



Christian Science History

Christian Science was founded by Mary Baker Eddy. She was born Mary Ann Morse Baker in New Hampshire in 1821. (She died in 1910.). She was the daughter of a New Hampshire Congregationalist church minister.

(Congregational churches are Protestant Christian churches practicing Congregationalist church governance, in which each congregation independently and autonomously runs its own affairs. Many Congregational churches claim their descent from the original Congregational churches, a family of Protestant denominations formed on a theory of union published by the theologian Robert Browne in 1592. They arose from the Nonconformist religious movement in England during the Puritan reformation of the Church of England. In Great Britain, the early Congregationalists were called separatists or independents to distinguish themselves from the similarly Calvinistic Presbyterians. Some Congregationalists there still call themselves "Independents".)

As a child, Mary was frequently ill and highly emotional. According to F.E. Meyer in the book *The Religious Bodies of Americas* she is said to have been "domineering, quarrelsome, and extremely self centered." She suffered chronic illness and developed a strong interest in the biblical accounts of early Christian healing.

Starting at the age of eight, Eddy began to hear voices calling her name and would go to her mother only to be told she had not been called. In her autobiography, Eddy relates one of these later experiences:

*One day, when my cousin, Mehitable Huntoon, was visiting us, and I sat in a little chair by her side, in the same room with grandmother, — the call again came, so loud that Mehitable heard it, though I had ceased to notice it. Greatly surprised, my cousin turned to me and said, "Your mother is calling you!" Finally, after speaking with her mother, the child Mary responded to the voice with the phrase from Samuel "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth." When the call came again I did answer, in the words of Samuel, but never again to the material senses was that mysterious call repeated. (Eddy, Mary Baker G. (1891—1892), *Retrospection and Introspection*)*

Healing always played a major role in her life as she was healed from chronic illness as a child. There are some fantastical stories of people bringing their sick farm animals to her to heal.

On December 10, 1843, she married George Washington Glover, a Royal Arch Mason. He died of yellow fever on June 27, 1844, a little over two months before the birth of their only child, George Washington Glover. After her husband's death, Eddy freed her husband's slaves, (*Wilbur, Sibyl* (1907), *"Change and Bereavement"*, *The Life of Mary Baker Eddy*, Boston: *The Christian science publishing society* (published 1913), pp. 38–48)

At this point she was a single mother of poor health. Her son was eventually put into the care of neighbors by her father and stepmother.

In 1853 she married a dentist named Dr. Daniel Patterson.

Mary was often bed-ridden during this period. All the history is not sure but it seems that a couple who owned a farm started to care for her child and put him to work. Eventually this couple moved and people in Mary's family made it so that they could take the boy with them.

Mary's symptoms worsened and plunged her into a deep depression. The failure of her husband who was chasing many women and the fact that her child was now gone plunged Mary into deep despair. Her acute desire to recover her health led her to seek for healing in the various systems fashionable of the period...she was ready to try anything to bring relief to her sufferings.

Dr. Daniel Patterson and Mary Baker eventually divorced.

In 1862, while suffering from another illness, she visited and became a patient of man named Phineas Quimby. Quimby taught a system of healing dealing with the mind and practiced hypnosis. Quimby taught that the mind had the power to heal the body. He exerted a significant influence on her thinking regarding spiritual matters.

Eddy wrote the following defense of him in the Portland (Maine) Evening Courier in the fall of 1862: *"...now I can see dimly at first, and only as trees walking, the great principle which underlies Dr. Quimby's faith and works; and just in proportion to my light perception of truth is my recovery. This truth which he opposes to the error of giving intelligence to matter and placing pain where it never placed itself, if received understandingly, changes the currents of the system to their normal action; and the mechanism of the body goes on undisturbed. That this is a science capable of demonstration becomes clear to the minds of those patients who reason upon the process of their cure."*

On the day following the publication of the above article her views were criticized by a rival newspaper, the Portland Advertiser. Eddy wrote a second article, replying to the criticism. In it appeared the following paragraph, referring to Quimby and his doctrine: *"P. P. Quimby stands upon the plane of wisdom with his truth. Christ healed the sick, but not by jugglery or with drugs.... P. P. Quimby rolls away the stone from the sepulchre of error, and health is the resurrection."*

In 1866 Mary Baker fell and was seriously injured and she was not expected to recover. She apparently read *Matt. 9:2* *"And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee"* and experienced a miraculous cure. It was this experience that convinced her of the truth of what would become Christian Science.

