

The Banner

"His banner over me was LOVE"

A newsletter for Christian Scientists

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This is the first issue of THE BANNER, an informational newsletter for Christian Scientists. It is an outgrowth of the paper, PROVE ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD, which was mailed out to the Field beginning in late December, 1986. This newsletter's purpose is to encourage constructive thinking about topics of current interest. However, it will sometimes be necessary to touch upon controversial and unpleasant subjects.

Literally hundreds of letters were received as a result of last December's paper. So many requests arrived that it had to go into a second printing. Favorable comments have been received from 37 states, Canada, England, and The Netherlands. Many have asked what can be done to save Mrs. Eddy's great Cause. The first step would seem to be COMMUNICATION. Many, who are worried about the current state of affairs, feel isolated and wonder if anyone else shares their concern. It is hoped that this newsletter will both inform the reader and serve as a basis for effective metaphysical work.

A NEW KING JAMES BIBLE

Without much fanfare, a "new" King James Bible published by Thomas Nelson Co. has appeared in bookstores. In a pamphlet entitled "A Careful Look at The New King James Bible", M.H. Reynolds, Jr. states, "Our study leads us to conclude that the NKJV vitiates the original, reliable, accurate KJV in a most deceptive manner. While claiming to have 'preserved the authority and accurancy' of the original KJV, the actual result is a hybrid text which incorporates many word changes identical with or similar to the corruptions found in other modern Bible versions."

Elsewhere this same writer says, "While recognizing the extreme difficulties involved in translations of any kind and especially of a book as important as the Bible, I am more convinced than ever before that God gave us the King James Bible -- and that it will be far better for us to expand our vocabulary in order to understand its terminology than to attempt to continually re-write the Bible to suit those who will not be able to understand it anyway apart from the New Birth or for Christians who are too lazy to study."

There is no doubt that the King James Version of the Bible is an inspired translation, a burst of light in the Protestant Reformation. It is a landmark in Christian history which cannot be improved upon. It serves as an anchor for the English language, preserving and perpetuating its purity and clarity of expression. Its spiritual sense is illustrated by the "still small voice" heard by Elijah. Compare this with the "low murmuring sound" one finds for the same passage in another modern version, the NEW ENGLISH BIBLE.

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Alice Orgain

Alice Orgain was a woman of exceptional spiritual discernment. Her mother was a member of the very first Christian Science church, and therefore she grew up in daily awareness of the movement beginning and developing around her. She was a longtime member of Fifth Church, New York City. About 1910 she began taking notes on her studies of Mrs. Eddy's writings. Her notes later became the basis of books and pamphlets. It is said that she knew SCIENCE AND HEALTH by heart. Her research and discoveries have been widely used in the writings of others -- both with and without credit to her.

Several of her books are still available including AS IT IS, DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF MARY BAKER EDDY'S PROGRESSIVE REVISIONS OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH AND OTHER WORKS, THE STORY OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH MANUAL, and ANGELIC OVERTURES OF MARY BAKER EDDY'S "CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS".

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According to Jean W. Scott of Edinburgh, Scotland, "Her books and pamphlets present the spiritual evolution of Mrs. Eddy's revelation and founding of Christian Science, step by step, a task to which no one else has proved equal."

LOVE CALLED ESSENTIAL

A study by a widely active research and consultation agency, the Institute for American Church Growth of Pasadena, California, reports, "Growing churches are more loving -- to each other and to visitors -- than are declining churches... Loving churches attract more people, regardless of their theology, denomination or location... Most churches that are growing today have learned how to love... A church that loves people is a church that grows. Unfortunately not all churches are practicing the command to love..."

The AP news item in which these quotations appeared in July, 1986, also noted, "Typically, in analyzing reasons for growth or decline, the institute says the focus has been on such factors as ... attractiveness of facilities, location, liberal or conservative theology and evangelistic fervor. 'But there is increasing evidence that none of these influence a church's growth or decline as significantly as how much love and acceptance people experience when they attend,' the report says."



All the people
need, in order
to love and
adopt Christian
Science, is the
true sense of

its Founder. In proportion as they have it,
will our Cause advance.

- Mary Baker Eddy, "We Knew MBE,
First Series, page 40

The above should be food for thought for Christian Scientists. In many of our churches, the words "God is Love" appear above the platform. How much real, practical love is expressed? While the following real life examples may not be typical of your church, they should make each of us stop and ponder.

An association, which had always held its annual get-together at the same large Ohio C.S. Church, found itself in an unforeseen predicament one year. The association members had made arrangements to eat lunch in the meeting room of a nearby office building. To their surprise, the room had been booked for another event, and they were out on the street with their box lunches. A call to the local board requesting the use their Sunday school room, just this once, was rebuffed with a firm "no". As a result, people had to eat in doorways, in their cars, or on the steps. The association now meets in a different church.

A man in an upper midwestern state had made a partial recovery from a debilitating illness pronounced fatal by local physicians. When his wife informed the local practitioner handling his case that they were planning to move to California, the practitioner expressed relief because a less-than-complete recovery made the local church look bad. Needless to say, the doors of that church closed long ago.

A new student at a large, midwestern university decided to attend the college organization meeting. On entering and looking around uncertainly, the stranger was met by a member who said, "You must have made a mistake. This is the Christian Science organization." On telling this member that there was no mistake, she said, "Oh" and turned on her heels and walked away. Shifting from one foot to the other and looking around, the stranger was left alone to look longingly at the animated group, busy in conversation. After another fruitless try the next week, the stranger never returned.

A woman in a small midwestern church found herself with a severe physical problem. Although she was a longtime Christian Scientist, she had to relent and accept admission to a local hospital. The attending physician did not give her any chance to survive. Even so she held steadfastly to her understanding of Christian Science and made a complete recovery. While in the hospital, not one member of the church visited or inquired about her. When she returned to church, she was informed that she had been put on probation.

While these cases may not be typical, they do lead to hard questions about how we express love to each other and to the stranger at the door. Too often churches build up large numbers of petty rules, and heaven help anyone who makes a misstep. The rules and the criticism -- which have no relation to the by-laws established by Mrs. Eddy -- form a thick, hard crust which the tender shoots of love cannot penetrate. Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Mortal mind presents phases of character which need close attention and examination. The human heart, like a feather bed, needs often to be stirred, sometimes roughly, and given a variety of turns, else it grows hard and uncomfortable whereon to repose." (Mis. 127:30-2)

INCORRECT LITERATURE

The lead editorial in the January 19, 1987, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL began with these words:

"The guard threw a Bible into her cell. Scornfully he said: 'There is the Bible, ask your God to release you from jail!'

"In many parts of the world, thousands are in prison today for no reason other than opposition to unjust, oppressive regimes."

The quotation was from Winnie Mandela's, book, PART OF MY SOUL WENT WITH HIM. Mrs. Mandela is the wife of Nelson Mandela, the South African Communist revolutionary who has advocated violent overthrow of the government there. Mrs. Mandela said on a videotape seen

on NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, "With our boxes of matches and our necklaces, we shall liberate this country." This was part of a speech she made at Soweto on April 13, 1986. The necklaces she refers to are tires which her supporters put around the necks of other blacks who work side by side with South African whites. The victim is then drenched with gasoline and set afire with the box of matches Mrs. Mandela refers to. Relatives of the victim are then encouraged to try put out the flames and remove the tire -- a spectacle which the mob enjoys. Mrs. Mandela calls these victims collaborators. Sometimes they are members of the black township police or they have integrated jobs in the city. The Mandelas are using the old weapon of Communist terror to enforce total separation of the races. In this way they hope to prevent a peaceful transformation of South African society and set the stage for a Communist revolution. We are used to seeing these "bland denials of Truth" (Mis. 31:2) slide into the pages of the MONITOR, but it is hoped that their appearance in Mrs. Eddy's other periodicals will not become commonplace.

I have neither the time nor the inclination to be continually pursuing a lie -- the one evil or the evil one. Therefore I ask the help of others in this matter, and I ask that according to the Scriptures my students reprove,

rebuke, and exhort. A lie left to itself is not so soon destroyed as it is with the help of truth-telling.

—Mary Baker Eddy
(My. 130:13–19)

BOOK REVIEW IN THE MONITOR

A review of Robert Peel's new book, "Spiritual Healing in a Scientific Age", appeared in the August 6, 1987, issue of the MONITOR. Even though the comments ran more than a third of the page, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, was not even mentioned one single time.

A SUPPRESSED STORY

The following account is reprinted from THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST of April, 1980 (P.O. Box 128, Ahwahnee, CA 93601). The experience, which took place in 1954, was related by Carl Lundstrom, C.S., who was visiting all of the historical landmarks pertaining to Mrs. Eddy. His last stop was Mrs. Eddy's home at Chestnut Hill. He was the only guest on the tour that autumn day. What follows is an extract from his account:

"Our last stop on this tour was Mrs. Eddy's bedroom.... It was at this moment that my guide turned to me and said that she felt impelled to tell me what happened to Mrs. Eddy on December 3, 1910. She went to the door of the bedroom to see if we were alone and then proceeded to tell me the following incident, which was told to her by Miss Adelaide Still, one of the three persons watching with Mrs. Eddy in the final hours of her human experience. She told me that Miss Still had requested her not to repeat what she was about to tell me, because she had promised those in authority at the Boston headquarters of the Christian Science church never to speak of this experience to anyone. I can assure you that by this time I was not only awed but more than moved by what she was relating.

"On the night Mrs. Eddy passed, her three valued and beloved workers were with her. They were Miss Adelaide Still, Mrs. Laura Sargent, and Mr. Calvin Frye. On this eventful day in December, 1910, the furnace had ceased to function and a repairman had been summoned to fix it. When he arrived, Mr. Frye accompanied him to the basement while Mrs. Sargent waited in the front hall. Miss Still was left sitting by Mrs. Eddy's bed. In a short while, the furnace was in working order, and Mr. Frye and Mrs. Sargent hurried to the second floor to return to their post by Mrs. Eddy's side. As they neared the bedroom they noticed that Miss Still was standing in the doorway. Approaching her side they looked into the bedroom and beheld Mrs. Eddy by the side of the bed smiling at them. Then Mrs. Eddy turned and pointed to the bed where they saw the form of the one they had called Mother. As their gaze turned again to Mrs. Eddy, she was shaking her head back and forth as if to say, 'I am not there; I have risen.' Then as these three watched, the vision of their beloved Leader gradually faded from their sight... Before we returned to the entrance hall on the main floor, my guide, who had told me her name (which I have forgotten), expressed the importance of what she had related to me. She repeated that she felt impelled to tell me this incident, which she had heard from the lips of Miss Adelaide Still -- who was her sister."

