6:22,23** “*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*”

**Matt. 15:19** “*For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*”

**Mark 7:21** “*For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*”

**Prov. 23:6,7** “*Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.*”

**S&H 106: 6** “Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has en-

dowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.”

**Job 33:4** *“The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”*

**Ps. 19:14** *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.”*

**Ps. 31:3** *“For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name’s sake lead me, and guide me.”*

**Ps. 73:23,24** *“thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.”*

**John 5:17-19** *“But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”*

## CONCLUSION

The stated purpose of the exhibit “Biblical Roots of Christian Science,” is to illustrate that Mary Baker Eddy discovered Christian Science in the Bible; it was not her invention for its healing method is the same as that of Christ Jesus and the early Christians. The first four decades of Mrs. Eddy’s life are well documented as a time when she exhibited a deep spiritual hunger and engaged in consistent deep study of the Bible. Her healing in 1866, through turning to God through the Bible when all material aid was exhausted, was for her “the falling apple that led me to the discovery how to be well myself, and how to make others so.” (Ret. 24:14)

This exhibit has sought to identify for the enquirer the steps of spiritual preparation which Mrs. Eddy herself took as the basis of Christianly Scientific healing. 1. Emphasis on “the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace.” 2. Rejecting a sense of man’s alienation from God, which she came to recognize as “the underlying cause of the long years of invalidism she endured before Truth dawned upon her understanding.” 3. Seeking spiritual answers to the disciplines of human living, which she felt “serve to unite thought more closely to God.” 4. Developing an understanding of the crucial distinction between the spiritual values of Christianity and psychic phenomena. 5. And coming to recognize the quintes-



sential difference between reliance on the human mind (suggestion, will power, hypnotism) and on the divine Mind (prayer, spiritual understanding, unselfed love.) The exhibit accomplishes this by looking for the Biblical roots of some of the statements in the first five chapters of *Science and Health*, - the preparatory chapters. Chapter six begins “In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. “ (S&H 107:1) Mrs. Eddy expounds her discovery in *Science and Health* from this point forward.

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## What Next? Our invitation to you!

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**W**e would like to extend to you an invitation to take what you have learned from this exhibit, and learn more of the healing power of the Bible. Learn for yourself how this healing power operates and then use it to help heal yourselves, your families, and our world. We invite you to explore *Science and Health* in its entirety, in conjunction with the Bible. Mrs. Eddy ordained the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* as the inseparable pastor of the Christian Science church. This means there is no personal preaching in the Christian Science church, in-

deed the church has no ordained ministers or priests. The church service is comprised of citations read from the Bible and *Science and Health* on a different subject each week. By turning each individual to God’s Word directly, all men are made “kings and priests unto God.” (*Rev.1: 6*) This exhibit has pointed out numerous Bible verses that correspond to passages in *Science and Health*. The enquirer may now wish to take Bible passages and search for their amplification in *Science and Health*. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, “Our Master said, ‘But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things.’ When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth. The Sermon on the Mount is the essence of this Science, and the eternal life, not the death of Jesus, is its outcome. Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforesaid, to learn and to practise Christian healing. The Scriptures contain it. The spiritual import of the Word imparts this power.” (S&H 271:20-272:1)

Towards the end of *Science and Health* is a three-chapter section entitled “Key to the Scriptures.” These chapters are “Genesis,” “The Apocalypse,” and “Glossary.” Commenting on the first of these two chapters, Mrs. Eddy writes: “Genesis and the Apocalypse seem more obscure than other portions of the Scripture, because they cannot

possibly be interpreted from a material standpoint. To the author, they are transparent, for they contain the deep divinity of the Bible.” (S&H 546:18) Of the final chapter she writes: “In Christian Science we learn that the substitution of the spiritual for the material definition of a Scriptural word often elucidates the meaning of the inspired writer. On this account this chapter is added. It contains the metaphysical interpretation of Bible terms, giving their spiritual sense, which is also their original meaning.” (S&H 579:1)

The final chapter in *Science and Health* is called “Fruitage” and comprises accounts of people who have been reformed and healed by reading and studying *Science and Health*, especially in conjunction with the Bible. These testimonials are reprinted from the early volumes of *The Christian Science Journal*, and *The Christian Science Sentinel*. **Happy Exploring!**

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## Principle and Practice

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Mary Baker Eddy

**T**he nature and position of mortal mind are the opposite of immortal Mind. The so-called mortal mind is belief and not understanding. Christian

Science requires understanding instead of belief; it is based on a fixed eternal and divine Principle, wholly apart from mortal conjecture; and it must be understood, otherwise it cannot be correctly accepted and demonstrated.

The inclination of mortal mind is to receive Christian Science through a belief instead of the understanding, and this inclination prevails like an epidemic on the body; it inflames mortal mind and weakens the intellect, but this so-called mortal mind is wholly ignorant of this fact, and so cherishes its mere faith in Christian Science.

The sick, like drowning men, catch at whatever drifts toward them. The sick are told by a faith-Scientist, “I can heal you, for God is all, and you are well, since God creates neither sin, sickness, nor death.” Such statements result in the sick either being healed by their faith in what you tell them – which heals only as a drug would heal, through belief - or in no effect whatever. If the faith healer succeeds in *securing* (kindling) the belief of the patient in his own recovery, the practitioner will have performed a faith-cure which he mistakenly pronounces Christian Science.

In this very manner some students of Christian Science have accepted, through faith, a divine Principle, God, as their savior, but they have not understood this Principle sufficiently well to

fulfill the Scriptural commands, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." "Heal the sick." It is the healer's understanding of the operation of the divine Principle, and his application thereof, which heals the sick, just as it is one's understanding of the principle of mathematics which enables him to demonstrate its rules.

Christian Science is not a faith-cure, and unless human faith be distinguished from scientific healing, Christian Science will again be lost from the practice of religion as it was soon after the period of our great Master's scientific teaching and practice. Preaching without practice of the divine Principle of man's being has not, in nineteen hundred years, resulted in demonstrating this Principle. Preaching without the truthful and consistent practice of your statements will destroy the success of Christian Science.

*[This article was written by Mrs. Eddy in September 1910. Its message is of vital importance to every Christian Scientist today.]*

"Divine Science derives its sanction from the Bible, and the divine origin of Science is demonstrated through the holy influence of Truth in healing sickness and sin. This healing power of Truth must have been far anterior to the period in which Jesus lived. It is as ancient as "the Ancient of days." It lives through all Life, and extends throughout all space. Divine metaphys-

ics is now reduced to a system, to a form comprehensible by and adapted to the thought of the age in which we live. 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. Late in the nineteenth century I demonstrated the divine rules of Christian Science. They were submitted to the broadest practical test, and everywhere, when honestly applied under circumstances where demonstration was humanly possible, this Science showed that Truth had lost none of its divine and healing efficacy, even though centuries had passed away since Jesus practised these rules on the hills of Judaea and in the valleys of Galilee. Although this volume contains the complete Science of Mind-healing, never believe that you can absorb the whole meaning of the Science by a simple *perusal* of this book. The book needs to be *studied*, and the demonstration of the rules of scientific healing will plant you firmly on the spiritual groundwork of Christian Science. This proof lifts you high above the perishing fossils of theories already antiquated, and enables you to grasp the spiritual facts of being hitherto unattained and seemingly dim." (*S&H* 146:23)

As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life. (*S&H* 497:3)