She devoted the next three years of her life to Biblical study and what she considered the discovery of Christian Science. In her autobiography, Retrospection and Introspection, Eddy writes "*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.*"

Convinced by her own study of the Bible, especially Genesis 1, and through experimentation, Eddy claimed to have found healing power through a higher sense of God as Spirit and man as God's spiritual "image and likeness." She became convinced that illness could be healed through an awakened thought brought about by a clearer perception of God and the explicit rejection of drugs, hygiene, and medicine based upon the observation that Jesus did not use these methods for healing:

'It is plain that God does not employ drugs or hygiene, nor provide them for human use; else Jesus would have recommended and employed them in his healing. ... The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love.' (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, 143:5, 155:15)

She eventually called this spiritual perception "the operation of the Christ Truth on human consciousness."

Claiming to have first healed herself and then others, and having learned from these experiences, Eddy felt anyone could perceive what she called "the Kingdom of Heaven" or spiritual reality on earth.

She first published "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" in 1875, when she was 54. She claimed it was **the final revelation of God to mankind** and asserted that her work was inspired of God. The word "Key" in the title of her book is in reference to her being the woman of *Revelation 12:1* *A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head; then said she is the key to unlocking the Bible which she called a "dark book."*

She claimed the Bible had many mistakes and that her writings provided the "Key" spoken of in *Rev. 3:7* *"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* she wrote *"In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science"* (p. 107).

She wrote in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, "*All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error.*" (S&H 468: 10-12)

In 1877 she married Asa Eddy. Asa Eddy's death was because of a coronary thrombosis...Mary Baker Eddy contested the autopsy report and had her own physician confirm her conviction that Asa died of "arsenic poisoning mentally administered." This finding prompted an inquiry into the credentials of Eddy's physician, Dr. C. J. Eastman, Dean of the Bellvue Medical College, outside Boston.

It was found that "Doctor" Eastman was running a virtual abortion mill, and had no medical credentials whatever to justify his title. He was sentenced to ten years in prison upon his conviction, and the Bellvue Medical College closed.

Eddy actually contradicted her own advice concerning autopsies as she should have abandoned Asa's remains to the scrap heap. But the error was virtually unavoidable since Eddy was not to be outdone by any medical doctor. She was an expert healer by her own admission; the "mentally administered poison" report from the autopsy was therefore inevitable.

Eddy wrote a letter to the *Boston Post* dated June 5, 1882, in which she accused some of her former students of mentally poisoning Asa Eddy with malicious mesmerism in the form of arsenic is one of the most pathetic examples of Eddy's mental state ever recorded and one which the Christian Science church would like to forget she ever wrote.

In 1879, four years after the first publication of *Science and Health*, Mary Baker Eddy and some of her students voted and organized the church of Christ (Scientist) in Boston Massachusetts. It claimed to be the restoration of the original New Testament Church.

In 1881 she opened a metaphysical college and charged \$300 for 12 healing lessons (about 7500.00 in 2009 dollars).

The Church was reorganized in 1892, and the Church Manual was first issued in 1895 which provided the structure for church government and missions.

1903 Mark Twain had an extended and caustic attack on Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy in particular. In his book "Christian Science" he once describes Eddy as the "queen of frauds and hypocrites."

She died in 1910, a millionaire.

Christian Science asserts that humanity and the universe as a whole are spiritual rather than material in nature and that truth and good are real tangible things, whereas evil and error are unreal.

Church Statistics

The Christian Science Church is headquartered on the fourteen-acre complex of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in the Back Bay section of Boston, Massachusetts. According to their official Internet homepage, the group had 2,300 in 1997 and has 2,000 in 2009 branch churches in over sixty countries throughout the world. Approximately 1,600 of these branch churches are in the United States and about sixty are in Canada.

The church's by-laws forbid releasing membership statistics; outside estimates put the total number of followers at around 150,000. The body is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. The current president of the Christian Science Church is J. Thomas Black, from Birmingham, Michigan. The organization is run by Black and his Board of Trustees of Boston's First Church of Christ

What does Christian Science Teach?