The above is not the first time that this event concerning Mrs. Eddy was related. It was the subject of quiet discussion in Boston clear up to the 1950's. It was not until Mr. Lundstrom came forward that the story found its way into print.

ARTICLE ABOUT THE CHURCH IN "NEWSWEEK"

An article entitled "The Graying of a Church" in the August 3, 1987, issue of NEWSWEEK discusses declining membership and the legal cases regarding children. One statement offers food for thought: "...church leaders are planning a series of radio and television broadcasts in the United States and overseas to raise the church's visibility. To some members, even that effort is cause for concern: they fear it will attract only those looking for a quick fix for physical and mental disabilities." Usually people in desperate circumstances are looking for a "quick fix", and understandably so. According to current logic, one is supposed to prove himself worthy. After this screening process, he may request the help he seeks. Where is the compassion and the love? How many practitioners hesitate to help the "outsider"? In PULPIT AND PRESS, we read, "...the Christian Science church did not recruit itself from other churches, but from the graveyards!" (page 30:6-8) No one asked if they were members of the Mother Church or a branch. No one asked if they could furnish a reference. They were simply healed on the spot, and gratitude filled every seat in the churches.

FREEDOM TO USE THE NAME

The New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that the term "Christian Science" is not a protected trademark of the Boston directors. As a result, any sincere group of Christian Scientists may form an independent church for the advancement of Mrs. Eddy's great Cause. The Plainfield church has grown from 30 members to more than 200 since Boston took them to court almost ten years ago in an attempt to shut them down. An atmosphere of love and healing is found there to greet the many visitors, who are always welcome.

AGREE TO DISAGREE

Some readers of this newsletter may disagree with all they see. Others may have reservations about some article or notice. Mrs. Eddy says, "...we should agree to disagree; and this harmony would anchor the Church in more spiritual latitudes, and so fulfil her destiny." (No. 45:21-23)

IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
there is
NEVER a retrograde step,
NEVER a return to positions
outgrown.
SAN 74:29-30

Question. -- Why are Christian Scientists and their churches retrograding? Why are they returning from churches to societies to closing their doors?

Answer. -- Either Mary Baker Eddy is a "temporal fraud" (My. 143:18) or their original steps were not genuinely spiritual steps of progress. (Peo. 1:2)

MRS. EDDY HAS ALSO SAID:

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-Un. 9:25

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PLAINFIELD CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH - INDEPENDENT, 905 PROSPECT AVE., PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060 Publications include LESSON-SERMON QUARTERLY using topics designated by Mrs. Eddy and HEALING THOUGHTS, a quarterly publication of timely thoughts, quotations, and testimonies of healings by a demonstrating church.

THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST, P.O. BOX 128, AHWAHNEE, CA 93601 Published at least once a year, this magazine contains original articles, reprints from the early periodicals, and deep articles on the meaning of America and the atmosphere in which Christian Science was discovered. Books are also offered. Write for information.

UNITED CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS, INC., P.O. BOX 8048, SAN JOSE, CA 95155 Tapes of current information regarding the state of the C.S. Movement including the status of legal action to free the Christian Science textbook from the illegal copyright extension. Write for information.

THE GETHSEMANE FOUNDATION, 5290 BELTLINE, SUITE 152, DALLAS, TX 75240 In the Foundation's own words, "It has a twofold purpose: 1. To preserve and extend the influence of genuine Christianity and to support Christ Jesus, his words and works, and reject personalities and denominationalism. 2. to promote and extend the teachings of Christian Science and to give the public a clear and correct concept of its Discoverer, Mary Baker Eddy." Books and articles are available. Write for information.

CARL WELZ, 3013 SANTA JUANITA COURT, SANTA ROSA, CA 95405 The former editor of the JOURNAL and SENTINEL is now putting out a monthly bulletin titled "The Warm Line" which answers many questions that Christian Scientists have asked for years.

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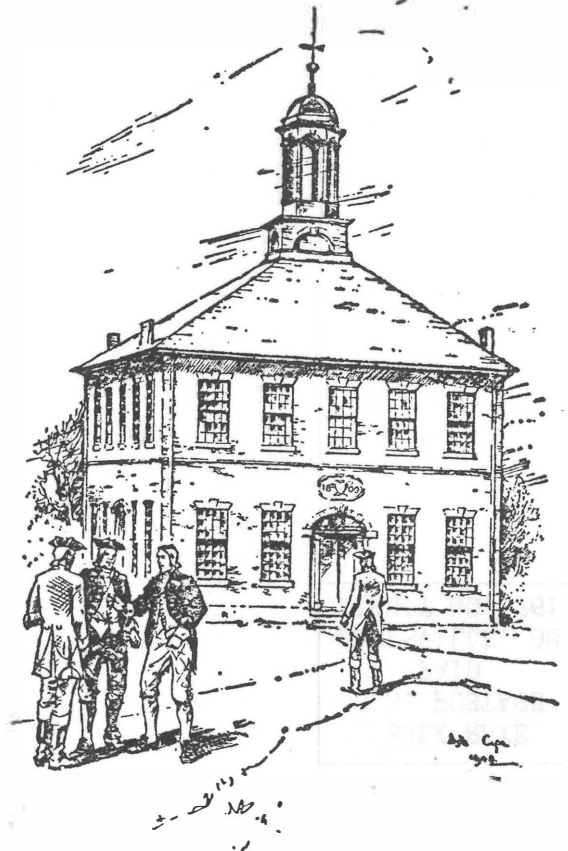


WHERE IS ZANESVILLE, OHIO ?

Zanesville, Ohio, was founded in 1797. It was one of the first towns in the old Northwest Territory. It was named for Colonel Ebenezer Zane who was commissioned by the U.S. Congress to cut a trail across Ohio. The forest was so thick that it was said a squirrel could travel from Pennsylvania to Indiana without touching the ground. Zanesville served as the state capital from 1810 to 1812. President James Monroe stopped here for the night on his way back from inspecting the defenses at Fort Detroit in 1817. Zanesville was an important part of the National Road and was a terminal for many steamboats plying the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers during the Nineteenth Century. Today, Interstate 70 goes through the center of town.

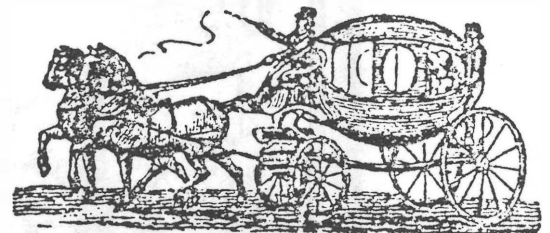
The first Christian Science Society was established here in 1904 and 1905. One of the area's most famous sons was the artist, Howard Chandler Christy. It was he who painted the canvases in the Rotunda of the U. S. Capitol and in the National Archives. At one point in his life he went blind and was healed by a Christian Science practitioner. In gratitude he painted a portrait of Mary Baker Eddy which was offered for many years by The Christian Science Publishing Society.

"Lesson of the Grass"
When the winds of error
blow, go down and
down in humility like
the grass to rise up
unbroken after the
storm.—Mary Baker Eddy
related by a member of Daisette D.S.
McKenzie's association of pupils.



Drawing of state capitol building in Zanesville as it looked from 1809 to 1830

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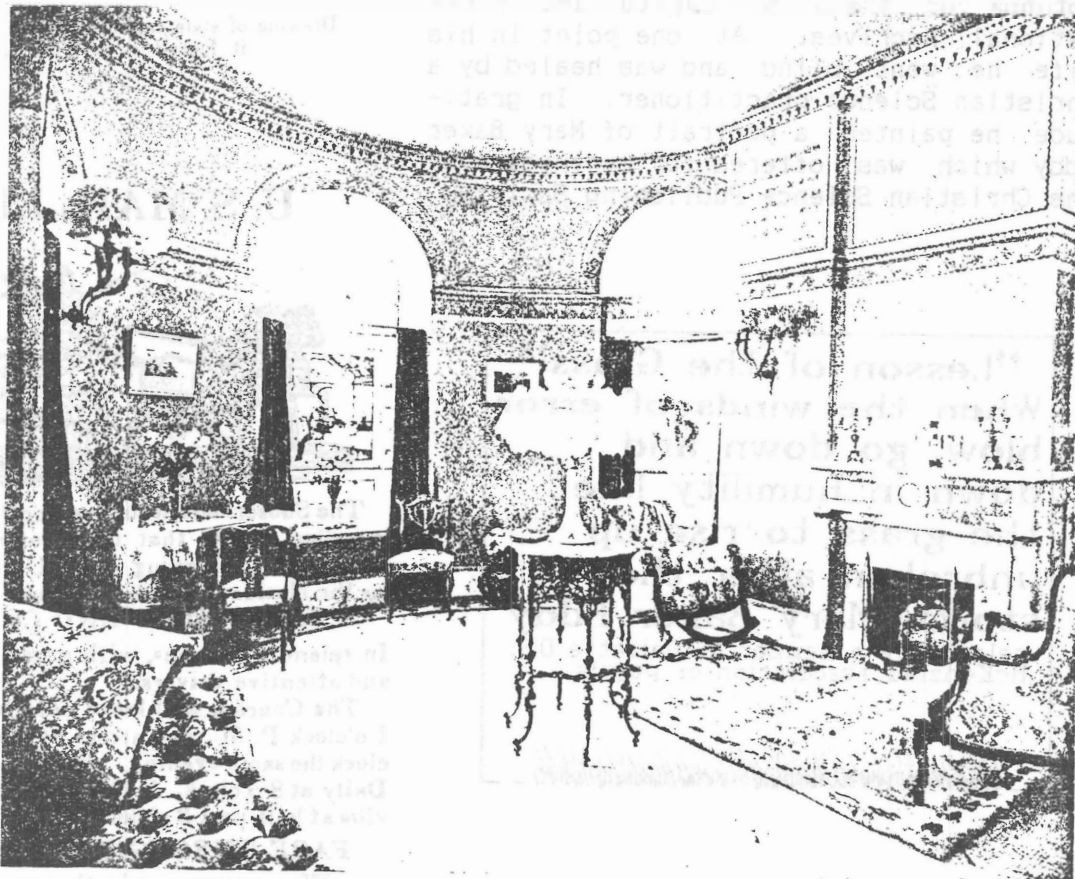
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MORE ABOUT THE NEW BIBLES

A Scripps-Howard News Service article of October 10, 1987. proclaims, "The New International Version [of the Bible] has outsold since February the Seventeenth Century King James Version, the world's first mass-produced Bible and the version that for years outsold all others."

The King James Version of the New Testament (A.D. 1611) is a strict translation of the Greek Textus Receptus. The four or five thousand extant Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, in whole or in part, agree in ninety to ninety-five percent of their contents with the Textus Receptus. The new translations, on the other hand, are based in large part on the Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus which are filled with errors and contradictions. For that reason they were rejected by the scholars whom King James chose to translate the Bible into English.

It is interesting to note that the only other Bible which faithfully adheres to the Textus Receptus is Martin Luther's German translation of the Bible. The accompanying chart lists the number of omissions found in the New Testament of twenty-four Bible versions. (Source: The Eye Opener Publishers. P. O. Box 7944. Eugene. Oregon 97401)

The English Revised Version of 1881 and the American Standard Version of 1901 were both available to Mrs. Eddy, but she chose the King James Version over these. One cannot help but marvel at Mrs. Eddy's foresight in specifying the original King James Version in the Church Manual as the only Bible which could be used in Christian Science churches.

We should remember the words, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Revelation 22:18, 19)

New English New Testament .. (Omissions)	197	out	of	200
New International Version	195	"	"	"
Revised Standard New Testament	189	"	"	"
Berkeley Version New Testament	185	"	"	"
Weymouth's in Modern Speech N.T.	184	"	"	"
New American Standard New Testament ...	183	"	"	"
Good News for Modern Man N.T.	182	"	"	"
Williams' New Testament	180	"	"	"
Ivan Panin's Numeric New Testament	180	"	"	"
Goodspeed's American Translation N.T.	179	"	"	"
Moffatt's New Translation N.T.	175	"	"	"
Wuest's Expanded Translation N.T.	169	"	"	"
Amplified New Testament	165	"	"	"
Twentieth Century New Testament	161	"	"	"
Phillip's New Testament	142	"	"	"
Darby's Translation New Testament	138	"	"	"
Living New Testament Paraphrased	130	"	"	"
New Confraternity New Testament	119	"	"	"
Norlie's New Translation N.T.	62	"	"	"
Lamsa's Eastern Text New Testament	49	"	"	"
John Wesley's Translation N.T.	43	"	"	"
Martin Luther's German New Testament	0	"	"	"
King James Version New Testament	0	"	"	"
Textus Receptus (King James Greek) N.T.	0	"	"	"

LOVE IN THE CHURCHES

The first issue of The Banner quoted an article which stressed the great importance of expressing love to fellow church members and to the stranger at the door. Lack of love is a problem in many denominations, not just ours. Real incidents can be instructive even if they are not pleasant. We should all examine our own thinking and actions.

An out-of-town visitor to a large metropolitan C.S. church arrived at 6:50 P.M. for an 8:00 o'clock lecture. Several people, including the lecturer, were knocking at the locked front door. Finally a woman appeared and opened the door. One of the visitors introduced the lecturer, and the woman said, "Oh, my goodness! You were supposed to park in back and come in through the readers' entrance." When one of the visitors asked if those waiting might sit in the air conditioned auditorium until the lecture, she was told, "Oh, that's against our rules. We're having our ushers' meeting now. At 7:15 we take our posts: the front door usher will unlock the door then." When the lecturer urged that those waiting be permitted to come in out of the heat, the woman repeated, "We don't open the door until after our ushers' meeting. It's just one of our rules." Later the lecture chairman lamented the poor attendance.

A young man, crippled many years from a hunting accident, found Christian Science and began attending services. But the readers objected to having someone sitting there in a wheelchair while they were reading such holy words. (They felt it presented the wrong "mental picture".) So, week after week, he stayed hidden in the vestibule with his wife standing next to him. Finally she located a Christian Science church which lovingly welcomed them into the auditorium.

KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT -- A NEW BOOK BY CHARLES COLSON (NIXON'S STAFF)

This book (Wm. Morrow/Zondervan Publ., 1987, \$15.95) whose subtitle is, "An insider's challenging view of politics, power, and the pulpit" includes the usual misunderstanding of what Christian Science really is. What is interesting are the references to Lord and Lady Astor and Lord Lothian (British Ambassador to the U.S.) and their role in the appeasement policy of Prime Minister Chamberlain prior to WWII. Colson says, "...Christian Scientists believe that all evil is an illusion that can be eliminated by the exercise of the mind. Chamberlain who was close to many of the Cliveden [Astor] group, lived among people to whom the harshness of human evil had ceased to seem real." (p.173) [And therefore did not need to be handled?]

The Astors also misconstrued Mrs. Eddy's statement which begins, "One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations;..." (S&H 340:23-32) to mean a literal world government which they further imagined would be built on a Fabian socialist model. Several former and present Monitor writers were frequent visitors at Cliveden. Their influence is still very strong in Monitor editorials and articles where the desirability and inevitability of world government are preached.

Many fellow Christians like Colson get their information about C.S. from secondary sources (Moody Bible Institute publishes books about "cults") and have never seen or read any of Mrs. Eddy's works.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Global Lecture Preparatory Meeting produced in Boston and seen throughout the Christian Science Field on September 24, 1987, included a guest from the National Council of Churches (NCC). Ostensibly, he was included in the meeting to give expert advice about the religious broadcasting recently started by the Mother Church.

Ordinarily a guest would not give cause for concern except that there have been rumors that the Directors of the Mother Church are planning to join the National Council of Churches. It is the opinion of many that the guest was included in the meeting to prepare church members for this controversial move.

The newly chosen head of the NCC is the Reverend Patricia Ann McClurg. She was recently quoted as saying that she hopes to "broaden the ecumenical family" beyond the 32 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions now involved with the NCC by bringing in Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics. She conceded that her task would not be easy because "the name NCC scares some folks."

The NCC began in 1908 as the Federal Council of Churches (FCC) and included many Fabian Socialists among its organizers. Sidney and Beatrice Webb, founders of the Fabian Socialist Society in England, had come to the United States in 1898 to review and give advice about introducing Fabian ideas into the American churches. The Federal Council was a direct result. In 1932, the United States Congress formally branded the FCC as a subversive organization.

In 1942 the FCC convention called for: "Ultimately, a world government of delegated powers. Complete abandonment of U.S. isolationism. Strong immediate limitations on national sovereignty. International control of all armies and navies...Individual nations must give up their armed forces except for preservation of domestic order and allow the world to be policed by an international army and navy."

We shall have world
government whether or
not you like it - by
conquest or consent.

-James Warburg, member
of the Council on Foreign Relations,
testifying before the Senate Foreign
Relations Committee on February 17, 1950

In 1950 the FCC formally changed its name to the National Council of Churches in hopes of changing its image. Their December BULLETIN of that year stated, "All the work of the Federal Council will continue under new auspices." An exclusive interview with Gus Hall, General Secretary of the U.S. Communist Party, appeared in the July 15, 1968, issue of APPROACH magazine of the NCC. In it he said, "We can -- we should -- work together for the same things... We can live together in a Socialist nation."

Christian Scientists need to take a long, hard look at the NCC. The NCC cultivates a respectable image today, but its goals remain completely antagonistic to the U.S. Constitution and Mrs. Eddy's commitment to individual self-government and freedom.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH: The Copyright Case

On September 22, 1987, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirmed a lower court decision striking down Private Law 92-60 (1971) which granted the Christian Science Board of Directors an extended copyright on all editions of SCIENCE AND HEALTH, even those editions which had already entered the public domain. Prior to 1971, the Directors held a copyright only on the 1906 edition which would have expired in 1981. The 1910 edition was never copyrighted prior to the 1971 Private Law, and no harm had resulted. Some quotations from that decision are worth noting:

"It is not the function of government to promote religious worship, to enable a religious entity to control statements of church doctrine, or to guide a 'confused' public to 'correct' religious authority." (p.27)

"In providing a special copyright removing SCIENCE AND HEALTH from the public domain and placing it exclusively in the grip of First Church, Congress did more than acknowledge, or even accommodate, the religious practices of orthodox Christian Scientists. It lent the Church leadership the assistance vital to shaping the beliefs of lay worshipers and thereby involved itself in the task of inculcating religion." (p.29)

"In matters of religion, truth, including purity of doctrinal statement, is left for the citizenry to determine by persuasion, not for resolution by exertion of governmental authority." (p.32)

"In sum, First Church has acquired [through Private Law 92-60] full dominion over public access to SCIENCE AND HEALTH." (p.39)

"Dominion over public access" was the key to the entire round of legal action over the copyright on SCIENCE AND HEALTH. Access could be broadened, restricted, or curtailed altogether. Public access to SCIENCE AND HEALTH is restricted at this time to the dwindling number of reading rooms and their generally brief hours of operation.

UNITED CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

United Christian Scientists, Inc., P.O. Box 8048, San Jose, CA 95155 initiated and carried the legal challenge against this unconstitutional Private Law since 1983. Five years later, the unpaid legal fees amount to many thousands of dollars.

MORE ABOUT JOINING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In a front page Monitor story (12-23-87), the Reverend Patricia McClurg, new head of the National Council of Churches, was interviewed. Was this more preparation for submerging Christian Science in the NCC? The Monitor also ran a five part series about healing in other Christian churches. The implication is that they are already doing what we are doing and that joining the "ecumenical" NCC is only logical and right.

THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Mrs. Eddy says in *SCIENCE AND HEALTH*, "...those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection." (S&H 97:1-4) A practical example of this occurred in 1905 when Russia was plunged simultaneously into a war with Japan abroad and a communist revolution at home. It is reported that Mrs. Eddy assigned members of her household at Pleasant View to handle this crisis which had the potential for earth-shaking, political consequences.

Through scientific application of Truth, the apparently successful revolution failed. Lenin returned to Switzerland a broken man who contemplated writing his memoirs. Trotsky escaped to New York where he became a newspaper reporter. Russia became a constitutional monarchy, and millions of acres were given to landless peasants by the Czar from his personal holdings.

Peace negotiations between Russia and Japan took place at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, only forty miles from Mrs. Eddy's home. When the Japanese envoy became ill, Mrs. Eddy assigned workers in her home to aid him, and he quickly returned to the peace talks. The Treaty of Portsmouth was signed, the war ended, and real peace returned to the world.