The following doctrines are referenced out of the primary Christian Science work, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (S&H)*, by Mary Baker Eddy. It is supposed to be a companion to the Bible. Science and Health together with the Bible are called the "Pastor of Christian Science."

1. God is infinite...and there is no other power or source, *S&H* 471:18.
2. God is Universal Principle, *S&H* 331:18-19
3. God cannot indwell a person, *S&H* 336:19-20
4. God is the only intelligence in the universe, including man *S&H* 330:11-12
5. God is Mind, *S&H* 330:20-21; 469:13
6. God is the Father-Mother, *S&H* 331:30; 332:4
7. The Trinity is Life, Truth, and Love, *S&H* 331:26
8. Belief in the traditional doctrine of the Trinity is polytheism, *S&H* 256:9-11
9. Christ is the spiritual idea of sonship *S&H* 331:30-31
10. Jesus was not the Christ, *S&H* 333:3-15; 334:3
11. Jesus Christ is not God... *S&H* 361:12-13
12. Jesus did not reflect the fullness of God, *S&H* 336:20-21
13. Jesus did not die, *S&H* 45:32-46:3
14. The Holy Spirit is divine science, *S&H* 331:31
15. There is no devil, *S&H* 469:13-17
16. There is no sin, *S&H* 447:24
17. Evil and good are not real, *S&H* 330:25-27; 470:9-14
18. Matter, sin, and sickness are not real, but only illusions, *S&H* 335:7-15; 447:27-28.
19. Life is not material or organic, *S&H* 83:21
20. The sacrifice of Jesus was not sufficient to cleanse from sin, *S&H* 25:6.
21. True healings are the result of true belief, *S&H* 194:6"
 - Christian Scientists prefer not to use doctors, medicine, or immunizations.
 - Christian Science Practitioners are used to help people through the false reality of illness.
 - Proper prayer and training are employed to battle the "non-reality" of illness.
 - They have no ordinances like the Lord's Supper or baptism.

- Church services are interspersed with Bible reading and readings from Science and Health.
- Mary Baker Eddy is highly regarded as a revelator of God's word.

Is Christian Science “Christian?”

Of all the biblically based cults in America today, Christian Science is one of the most interesting. Not only does it deny the essential doctrines of Christianity, but it has completely reinterpreted the Bible.

Christian Science drastically redefines the Bible’s culture and terminology and rips thousands of scriptures out of their historical and biblical contexts. The result is a non-Christian mixture of metaphysical and philosophical thoughts. Christian Science is so foreign to the Bible that, if it didn’t use words like Jesus, Trinity, Love, Grace, Sin, etc., you’d never suspect it had anything to do with the Bible at all.

Scripture

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures is the primary interpretive source of the Bible and source guide of Christian Science.

God

Christian Science teaches that God is Universal Principle (*S&H* 331:18-19) and that God cannot indwell a person (*S&H* 336:19-20). Christian Science also teaches that “God is Mind.”

But...Eph 1 states that God has placed His Holy Spirit in us as a guarantee of our salvation

God (the Father-Mother) is a Principle known as the Divine Mind. It has no personhood and no personality. A catch phrase used in their literature is that God is "All in All." In other words, God is all that exists and what we perceive as matter is an interpretation of divine mind. Since God is love, it means that sin and sickness are only errors of interpreting the Divine Mind and have no true reality (*S & H*, 330:25-274; 470:9-14).

Jesus

Christian Science denies that Jesus is God, second person of the Trinity (*S&H*, 361:12-13).

Christian Science distinguishes between "Jesus" the man, and "the Christ" or divine manifestation. In considering the question of the relationship between divinity and humanity in reference to Jesus, it is important to consider the Christian Science definition of God as "The great I AM."

In Christian Science, “the Christ” is the "divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error." The Christ is completely divine and spiritual, but not material. Jesus, the son of God, therefore embodied the Christ to such a degree that he, and he alone, was able to carry the title *Christ*. As a corporeal being, however, he was not the totality of the Christ. Christian Scientists argue that Jesus never claimed to be God and that he implicitly

denied it in Matthew 19:16-17 (*even though this verse has nothing to do with Jesus claiming divinity or not. Matthew 19:17 deals with what is good, and God is good*).