As an interesting historical footnote, in 1916 members of the Imperial Russian air force sighted Noah's ark on Mount Ararat. An expedition was sent to take photographs and write a complete report of what was found. These were forwarded to Czar Nicholas II late in 1916, but were never released because of the successful communist revolution in 1917.

By this time, clouds were already gathering in Boston which were to culminate in the dismal years now known as the Great Literature Litigation of 1919 - 1921. The unity of good evident in Mrs. Eddy's day which quelled tyranny and established peace had already given place to the First World War and the old thought of priestcraft, "Who shall be greatest?"

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MORE INCORRECT LITERATURE

An editorial which marred the January, 1988, issue of the C.S. Journal states, "A few, ignoring her [Mrs. Eddy's] own specific written explanations on the subject, have been pulled dangerously close to the edge of mythology, insisting in effect that God knowingly chose a mortal to become a nearly divine messenger. They imply that Mrs. Eddy was a latter-day equivalent of Christ Jesus. Yet this contradicts Mrs. Eddy's own statements regarding her place." (p. 30)

Few would argue that God is conscious of things mortal, yet "... Sharon's rose must bud and bloom in human heart." (Chr. 53:32-33) Mrs. Eddy states, "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." (S&H 107:3-6) She relates in her autobiography, RETROSPECTION AND INSTROSPECTION, that she, like Samuel, heard a voice calling, and she gave the same reply, "Speak Lord: for Thy servant heareth." (Ret.8-9) She writes, "I was a scribe under orders:..." (Mis.311:26) Elsewhere she says, "The second appearing of Jesus is, unquestionably, the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God, as in Christian Science." (Ret. 70:20-22) Notice that she says "Jesus" and not "Christ" in this reference. She is speaking of the human appearing.

She asks us, "Do you love that which represents God most, His highest idea as seen to-day? No! Then you would hate Jesus if you saw him personally and knew your right obligations towards him. He would insist on the rule and demonstration of divine Science even that you first cast out your own dislike and hatred of God's idea. -- the beam in your own eye that hinders your seeing clearly how to cast the mote of evil out of other eyes. You cannot demonstrate the Principle of Christian Science and not love its idea: we gather not grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles. Where art thou?" (Mis. 336:8-19)

A friend pointed out two earlier misstatements in the Journal. In August, 1975, it states, "It is sometimes believed that Christian Scientists consider Mrs. Eddy to be the second witness... But this is not so." (p. 438) In June, 1980, it says, "The simple fact is, no one before Mrs. Eddy's time discovered the Christ Science -- and no one after her had to. Presumably, if another could have, that person would have." (p. 291) God was preparing Mary Baker Eddy for this discovery, not anyone else. This was not a haphazard stumbling upon the Truth. "Truth is a revelation" (S&H 117:27-28)

Why was the pyramid marker at Mrs. Eddy's birthplace dynamited in 1962? Why was the crown in Mrs. Eddy's hair in the frontispiece of WE KNEW MARY BAKER EDDY, THIRD SERIES, removed by air brush in the later editions? Many more examples could be cited.

Are not all of these clear cases of conscious or unconscious hatred of "that which represents God most, His highest idea as seen to-day." In a letter to Septimus J. Hanna, Mrs. Eddy states, "The truth in regard to your Leader heals the sick and saves the sinner." Ask yourself why healings are way down in our churches today. Write to: The Gethsemane Foundation, 5290 Beltline Road, Suite 152, Dallas, TX 75240, and request a free copy of "Our Leader's Demonstration of Generic Man" by Paul R. Smillie.

A READER WRITES...

A letter from a reader contains some interesting ideas which deserve careful consideration:

"Recently, a videotape of the Board of Directors included a sort of 'consult' with a Methodist minister who has been in the forefront of television activities by his denomination... Granted, the Methodist church, unlike ours, is one of the six largest denominations, but it is actually shrinking rather than growing, unlike four of the other five largest. If we want to learn something really useful from one of the 'Big Six', we could do a lot worse than take a closer look at recent developments in the Mormon church, particularly the policies initiated at its highest level.

"What did Ezra Taft Benson do when he succeeded the late Spencer Kimball as Prophet and President of the L.D.S. church? (1986) First, he issued a call to individual and collective repentance, in keeping with our Saviour's warning in Revelation 2:5... Secondly, he called the attention of all members of the L.D.S. church to the fact that they have a unique revelation, a distinctive scripture that no other church has -- the Book of Mormon. He asked his church members to give top priority to its distribution, to getting it into the hands of as many people as possible, everywhere. He felt that the book was entirely capable of 'selling itself', and would incidentally and simultaneously sell its readers on the Mormon church.

"Third, he invited all dissidents from the church to return to the fold in a general amnesty, and to work within the church rather than outside it. Fourth, and perhaps most amazing, he freed up the copyrights to any and all publications owned by the church so that any member in good standing can quote from them freely in writing without infringing on a copyright...

"Could Boston learn a few things from Salt Lake City? You betcha! And I say that from within the Christian Science church and with no intention of leaving it after 35 years and joining the Mormons. The latter are, however, succeeding very well in their particular mission, while, as a group, we are not. You know, I think one main reason they are doing so well is that they are not working hard to minimize their differences from Methodists or any one else, but are in fact emphasizing their difference..."

MONITOR SERIES: "CHRISTIAN HEALING TODAY" (DECEMBER 22 - 30, 1987)

This five part newspaper series explored the subject of faith healing in other churches today without drawing a distinction between it and Christian Science healing. They were all lumped together and called "spiritual healing." References to Mary Baker Eddy were sketchy, and the impression was given that she had, in some small way, contributed to an interest in healing 100 years ago. While the revived interest in biblically-based healing is both an interesting and hopeful sign of things to come, Mrs. Eddy says that it must develop from an understanding of Christian Science. (Pul. 22:9-15) One remarkable development well known in Boston, yet wholly ignored by the Monitor, is the adoption by the Methodist Episcopal Church (Wesleyan Conference) based in Springhill, Louisiana, of the Tenets of Christian Science, and of the C.S. textbook with full acknowledgement of its author, Mary Baker Eddy. Through the Jonathan Washington Evangelistic Assn., Inc., they are training people to take Christian Science back into their own churches. Yet, this was wholly ignored by the Monitor.

LETTER FROM THE WORKERS AT THE MOTHER CHURCH

A letter dated September 26, 1987, addressed to the Board of Directors began with these words: "This letter comes to you with great love and respect from workers at The Mother Church who, like you, are praying and striving for progress for our churches and our Movement. It is our love for Christian Science and our deepening concern about our Church that impels this communication with you." The letter was prompted, primarily, by the September 24, 1987, global video conference. The following is a summary of the major points of the letter:

- the concern that technology and media exposure are being substituted for genuine spirituality and church growth.

- the over-commitment to the electronic media and related business pursuits as the main thrust of the Church's outreach to the world.

- the constant tinkering with lecture topics (limited to "peace", for example) and their content (which is a violation of what Mrs. Eddy says in My. 338:15-18), urging churches to postpone or cancel already scheduled lectures (a violation of Man. 95:16-19).

- substandard lectures, their lack of metaphysical content, and the inexperience and ill-preparedness of some lecturers.

- the sweeping "redefinition" of Church Manual requirements to fit new policies of the Board of Directors.

- concern that The Monitor is now regarded, not as a newspaper, but as a "concept" which will be used as an excuse to cease daily publication and substitute more "modern" TV and radio broadcasts. [No other major newspaper has adopted tabloid format or contemplated ceasing daily publication in favor of the electronic media.]

- concern over the staggering, unprecedented expense and liabilities incurred by the Directors in their quest for a broadcast empire.

- concern that farming out the subscription service (Des Moines, Iowa) and other business activities to outside companies has deprived the periodicals of the metaphysical support they once had when they were handled by church members.

- concern that "business" is superseding the healing work of the church and that these new plans are being pursued at such an accelerated rate that questions and objections are "left in the dust".

- the statement, "Many were attracted to the early church by the love they saw expressed among the church members: it was a love that made others want to enter into that love."

The forwarder of this letter writes that the Directors' letter sent out on October 30, 1987, to all church members was an effort to counter the above concerns.

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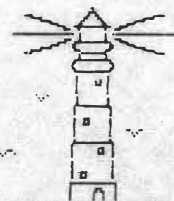
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Gem from Mrs. Eddy

She told a student who was treating a patient for tuberculosis that that was only a decoy. She said: Would you treat a cat with an arched back for curvature of the spine? No, for fear.

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CORRECTION AND AMPLIFICATION

The article in the last issue of The Banner entitled, "More About the New Bibles" contained two misstatements which must be corrected. First of all, the Church Manual by Mary Baker Eddy does not specify the King James Version of the Bible by name. Two American readers of the newsletter pointed out this fact, and their alertness is appreciated.

Second, the scholars who produced the 1611 English translation of the Bible did not have either the Codex Vaticanus or Sinaiticus at their disposal. The former was discovered in the Vatican library in 1481 and was known by the English scholars, but was not available to them for obvious reasons. The latter was discovered in 1844 in the wastebasket of a monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai. These facts were pointed out by a reader of the newsletter in England.

The Textus Receptus, which is the basis of the King James Version, was assembled by Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1537), one of the greatest scholars of Western Civilization. This Text is in basic agreement with 90 to 95 % of all known Scripture related manuscripts, numbering over 5000.

The discoverer of the Codex Sinaiticus noted at least 12,000 changes which had been made on that manuscript by others than the original copyist. The Codices Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are, indeed, in basic agreement with each other, but both differ markedly from the vast majority of other Scripture manuscripts in existence. In spite of this fact, these two codices became the basis of the English Revised Version of 1881 and the American Standard Version of 1901 and almost every other modern translation of the New Testament down to the present day.

Which Bible did Mary Baker Eddy read from when she received her healing in February, 1866? The King James. Which Bible did she use when she "searched the Scriptures and read little else?" (S&H 109:12-13) The King James. Which Bible is quoted exclusively (except Noyes, twice; Icelandic, twice; and Wyclif, once) in her writings? The King James. It would be inconceivable to abandon the King James Version when it is so completely interwoven with the Christian Science textbook. Mrs. Eddy's choice of the King James Bible when other "modern" versions were available should be sufficient endorsement to guarantee its place beside "Science and Health" forever.

TELEVISION AND RELIGION

The PTL and Swaggart episodes have caused many people to rethink the role of religion in the electronic media. In an Associated Press article written soon after the Swaggart story emerged, George W. Cornell compiled the observations of people familiar with religious television: "There is something corrupting about the power of dominating huge crowds. There's a kind of narcissistic evil that attracts people to that kind of work, all the self-aggrandizement it gives them. TV gives it even larger magnitude.... Religion, when it buys into television, is co-opted by TV... Other aspects of TV raise the possibility of distortion, such as TV's continual concern for what it will look like and how a program will go over with a mass, theologically uninformed audience."

Anyone who has witnessed the behavior of people being covered by the national news media can testify that their actions are changed. An audience cheers a little louder. Demonstrators chant more vigorously (and often quit and go home when the cameras leave). A speaker intones more earnestly. An interviewer becomes more emotional and ardent.

The deceptive nature of television was described by E. Laurence Chalmers Jr. in "San Antonio" magazine in December, 1987. "One of the tactics employed by '60 Minutes' took me completely by surprise. It is referred to among media personnel as 'reversals.' The entire first hour of my interview with Mr. Wallace could only be described as polite, soft-spoken and very casual. When I thought the interview had concluded, he explained that we had to do it over again, only this time the camera would shoot over my shoulder onto him while he repeated the questions. There was no need for me to respond, he said, because my responses were already on tape. Suddenly, I encountered the personality I had seen on TV -- aggressive, tough, pointed and belligerent. Time and time again he would re-ask questions similar to those he'd asked an hour earlier, changing emphasis, inflection, etc, until the director would announce, 'That's a take, Mike.' and proceed to the next question. Slowly, it dawned on me how absurd my casual answers were going to appear in response to this new line of questions. I had learned the meaning of 'reversals' the hard way." (page 35)

Television, by its very nature, may not be the proper medium for the dissemination of religious ideas. A major requirement of hypnotism is to distract the conscious mind with one or more of the five senses (particularly sight and sound) while an aggressive mental suggestion is poured into the unconscious mind. While a television picture appears as a continuous flow, it actually flickers at a rapid rate. Any repeating light or sound pattern could fulfil the conditions necessary for hypnosis and the transfer of subtle suggestions to an unwary television viewer.

Mrs. Eddy wrote, "To say that it is sin to ride to church on an electric car, would not be more preposterous than to believe that man's Maker is not equal to the destruction of disease germs." (My. 219:12-15) To ride in an electric car with a clear thought is one thing, but to sit with one's thought wholly focussed on a flickering, electronic TV screen is quite another. All of this leads to serious questions about the headlong commitment of the Board of Directors to the electronic media at the expense of live lectures and the printed word.

THE MONITOR'S AGENDA SURFACES AGAIN

"An Agenda for the 21st Century", edited by Rushworth M. Kidder. The MIT Press. \$14.95. Do you remember this series which appeared in the Monitor in late 1986? It has now been issued in book form by the same press which published another Monitor project, "How Peace Came to the World". (The C.S. Board of Directors at that time also required that all C.S. lectures be limited to the subject of world peace.)

The Agenda series includes a high proportion of members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Trilateral Commission (TLC). Both of these organizations are dedicated to a severe restriction (and eventual elimination) of American political and economic sovereignty in favor of a world government and a "new international economic order". The Agenda exposes "world problems" and proposes "world government" as their logical solution.

THE CONTINUING PUSH FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NCC)

The Reading Room News of February, 1988, which is "published for Christian Science Reading Rooms worldwide" and issued by the C.S. Publishing Society, included an article entitled "New Neighbors" which included the following:

"It's time for reaching out. We're learning some stretching lessons about that -- some very moving ones from you, and others we'd love to share with you. Perhaps in 'The Christian Science Monitor' in December you saw the interview with the incoming president of the National Council of Churches, Rev. Ms. Patricia McClurg. In many of her thoughtful comments you might have thought she was addressing a group of Reading Room Librarians! Among other things, she was quoted as saying, 'As we are learning the lesson that the whole world is our neighbor, we also need to remember that our next-door neighbor is our neighbor, too.' Notice how "world" or "global" this or that is a theme which runs through much of our Church's and Publishing Society's print and video messages. This seems to have nothing to do with metaphysics. It is an entirely secular message in consonance with the CFR/NCC/TLC line.

SECOND LETTER FROM MOTHER CHURCH WORKERS

A sixteen page letter from "A Second Group of Mother Church Employees who are loyal members of The Mother Church" has been sent to teachers of Christian Science. Its subject is, "The urgent need for immediate support of the Manual." The letter puts on notice the officers of The Mother Church that legal proceedings against them may evolve if they fail to correct violations of the Church Manual. Anyone desiring a copy of this letter may obtain one from the editor of this newsletter by sending \$1.60 to cover copying costs and postage.

LEGAL ACTION

United Christian Scientists, Inc., P.O. 8048, San Jose, CA 95155 has initiated legal action through the Attorney General of Massachusetts because of continuing questions about the violation of the Deeds of Trust by the C.S. Board of Directors. Ten of these legal deeds state, "this property is conveyed on the further trusts that no new Tenet or By-Law shall be adopted, nor any Tenet or By-Law amended or annulled..." (See Man. 137:1-3) Contributions for this purpose may be sent to UCS at the above address.

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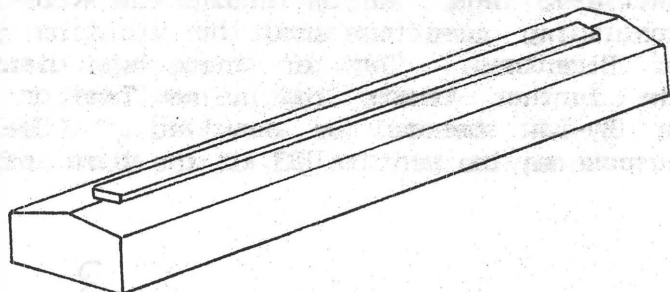
"In Search of Noah's Ark", by Dave Balsiger and Charles E. Sellier, Jr., Sun Classic Books, Los Angeles, 1976. The last issue of The Banner included some brief comments about the discovery of Noah's ark by the members of the Russian Imperial armed forces. This subject generated interest among some readers, and a more complete account is offered here. One of the participants, pilot Vladimir Roskovitsky, has since described what happened:

"It was just before the Russian Revolution that this story really began. A group of Russian aviators were stationed at a lonely temporary outpost about twenty-five miles northeast of Mount Ararat... [T]he captain walked in and announced that plane number seven had its new supercharger installed and was ready for high altitude tests and ordered my buddy and me to make the test. After circling several times around the snow-capped cone, we made a long, swift glide down the slope and suddenly came upon a perfect lake. We returned for another look and suddenly my companion observed something and excitedly pointed to the overflow of the lake. We thought it a submarine, but on looking closer we saw that it had a stubby mast, the top was rounded over, with a flat catwalk about five feet wide down the length of it... When we got close to it, we were surprised to discover the size of it, for it was as long as a city block and would compare favorably in size with a modern battleship of this day...

"When the captain sent this report to the Russian government it aroused considerable interest, which resulted in the Czar's sending two special companies of soldiers to climb the mountain... Complete measurements of it [the ark] were taken, plans drawn of it, and numerous photographs were made, all of which were sent to the Czar. The Ark was found to contain hundreds of small rooms, some with very high ceilings. Some unusually large rooms had fences of great timbers across them, some of which were two feet thick and designed to hold beasts ten times as large as elephants. Other rooms were lined with cages reminding us of those used in poultry shows, only instead of chicken wire there were rows of iron or metal bars across the front.

"Everything was heavily painted with a warlike paint resembling shellac and the workmanship of the craft showed all signs of a high type of civilization. The wood used throughout was similar to the cypress family which never rots, and which, being painted and frozen most of the time, accounts for its condition of perfect preservation."

The report was never made public and may have been destroyed during the Russian Revolution. There have been others who have visited the site: Sir James Bryce returned with a five-foot piece of hand-hewn timber in 1876. In 1887, Prince John Joseph Nouri found "a vessel with stalls and cages on board." In 1955, French engineer Fernand Navarra brought back pieces of wood and wrote a book. In 1972, an earth resources satellite detected a large, foreign object on the mountain. More recently a former American astronaut tried and failed twice to visit the ark. The ark's location on the Turkish-Soviet border makes it difficult to gain permission for an expedition.



LOVE IN THE CHURCHES

As part of a continuing series, the following incidents should cause us all to consider how we express love toward the stranger at the door as well as our fellow church members.

A young man who came to a branch church to attend a lecture, approached the glass front doors to enter. The usher on duty barred the door. Another usher inside the auditorium watched in horror as a tug of war ensued, the visitor trying to get in, the usher keeping him out. Finally the head usher intervened and let the young man in. No doubt the front door usher considered the unkempt appearance and rumpled clothes unsuitable for their lovely church which was filling up with affluent members and those from other branch churches. Once again, the front door usher stepped in front of the visitor, insisting that he go to the men's room first to "wash up." Exasperated, the young man refused and took a seat in the third row. Later when he went up to shake hands, the lecturer put his arms around the young man.

A young boy sat down beside a lecturer who was being entertained in a private home following a lecture. He was holding a paperback book based on the movie, "Star Wars." Just as he was trying to show the book to the lecturer, an older woman -- a member of the branch church's lecture committee -- snatched the book from the child, saying, "Young man, when you're in the presence of a Christian Science lecturer, the only book you should be holding is 'Science and Health'." With that the woman walked away, the offending book under her arm. Embarrassed and confused, the boy got up to leave, but the lecturer put her hand on his arm and said, "Never mind, son. I saw the movie and thought it was really exciting! Maybe someday I'll read that book."