Eddy writes, "Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea – the reflection of God – has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth" (*S&H pg 133*), She taught that even today, the Christ continues to come to mankind, giving it a greater understanding of its wholly spiritual identity through healing and the destruction of sin.

Jesus is a "Way-shower." He is someone who epitomized the true principle of the Christ Consciousness which indwells us all. Therefore, Jesus did not really die on the cross. He was not God in flesh. He made no atonement in shedding His blood (*S&H, 25:6*).

Jesus was not the Christ but a perfect representation of the Christ consciousness that is the true and higher self of every person. Christ is the manifestation of all that is good and true, the realization of divine principle. A Christian Scientist can say, "I am Christ."

One of the errors of Christian Science is the belief that the Christ is the "divine-idea man." It is a principle that dwells within each and every one of us.

Christian Science denies that Jesus was the Christ.

The Bible declares in *1 John 2:22*, "*Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ.*" What scripture says about Jesus...

1. **Jesus is the Christ** Matt. 16:16, Acts 5:42, Matt. 16:20; Luke 9:20; John 20:31; Acts 3:20; 9:22; 18:5; 18:28.
2. **Jesus called Himself the Christ** John 4:25-26.
3. **The Christ was born** Matt. 1:16, Matt. 2:4; Luke 2:11.
4. **Christ suffered** Luke 24:26, Luke 24:46; Acts 26:23.
5. **Christ rose from the dead** Acts 17:3, Acts 2:31
6. **Christ died** Gal. 2:21, 1 Cor. 8:12.
7. **Christ bore the sins of many** Heb. 9:28, 1 Cor. 15:23-24.

The Trinity

The Trinity in Christian Science is found in the unity of God, the Christ, and divine Science, or: "*God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; divine Science or the Holy Comforter.*" This is totally different than Christian view defined in the Nicene Creed (<http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/creeds/nicene.htm>) if you want to read it.

Holy Spirit

Christian Science says that the Holy Spirit is Divine Science which is best represented by Christian Science (*S & H, 331:31*).

Sin

Christian Science says that sin is a false interpretation of Divine Mind and is nonexistent (*S&H*, 335:7-15). There is no sin (it's all I your head).

Salvation

Christian Science absolutely rejects the substitutionary atonement of Jesus and states that it had no efficacious value (*S&H*, 25:6).

Christian Science teaches that man does not have a sinful nature and is a reflection of Divine Mind. To achieve "salvation," he needs only to find the true reality of understanding, as revealed in Christian Science teachings.

Death

Christian Science teaches that the after-death state consists of a form of "probation" and spiritual development or progress whereby the experience of the deceased is in proportion to their ability to avail of the unlimited love of God. Consequently, a person dying in a state of sin would experience God's love as suffering (like a person used to darkness whose eyes are hurt by the light) while someone who passed on in a state of spiritualized consciousness would experience a corresponding level of happiness.

There is no concept of eternal punishment in Christian Science: hell and heaven are both states of thought that correspond to the presence, or absence, of self-centeredness that characterize the individual undergoing the experience of death. A person who seems to die does not "go" anywhere: he/she simply adjusts to another level of consciousness which is inaccessible to those they have left behind.

The ultimate, and inevitable, goal of all people is the experience of divine Love (heaven, harmony). Death is not necessary for the experience of heaven: heaven or harmony can be experienced here and now to the extent that one's thought is elevated to a spiritual level.

Christian Science teaches that death itself is an illusion, and that it can, and will, be ultimately conquered through the conquest of sin, "as taught by Christ Jesus and exemplified in his life."

Prayer

Christian Science teaches that prayer is a spiritualization of thought or an understanding of God and the nature of the underlying spiritual creation. The world as it appears to the senses is regarded as a distorted version of the world of spiritual ideas: the latter is the only true reality.

Prayer can heal the distortion, bringing spiritual reality (the Kingdom of Heaven) into clearer focus in the human scene—not changing the spiritual creation but giving a clearer view of it. (An analogy would be adjusting the lens of a telescope or microscope until a clear image appears.) The result is healing. According to Christian Science there are not two creations, a spiritual one and a material one, but only a spiritual creation which is incorrectly perceived as material.