OUR LEADER'S NAME

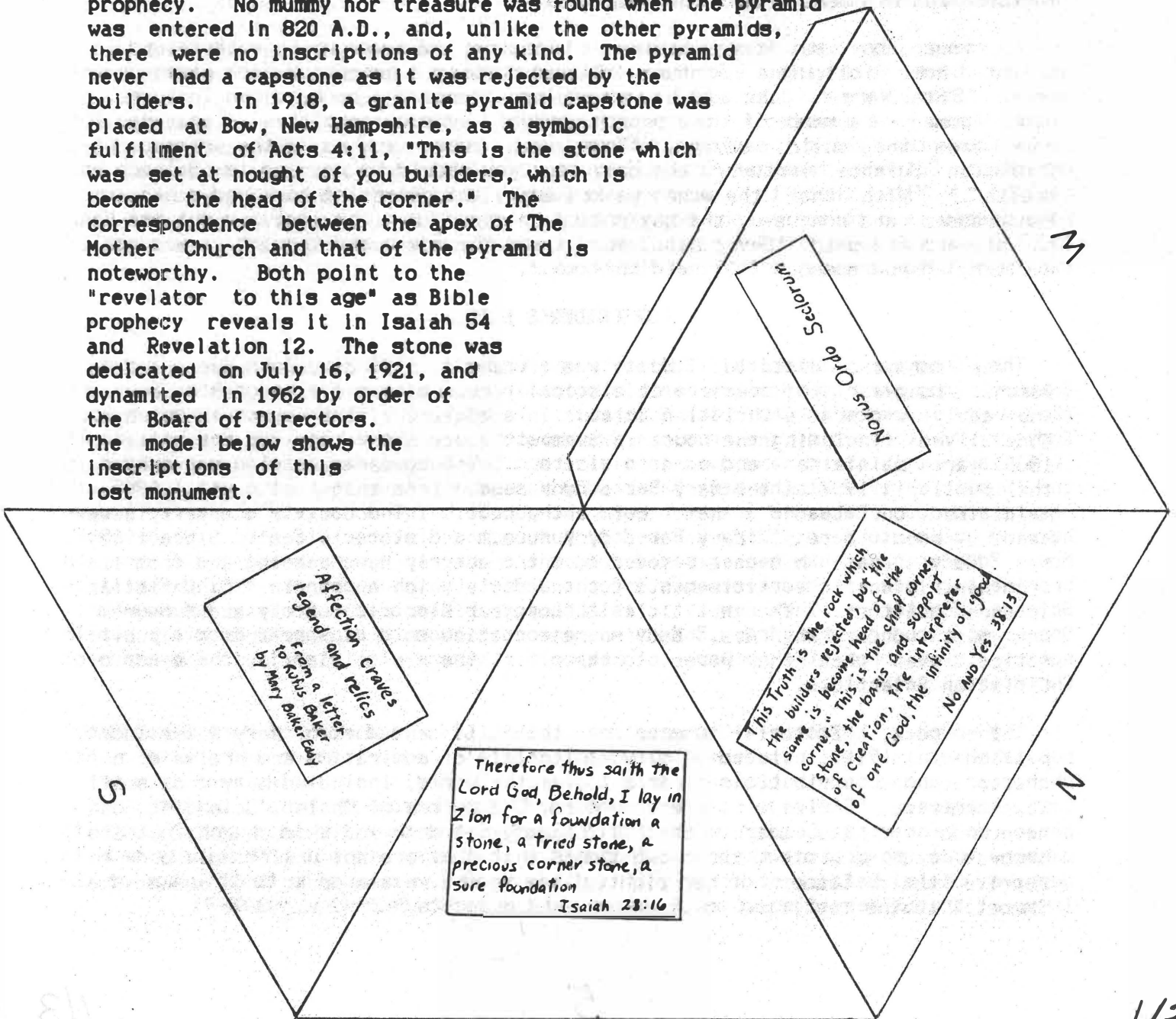
The Longyear Historical Society was founded in 1926 by John Munro and Mary Beecher Longyear to preserve an historical record of the life of Mrs. Eddy and the early workers in Christian Science. In addition, five houses in which Mrs. Eddy lived (including the house in Swampscott where she received her healing in 1866) are maintained and open to visitors. The Longyear mansion was opened to the public in 1937 as the Mary Baker Eddy Museum. From that time until 1985, it maintained our Leader's name before the public. The Society's quarterly news heading used to read, "Mary Baker Eddy Museum and Historic Sites". Since 1985, Mrs. Eddy's name has been removed from the quarterly news heading and from its prominent place in advertisements for the Society which appear in "The Christian Science Monitor". The new title is "Longyear Historical Society and Museum". One must wonder why Mrs. Eddy's name continues to disappear from all public notice, even when the power to keep it there is clearly in the hands of Christian Scientists.

The book, "Editorial Comments on the Life and Work of Mary Baker Eddy" published in 1911 included glowing editorials of admiration and praise of her character and contributions from all over the world, including many from small town America. "Strive it ever so hard, The Church of Christ, Scientist, can never do for its Leader what its Leader has done for this church; but its members can so protect their own thoughts that they are not unwittingly made to deprive their Leader of her rightful place as the revelator to this age of the immortal truths testified to by Jesus and the prophets." (My. vii:3-9)

THE GREAT PYRAMID OF EGYPT

Mrs. Eddy in her 1886 sermon, "Christian Healing", said, The only immortal superstructure is built on Truth; her modest tower rises slowly, but it stands and is the miracle of the hour, though it may seem to the age like the great pyramid of Egypt, -- a miracle in stone." (11:9-12) The original 1894 Mother Church, which the above words seem to prefigure, was built on a triangular plot of land and was referred to by Mrs. Eddy as "Prayer in Stone". If one were to view this structure from above looking east, The Mother's Room would be seen at the apex of the triangle.

The great pyramid of Egypt is referred to in Isaiah 19:19,20, "In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt;" The pyramid is in the midst of the land, but also on the border between Upper and Lower Egypt. The pyramid has been referred to as the Bible in stone because its passageways and chambers correspond symbolically to Scripture events and prophecy. No mummy nor treasure was found when the pyramid was entered in 820 A.D., and, unlike the other pyramids, there were no inscriptions of any kind. The pyramid never had a capstone as it was rejected by the builders. In 1918, a granite pyramid capstone was placed at Bow, New Hampshire, as a symbolic fulfillment of Acts 4:11, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." The correspondence between the apex of The Mother Church and that of the pyramid is noteworthy. Both point to the "revelator to this age" as Bible prophecy reveals it in Isaiah 54 and Revelation 12. The stone was dedicated on July 16, 1921, and dynamited in 1962 by order of the Board of Directors. The model below shows the inscriptions of this lost monument.



TOMORROW'S HEADLINES

In his 1970 book, "Between Two Ages", Zbigniew Brzezinski (President Carter's National Security Advisor and former head of the Trilateral Commission) wrote, "Methods of weather modification can be applied to engender extended periods of drought or storm, thereby weakening a nation's capacity and forcing it to accept the demands of the competitor." Weather control is only part of a story which has been reported widely in the underground press for more than five years and which will be emerging into the mainstream press in the near future.

The name, Nikola Tesla (1856-1943), is at the center of all these developments. He was a naturalized American, an electrical genius with 14 doctorates who patented over 900 processes in the field of energy conversion. The weapon concepts he developed were offered to his adopted country, but were not taken seriously. The Soviets have shown a lively interest in his work since the 1930s. Tesla Book Company, P.O. Box 1649, Greenville, TX 75401 (catalog \$1.), offers a book, "Fer-De-Lance: A Briefing on Soviet Scalar Electromagnetic Weapons" by Thomas E. Bearden, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel who has a degree in nuclear engineering and is a senior scientist with a major aerospace company. According to the author, the Soviet Union has been developing strange and secret electromagnetic weapons of incredible power and capability which are based on the discoveries of Nikola Tesla.

Some believe that the Soviet Union is anxious to conclude nuclear arms reduction treaties with the United States now because this new class of secret weapons is far superior to present systems. The treaties would result in the disarming of the United States while the Soviets would emerge with a new class of weapons, wholly superior to those they now agree to discard.

An article by Andrew Alexander of the Cox News Service, datelined Washington (3-3-85) reported, "As they watched it rise toward the heavens through the moonlit night, it assumed a terrifying likeness to a mushroom cloud. It was last April 9 off the northeastern coast of Japan and no less than four airline pilots saw it erupt like a nuclear explosion billowing to a height of 60,000 feet and expanding to a diameter of 200 miles -- all within a span of just two minutes. Then it inexplicably disappeared, leaving scientists unable to fathom what it was, where it came from or where it went. But almost as baffling now, a year later, U.S. government agencies have shown only scant interest in finding out." Thomas E. Bearden is convinced it was caused by testing of an advanced Soviet weapon using electromagnetic beams.

The purpose for including this article in The Banner is to inform and alert fellow Christian Scientists to information which may result in much fear and consternation among the public when it finally reaches the evening news and the front page. Mrs. Eddy states, "We may well be perplexed at human fear; and still more astounded at hatred, which lifts its hydra head, showing its horns in the many inventions of evil. But why should we stand aghast at nothingness?" (S&H 563:3-7) Many parts of the Tesla systems are based on extremely low frequency [cycle] radio waves (ELF) Mrs. Eddy writes, "The cycle of good obliterates the epicycle of evil. (My. 270:3) "During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection. (S&H 96:31-4)

ANOTHER STORY IN NEWSWEEK

The March 7, 1988, issue of Newsweek contained an article entitled "Soul-Searching in a Pioneering Town" which mentioned a local C.S. branch church. The article which discussed the issue of integration and race relations in an affluent Chicago suburb stated, "The sign outside the aging First Church of Christ Scientist says, 'All are welcome.' So far the record says otherwise. Last year the Rev. Charles B. Williams Jr., pastor of the Unity Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, moved his family to a quiet residential street in Oak Park.... His church bid \$500,000 for the Greek Revival structure put on the block by the dwindling Christian Scientist congregation. Williams was disturbed to learn that the sealed bid was topped a few days later by an offer of \$505,000. But he was astonished -- as was a fair share of Oak Park -- when the bidder turned out to be a quasi-private development group, acting with the formal support of village government and pursuing suspiciously vague plans for a civic center.... The quasi-private Oak Park Development Corp....soon withdrew its bid... When he [Rev. Williams] was left as the only bidder, 58 percent of Christian Scientists voted for the sale -- just short of the required two-thirds majority. A church statement announcing the rejection described some members as 'saddened and deeply troubled' by the outcome."