Healing

Christian Scientists believe that sickness is the result of fear, ignorance, or sin, and that when the erroneous belief is corrected, the sickness will disappear. They state that the way to eliminate the false beliefs is to replace them with true understanding of God's goodness. They consider that suffering can occur only when one believes (consciously or unconsciously) in the supposed reality of a problem. If one changes one's understanding, the belief is revealed as false, and the acknowledgement that the sickness has no power eliminates the sickness.

Christian Science makes an important distinction between the healing of sin (or moral evil) on the one hand, and the healing of sickness or disease on the other. Eddy writes: "*The only difference between the healing of sin and the healing of sickness is, that sin must be uncovered before it can be destroyed, and the moral sense be aroused to reject the sense of error; while sickness must be covered with the veil of harmony, and the consciousness be allowed to rejoice in the sense that it has nothing to mourn over, but something to forget.*" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 352)

Christian Scientists regard the material world as a kind of consensual illusion which is due to a misperception of the true spiritual world. Such a misperception can, they believe, be changed by reorientation of thought (prayer in Christian Science terms). Thus the illusion can be dispelled, revealing the present spiritual reality. The result is perceived as healing.

In the late '80s and early '90s the church again experienced stormy turmoil due to negative media coverage of lawsuits, financial difficulties, and internal upheaval. Several court battles produced international headlines as members were charged with manslaughter, murder, and child abuse for choosing prayer over medical treatment for illness. In Minnesota, one four-week trial in 1994 levied a \$14 million punitive damage award against the Mother Church, which a judge later reduced to \$10.4 million. In 1995, the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned this judgment. This court left intact \$1.5 million in compensatory damages against the parents and two Christian Science practitioners. The United States Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of this case. ***Now the Mother Church, contrary to its founder's philosophy, has revised its strong prohibition against medical treatment.***

Evil

The Christian Science position on the nature of evil may be stated as "*Evil is a negation, because it is the absence of truth. It is nothing, because it is the absence of something. It is unreal, because it presupposes the absence of God, the omnipotent and omnipresent. Every mortal must learn that there is neither power nor reality in evil.*" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. p. 186.)

Science

Christian Scientists are neither creationists nor biblical literalists. They regard the story of the creation in the Book of Genesis as having symbolic rather than literal meaning. Eddy also believed that the theory of evolution wrongly portrayed man as mortal rather than spiritual: "Theorizing about man's development from mushrooms to monkeys and from monkeys into

men amounts to nothing in the right direction and very much in the wrong." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. p. 172.) From the Christian Science point of view, both creationism and evolution are false as they both proceed from a belief in the reality of a material universe.

Interesting Quotes from Mary Baker Eddy

The following quotes are from *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*

1. "One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin. The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part. That God's wrath should be vented upon His beloved Son, is divinely unnatural. Such a theory is man-made" (*S&H* 23:3-7).
2. "The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon 'the accursed tree,' than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business" (*S&H* 25:6-8).
3. "His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulcher, whereas he was alive . . ." (*S&H* 44:28-29).
4. ". . . his body was not changed until he himself ascended, — or, in other words, rose even higher in the understanding of Spirit, God . . .and this exaltation explained his ascension, and revealed unmistakably a probationary and progressive state beyond the grave" (*S&H* 46:15-17; 20-24).
5. "His students then received the Holy Ghost. By this is meant, that by all they had witnessed and suffered, they were roused to an enlarged understanding of divine Science" (*S&H* 46:30-32).
6. "A scientific mental method is more sanitary than the use of drugs, and such a mental method produces permanent health" (*S&H* 79:7-9).
7. "It is contrary to Christian Science to suppose that life is either material or organically spiritual" (*S&H* 83:21-22).
8. "The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea" (*S&H* 90:24-25).
9. "Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation" (*S&H* 332:4-5.).
10. "The word Christ is not properly a synonym for Jesus, though it is commonly so used" (*S&H* 333:3-4).
11. "Mind is the I AM, or infinity. Mind never enters the finite. . .but infinite Mind can never be in man . . .a portion of God could not enter man" (*S&H* 336:1-2,13,19-20).
12. In describing what the Devil is, it says, "Evil; a lie; error; neither corporeality nor mind; the opposite of Truth; a belief in sin, sickness, and death; animal magnetism or hypnotism; the lust of the flesh, which saith: 'I am life and intelligence in matter. There is more than one mind, for I am mind, - a wicked mind, self-made or created by a tribal god and put into the opposite of mind, termed matter, thence to reproduce a mortal universe, including man, not after the image and likeness of Spirit, but after its own image." (*S&H* 584:17-25).
13. "If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet, it would make no difference to me." (*The First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany*, pp. 318, 319).

Terms and Definitions of Christian Science

1. **Angels** are God's thoughts passing to man, an inspiration of goodness, purity that counters evil and material reality.
2. **Atonement** "Lifting the whole man into Christ Consciousness." The Biblical account is metaphorical, not real.
3. **Baptism** means the daily, ongoing purification of thought and deed. The Eucharist (communion) is spiritual communion with God, celebrated with silent prayer and Christian living. It is a "submergence in Spirit."
4. **Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit** is the belief that God created disharmony in the world.
5. **Body** is "the form of expression of both spirit and soul" (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, p. 628). It is the apparent materialization of the limits of soul as influenced by a person's conscious development in Christian Science Principles.
6. **Christ** is the divine idea man.
7. **Creation** is the product of Divine Mind. There is only one reality which emanates and is part of the Divine Mind. Anything that is not in harmony with the Divine Mind is not a reality, but a lack of understanding of the principles of divine mind brought about by people.
8. **Death** - "An illusion, the lie of life in matter."
9. **Devil** - "Evil, a lie, error." He is not an entity, not a person, has no existence. "A belief in sin, sickness, and death."
10. **Evil spirits** are false beliefs
11. **Flesh** - "An error of physical belief; a supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are in matter; an illusion."
12. **Gods** - "A belief that life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and material; a supposition of sentient physicality.
13. **God** is Spirit who is an ever-present, all-knowing, all-powerful, and good. God is the Father/Mother God. Other names for God are Divine Mind, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love. To the Christian Scientist God is the governing Principle of the universe to which a person must harmonize his belief system.
14. **Healing** is accomplished by correct thinking according to Christian Science principles. A change in belief that affects physical symptoms. (*S&H* 194:6)
15. **Heaven** is not a literal place of eternal bliss, but a harmonious condition of understanding where a person's consciousness is in harmony with the Divine Mind. "Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government of divine Principle."
16. **Hell** is a state of mind which can include the effects of their improper understanding of Divine Mind and Christian Science Principles. Hell is not a literal place of damnation and eternal torment. Hell exists when a person's thoughts are out of harmony with the reality of Divine Mind. "Mortal belief, error; lust; hatred, sin; sickness; effects of sin."
17. **Holy Spirit** is Divine Science and is only discernable and knowable by a person through his spiritual awareness. It is an emanation, a presence, "a law of God in action."
18. **Jesus' stripes** is simply his rejection of error, not the beating he received in the flesh (*S&H* 20:15).

19. **Knowledge** - "Evidence obtained from the five corporeal senses; mortality; beliefs and opinions. The opposite of spiritual Truth and understanding." (*S&H* 590).
20. **Material reality** is really non-existent. It is only an interpretation of Divine Mind. Even though someone might feel pain or sickness, in reality it does not exist.
21. **Mortal Mind** - "Nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal; error creating other errors."
22. **Pastor** really means the combined books of the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.
23. **Personhood** is an aspect and reflection of Divine Mind.
24. **Prayer** is contemplation and internalization of divine truths. "The taking hold of God's willingness." It is an affirmation of God's being in relation to man.
25. **Resurrection** is "Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding."
26. **Salvation** is "Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed."
27. **Sickness** is the false understanding given the appearance of reality by the unfaithful and ignorant of Divine Principle and Mind.
28. **Sin** is not understanding and behaving according to Divine Law of God and the law of our being.
29. **Soul** is "man's consciousness -- that which he has apprehended or developed out of Spirit. . . Soul is both conscious and subconscious" (*Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, p. 628).
30. **Spirit** is another name for God. Divine substance; Mind; divine Principle; all that is good."

Resources:

Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin

God's Perfect Child: Living and Dying in the Christian Science Church by Caroline Fraser

The Religion That Kills: Christian Science: Abuse, Neglect, and Mind Control by Linda S. Kramer

Websites:

<http://www.carm.org/religious-movements/christian-science>