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MEETING THE CHALLENGE: INSTRUCTION FROM MARY BAKER EDDY

"If you stay here [Mrs. Eddy's home] until you learn to handle animal magnetism, I will make healers out of you. I had to do it, and did it for forty years, and you must do it. You must rise to the point where you can destroy the belief in mesmerism, or you will have no Cause. It tried to overcome me for forty years and I withstood it all. Now it has gotten to the point where the students must take up this work and meet animal magnetism. I cannot do it for you. You must do it for yourselves, and unless it is done, the Cause will perish and we will go along another 1900 years with the world sunk into the blackest night. Now will you rouse yourselves? You have the power of God with you to conquer this lie of mesmerism. The workers in the field are not healing because they are not meeting animal magnetism which says they cannot heal." Then she turned to each one and said, "Will you keep your watch?"... "To keep your watch doesn't only mean to be awake at that hour and be working mentally. It means to do the work and succeed in breaking the mesmerism for the two hours assigned. If you don't succeed, you haven't kept your watch." from "Memoirs of Mary Baker Eddy" by Adam H. Dickey, C.S.D., pages 128, 129

"The true Science -- divine Science -- will be lost sight of again unless we arouse ourselves. This demonstrating to make matter build up [organization] is not Science... The way I brought this Cause into sight was through HEALING: and now these other things would come in and hide it just as was done in the time of Jesus." from "Divinity Course and Collectanea", page 3.

FINAL PLAINFIELD DECISION HANDED DOWN

Last year, the New Jersey Supreme Court decided that Plainfield Christian Science Church - Independent had the right to use the words "Christian Science" without any restrictions. The Mother Church made one last effort to limit the free use of these words by other groups or churches but was turned down on April 28, 1988, by a state appeals court. As result, any group, society, or church may now use the words "Christian Science" and be completely independent in doing so. The ten year legal battle cost the Plainfield church \$250,000. The membership has increased from 80 to 240 members during the same period. A newspaper account tells of two recent healings in the Plainfield church which include the healing of a 95-year-old woman of cancer and a young boy of meningitis. Literature from the church states that membership in the church "is open to any sincere student of Christian Science, in this country or abroad, who wishes to support Mrs. Eddy's pure concept of church."

PLEASANT VIEW AND THE LINCOLN ESTATE

Mrs. Eddy's beloved Pleasant View was sold to the State of New Hampshire in early 1976. For many years it had served as a retirement home for Christian Science practitioners of advancing years. In very short order, the residents were moved out, the contents sold, and the deed transferred to the state for \$2 million even though it had an estimated value of \$10 million. Pleasant View was then used for several years as a state medical facility for the insane. It stood vacant for several more years, was bought by a private developer, and turned back into a retirement home. According to various accounts, it has been restored to its former beauty and atmosphere. However, it is no longer in the hands of Christian Scientists who would most appreciate the property's connection with our Leader.

Another story, which was eclipsed by the sale of Pleasant View and the building of the church center in Boston, was the sale of the Lincoln estate in Manchester, Vermont, by the Mother Church. The 412 acre estate, known as Hildene, was built around the turn of the century by Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of the 16th president. Hildene was left to the church in the will of Mary Lincoln Beckwith, who died in 1975. She also left the church \$425,000. She asked that the estate be left as a memorial to her mother and grandparents, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Church officials told a meeting of local residents that they intended to sell the entire estate, which had a local appraised value of \$612,000. Local residents formed a committee to see how the property might be purchased to turn it into the memorial which Mary Lincoln Beckwith envisioned. The Mother Church gave them ninety days to come up with a plan.

Substantial bequests such as Mrs. Beckwith's are usually arranged in advance, and all parties know the terms and expectations of the bequest. Certainly the Mother Church officials knew Mrs. Beckwith's desire for a memorial, and it seems less than straightforward to turn around and sell it without any attempt to comply with the donor's request. The Church development consultant stated in a newspaper article of the time that it was the regular policy of the church to dispose of such property at market value and use the funds for the advancement of the religion. (UPI article, August 22, 1976)

SENTENCE FRAGMENT

On a March 1988 videotape, "Global Publishing: Into the 21st Century", which outlines plans for the electronic and broadcast media by the Mother Church, the Church Manual is mentioned as authority for the formation of a new syndicate for the Monitor (Art. I, Sect. 8) and is quoted as saying, "Boards of Trustees and Syndicates may be formed by the Mother Church." However the sentence, as read aloud on the videotape, was incomplete because Mrs. Eddy concluded it with the words, "subject to the approval of the Pastor Emeritus."

MONITOR ARTICLE

The Home Forum Page in the June 6th Monitor included an excellent article which traced the sublime influence of the King James Bible on the English language. This is one of the few articles to appear on this subject anywhere in the media for a long time.

MORE ON THE SOVIET EXPLOITATION OF TESLA DISCOVERIES

The spring issue of The Banner introduced the subject of Nikola Tesla and his discoveries in the field of electromagnetics. Because this issue has the potential for serious consequences, it needs the attention and action of all practising Christian Scientists.

Russell Targ and Harold Puthoff, both American laser scientists, wrote "A Perceptual Channel For Information Transfer Over Kilometer Distances: Historical Perspective and Recent Research" in the March 1976 "Proceedings of the IEEE" (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). In it they wrote, "In general, the entire field of paranormal research in the U.S.S.R. is part of a larger one concerned with the interaction between electromagnetic fields and living organisms."

Lowell Ponte (a former Pentagon weatherwar expert) in an August 1978 article in Gallery Magazine called "The Killer Electric" said, "...The use of these new weapons of electromagnetic radiation (EMR)... now promise to give nations possessing them, the power to alter the weather, generate earthquakes, and even disrupt the thought processes of entire enemy populations..." He also wrote that extreme low frequency waves (ELF) "can disturb heartbeat and biorhythms, can cause convulsions and disorientations ..." In the same article, Ponte stated, "Shortly after the turn of the century, Tesla theorized that by using coordinated radio impulses, it should be possible to manipulate the part of the Earth's magnetic field that resides at the edge of space up in the ionosphere by generating giant standing waves. These waves, said Tesla, could then be manipulated to change the course of giant wind patterns, like the jet stream, that shape our weather." The current drought in the Midwest, the record low level of the Mississippi River, and the division of the jet stream into two parts are possible indications of human manipulation of the weather.

Avraham Shifrin, an expert on the Soviet KGB, testified at the Demjanjuk trial in Israel during November of 1987. Portions of an interview he gave were read which included, "The KGB has a para-psychology department located in Baku, whose members can kill people long-distance without the use of weapons... [Prosecutor] Blatman... asked whether Shifrin had been quoted correctly in saying that a leader of the U.S. Congress had been killed by a heart attack induced by rays? Shifrin admitted he had said this but without mentioning a specific person... Blatman: 'Did you say that the Russians can influence the weather and caused the big electricity blackout in New York some years ago?' Shifrin: 'Yes, I talked about that subject; all this is based on the work of a famous Russian researcher.'" (Jerusalem Post, 11-7-87)

Andrija Puharich, M.D., LL.D. of Lab Nine Ltd., Ossining, N.Y., produced a report titled "The Imminence of Electromagnetic Mind Control on a Global Scale as Practiced by the U.S.S.R." In it he stated, "...large populations could be electronically incited to unstable behavior at the lower end of the Tesla scale, or to stable behavior bordering on hypnosis at the other end of the scale."

Mrs. Eddy says, "The march of mind and of honest investigation will bring the hour when the people will chain, with fetters of some sort, the growing occultism of this period. The present apathy as to the tendency of certain active yet unseen mental agencies will finally be shocked into another extreme mortal mood, -- into human indignation; for one extreme follows another." (S&H 570:1-7) She also writes, "The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power." (S&H 131:10-11)

COMPARISONS

The reader of the Bible in English is dependent upon translators to present the most accurate rendering of the literal words as well as the spirit of the text. Modern Bible translations and the manuscripts upon which they are based raise serious questions about the new Bibles in English. What follows are some comparisons between the reliable King James Bible and various modern versions:

Luke 2:33 KJ "And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him."

New American Standard "And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him."

Luke 4:4 KJ "And Jesus answered him saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

New American Standard "And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

Luke 24:6 KJ "He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,"

Revised Standard "Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,"

I Kings 18:27 KJ "And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked."

Living Bible "About noontime, Elijah began mocking them. 'You'll have to shout louder than that,' he scoffed, 'to catch the attention of your god! Perhaps he is talking to someone, or is out sitting on the toilet, or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be awakened.'"

II Kings KJ 21:6 "...he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger..."

Living Bible "...So the Lord was very angry, for Manasseh was an evil man, in God's opinion." (Does God have opinions?)

I Kings KJ 19:12 "...but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice."

New English "...but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a low murmuring sound."

Rom 8:1 KJ "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

New International "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

F.J.A. Hort, one of the moving forces behind the English Revised Version of 1885 referred to the Scripture manuscripts assembled by Erasmus (the basis for the King James Version) as "that vile Textus Receptus." C.H. Dodd, a director of translation for the New English Bible wrote that the Book of Revelation is "sub-Christian in tone and outlook." All of this provides ample reason for the reader to stay on the firm foundation of the King James Bible.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF MRS EDDY'S PUBLISHED WRITINGS

The last issue of The Banner mistakenly said that Mrs. Eddy's sermon, "Christian Healing" was delivered in 1886. Thanks are due the Rare Book Company for supplying the correct year of 1880. It will be useful for readers to have the sequence in which Mrs. Eddy actually published her writings and started her periodicals. The order of her shorter writings is far different from the sequence one finds in Prose Works.

Science and Health -----	Oct 1875	
Christian Healing -----	May 1880	
Christian Science Journal -----	Apr 1883	(monthly periodical)
The People's Idea of God -----	Jun 1883	
Historical Sketch -----	Feb 1885	(Later Title: Ret. & Int. Nov 1891)
Defense of C.S. -----	Mar 1885	(Later Title: No and Yes, Aug 1887)
Rudimental Divine Science -----	Nov 1887	
Unity of Good -----	Mar 1888	
Christian Science Quarterly -----	Jan 1890	(Present lesson topics: July 1898)
Christ and Christmas -----	Dec 1893	
Pulpit and Press -----	Apr 1895	
Church Manual -----	Sep 1895	(88 editions)
Miscellaneous Writings -----	Jan 1897	
Christian Science vs Pantheism --	Jun 1898	
Christian Science Sentinel -----	Sep 1898	(weekly periodical)
Message of 1900 -----	Jun 1900	
Message of 1901 -----	Jun 1901	
Message of 1902 -----	Jun 1902	
Der Herold der Christian Science-	Apr 1903	(monthly periodical)
The Christian Science Monitor ---	Nov 1908	(daily newspaper)
Poems -----	Nov 1910	
First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany --	Nov 1913	

A wonderfully detailed chronology of everything Mrs. Eddy ever wrote may be found in "Mary Baker Eddy's Other Writings" by John L. Morgan.

A NEW BOOK BY ROBERT PEEL

"Health and Medicine in the Christian Science Tradition" by Robert Peel, 160 pages, Crossroad/Continuum Books (the American publisher for Pope John Paul II), \$16.95, available in October 1988. This book is the eighth of a series of "Health and Medicine in the Faith Traditions". Previous viewpoints by other authors include: Lutheran, Reformed, Jewish, Islamic, Methodist, Anglican, and Catholic. This Peel book, like his others, would seem to be aimed at satisfying intellectual curiosity rather than presenting Christian Science as the culmination and fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

RALLY IN WASHINGTON SPONSORED IN PART BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

On May 14th, 1988, the "American Family Celebration" was held in the nation's capital. Sponsors of the rally included the Children's Defense Fund, Democratic Socialists of America, the National Council of Churches, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, as well as some other organizations. Their demand for a "National Family Policy" included: family and medical leave, quality child care, services for the elderly, comprehensive medical care, equity in quality education, and economic justice.

AUTHORIZED LITERATURE

The Christian Science Journal of July 1988, included "Learning how to learn" from the Board of Directors. This article issues a warning not to read anything which is not approved by the Directors.

The concept of "authorized literature" appeared only after 1910. Under Mrs. Eddy's direct supervision, these two words did not appear on any books or literature published by the Christian Science Publishing Society. Interestingly, there was an effort in 1891 to begin the practice of screening, selecting, and recommending literature, but it was stopped by Mrs. Eddy as soon as she learned of it. She placed a last minute card on a "tip sheet" just inside the front cover of the July 1891 Journal, a copy of which appears elsewhere on this page. In most cases, this notice has disappeared from the bound Journals in reading rooms. A copy still exists in the Library of Congress. In a private letter to her publisher (6-24-91), Mrs. Eddy wrote, "I will rip up all my business relations and take [them] into my hands before this most wicked, prescriptive, uncharitable measure shall be carried." (See "If Mary Baker Eddy's Manual Were Obeyed" by Helen M. Wright)

This July 1988 Journal article repeats many falsehoods about the wealth of Christian Science literature ignored or disapproved by the Directors. One example is the statement, "...there were students who undertook to teach and promote their personal interpretations of Mrs. Eddy's writings, presenting these as a higher or more advanced version of Christian Science."

If one were to examine the literature available through The Bookmark or the Rare Book Company, he would find names such as Bicknell Young, Blanche Hersey Hogue, Edward A. Kimball, Martha Wilcox, Francis J. Fluno, Edward P. Bates, and Adam Dickey. Each of these was a trusted and reliable student of Mrs. Eddy. Would any of them be guilty of promoting a personal interpretation or claiming a higher or more advanced version of Christian Science? In every case, these loyal students offer us the benefit of their experience and their dearly bought lessons in Christian Science. Don't Peter, James, Paul, and John do the same for us across the centuries through their letters to churches and fellow Christians? Would anyone suggest that everything following the Book of Acts in the Bible be expunged because it promotes a personal, higher, or esoteric interpretation of Jesus' words? Would the Book of Revelation survive latter day scrutiny by the Board of Directors?

Who is the final authority on this subject of selecting reading matter? Mary Baker Eddy, alone, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and our forever Leader.

CARD.

SINCE my attention has been called to the article in the May JOURNAL, I think it would have been wiser not to have organized the GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR DISPENSING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LITERATURE.

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

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

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

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CONTROLLED STUDY

Those who criticize Christian Science and its claims to success in healing, say that the evidence is "purely anecdotal". Testimonies of lives transformed and diseases healed are thereby dismissed as unconvincing. Research is now taking place which promises to satisfy the orthodox scientific community's requirement for a "controlled" study.

A newspaper headline reads, "Plants grow to appreciate prayer. Father and son do study on how plants respond" in the "Statesman-Journal" (12-14-87) of Salem, Oregon. The article describes two Christian Scientists, John and Bruce Klingbell, who have been experimenting with plants and the power of positive silent prayer upon them for a dozen years. Bruce Klingbell says, "It was important to hold in thought a concept of those seeds in terms of the attributes of God. Seeing the germinating seeds as valued in the eyes [of] God was required." John Klingbell states, "We now have done a battery of tests that we are totally able to stand behind. The theory and methodology are in place, and we are ready to stand behind what we have done....You have to bother the scientific community enough to get them to take you seriously. We want them to take us seriously. We don't want to argue with them; we just want them to run the tests."

"Bruce Klingbell said their research has cost him his accreditation as a Christian Science practitioner after 26 years in practice.... Bruce and John Klingbell said the church's rejection of their work has led them to be shunned by other church members."

LOVE IN THE CHURCHES

Dr. Francis J. Fluno, one of Mrs. Eddy's most trusted students, wrote an article, "Criticism: Fault-finding", which was reprinted in the November 1987 issue of "The Individual Christian Scientist" (P.O. Box 128, Ahwahnee, CA 93601). The article deals with the petty criticism one finds all too often in our churches. What follows are some excerpts from that article:

"It will shut you out from heaven, it will darken all your skies, it will keep you from demonstrating for yourself or others; it will bar from progress, it leads into all discord -- into unkindness, unfriendliness, impatience, hard-heartedness, and finally into all evil, hatred, hatefulness and envy. Just so long as the spirit of criticism remains in your thought, just so long will you not be able to find your way in Truth; you will be looking for faults constantly. You will be finding fault on a mortal plane.

"You will criticize everything and everybody. You will criticize people in every way; the clothes they wear, the way they walk, the way they talk, the way they read, the way they pronounce words, the way they sing, and everything they do in every possible way... You are not helping others; you are not helping yourself. It does not belong to Christian Science, for there is nothing Christian about it. You are students of Christian Science. You are not students of the idiosyncracies of mortals."

Mrs. Eddy writes, "The spiritually minded meet on the stairs which lead up to spiritual love... He who gains the God-crowned summit of Christian Science never abuses the corporeal personality, but uplifts it. He thinks of every one in his real quality, and sees each mortal in an impersonal depict." (Ret. 76: 14-15, 23-26)

COURT CASES

The current stories appearing in the media concerning the practice of Christian Science bring to thought an earlier case in 1893 "Rev. E. M. Buswell, a Christian Scientist preacher and practitioner at Beatrice, Nebraska, was indicted under a statute of that State a part of which was prepared with especial reference to prohibiting Christian Science healing..." (C.S. Journal, May 1893, p. 65)

A jury trial was held during which the Rev. Mr. Buswell affirmed that he was a Christian Science practitioner. Those who had been healed (including one of a rattlesnake bite) also testified. Mr. Buswell's lawyer addressed the jury, "It is true they have shown that two persons have died under defendant's care out of the one hundred or more of his patients in the last eighteen months. That is all. How many, I ask, have gone to the 'long home' under the treatment of these doctors of medicine in the city of Beatrice, who claim that they are the only ones competent to practice medicine and heal the sick by reason of the little bit of sheep skin, -- a certificate signed by the state Board of Health authorizing them to practise medicine in the state of Nebraska. On the other hand the evidence shows that the doctors lost in the city of Beatrice for the same length of time one hundred and thirty-six patients." (p. 82)

The jury acquitted Mr. Buswell, and this case was a landmark which helped to extend the free practice of Christian Science throughout the United States. A letter to Mr. Buswell from Mrs. Eddy can be found on page 157 of Miscellaneous Writings. The Journal article mentions that the Beatrice church had about ninety members at the time of the trial. The listing for the church disappeared from the Christian Science Journal in the late 1970s.

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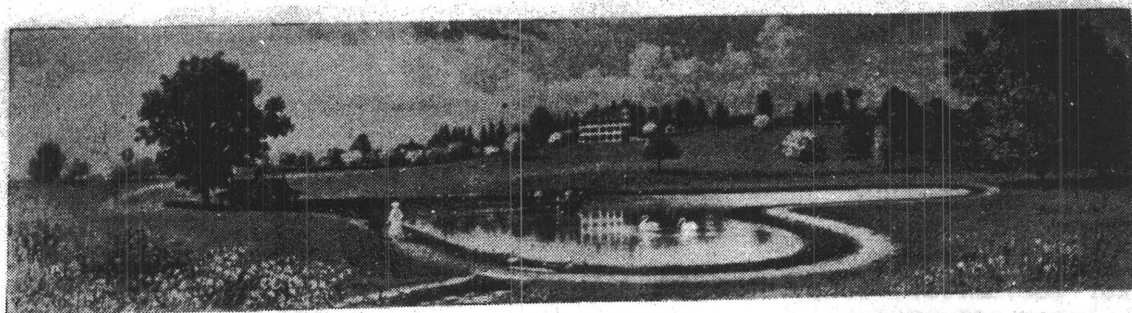
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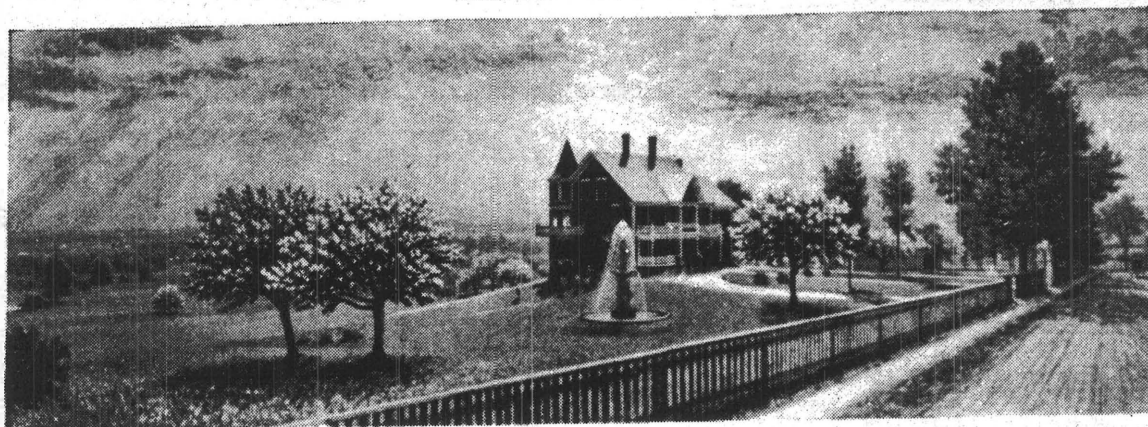
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