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TENTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

This issue of *The Banner* marks the beginning of the tenth year of its publication as a service to concerned Christian Scientists in the field throughout the world. The purpose of the newsletter remains the same as in the beginning -- to report timely information in a constructive way about events taking place at the administrative center in Boston and in the field. The passage of time has only confirmed the need for this news.

Evidence of mismanagement, wasteful spending, dishonesty, and the wholesale abandonment of Mrs. Eddy's mandate for her Church, her religious periodicals, and her newspaper have continued unabated. Efforts by sincere Christian Scientists over the years to correct the situation have been met with disdainful silence or total denial. The organization continues to wither away at an alarming rate. Branch churches close at the rate of three or more a month. (386 since the count was begun in February 1987) Churches which seat two hundred people are fortunate to have fifteen in attendance. Many other branches could close if they were to lose just one more member.

Now is the time for all Christian Scientists to think deeply about the state of the Cause and to resolve to rededicate their lives to it. Attending church twice a week and reading the lesson is not demonstrating Christian Science. Healing and reformation alone have a claim to the name. The vitality of the Cause has always been in the field, never in Boston. A vibrant field could always endure the worst corruption in Boston. But the Cause cannot survive a cold and lifeless field.

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Humility is the stepping-stone to a higher recognition of Deity. The mounting sense gathers fresh forms and strange fire from the ashes of dissolving self, and drops the world. Meekness heightens immortal attributes only by removing the dust that dims them. Goodness reveals another scene and another self seemingly rolled up in shades, but brought to light by the evolutions of advancing thought, whereby we discern the power of Truth and Love to heal the sick.

"Pride is ignorance; those assume most who have the least wisdom or experience; and they steal from their neighbor, because they have so little of their own." (*Miscellaneous Writings*, pp. 1, 2)

TEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following churches/societies have closed

between July and October 1996 according to an examination of *The Christian Science Journal*: Compton, California; Vista, California; Flagler-Palm Coast, Florida; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Clarksdale, Mississippi; Belen, New Mexico; Fayetteville, North Carolina; Ashland, Ohio; Hobart, Oklahoma; and Richland, Washington. No new churches or societies were formed during this period. Since the count began in February 1987, 386 churches/societies have closed in the United States and 33 have opened.

MORE "CONSPIRACY" IN THE MONITOR

The last issue of *The Banner* commented on an op/ed piece in the May 13, 1996, *Christian Science Monitor* which ridiculed the notion that there is an effort among some intellectual and governmental elites to manipulate the nations of the globe into a one-world government against the wishes, -- or even the awareness, -- of their people. A powerful editorial from the June 19, 1920, *Monitor* was quoted at length to support the fact that such an effort continues in our day. Additionally, this editorial from the golden age of Mrs. Eddy's newspaper was quoted to highlight the deterioration that the *Monitor* has suffered since that time.

Many indignant letters were sent to the editor of the *Monitor* concerning their controversial op/ed piece of May 13th. Only one was printed a month later on August 15th. All newspapers reserve the right to edit letters appearing in their columns, and the letter of the 15th was no exception. Honest journalists attempt, under such circumstances, to preserve the message, tone, and meaning of the letter writer. The editor of *The Banner* obtained a copy of the writer's original letter and compared it with what appeared in the *Monitor*.

The original letter stated, "These so-called 'paranoid crackpots' are actually sincere Americans..." The *Monitor* printed, "These crackpots are actually sincere Americans..." The words *so-called* and *paranoid* were removed along with the quotation marks leaving the impression that the writer considers *crackpots* to be an apt description of these Americans. The *Monitor* editors then signed the author's name to this false characterization which was the exact opposite of his meaning. Clearly Mrs. Eddy's pledge that her newspaper would "injure no man, but bless all mankind" has become unctuous palaver in Boston. If for no other reason, Mrs. Eddy established *The Christian Science Monitor* to stop the deliberate misrepresentation of people and their ideas. How sad that her standard now "trails in the dust". (S&H 550:20)

author offers proof that the Christian interpretation is, in fact, the original, ancient Jewish interpretation. In addition the author believes that Jews would accept Jesus as the Messiah if they were aware of this First Century cover-up. The book is 1200 pages long and contains much other interesting information including fascinating and surprising statements about Jesus by Albert Einstein.

CLASS INSTRUCTION

It has been reported to *The Banner* that authorized teachers of Christian Science (C.S.B.s) have been instructed by the Board of Directors not to conduct a class in any year in which they have fewer than six pupils enrolled. Anyone familiar with the state of the field will know that such a policy would mean that very few classes would be conducted at all. It is not unusual for a teacher to have only two or three pupils in a class. Under this new edict, only the most "popular" teachers would have classes while all the others would be relegated to holding association meetings with ever dwindling numbers. The comment being made about this perplexing new policy is that, perhaps, it is a subtle way to decimate the Christian Science field for unknown reasons.

GAG ORDER FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS

Syndicated columnist Tony Snow reported in the September 27, 1996, *Washington Times* that the Pentagon has ordered chaplains in the United States Armed Forces not to make any statements in their sermons, confessions, counseling, or teaching which express opposition to "partial-birth abortions". According to Mr. Snow, "The [Clinton] administration has tried to deny charges of censorship by invoking a clever conceit: It defines partial-birth abortion as a political rather than moral issue because it will come up for a vote [before Congress]."

NEW PLAQUE ON STATUE OF LIBERTY

The New York Times of September 7, 1996, reported that a "Peace-Blossom" poem by "one Sri Chinmoy, the leader of a spiritual group that believes that athletic feats -- long-distance somersaulting, for instance -- are a means to transcendence" has been placed in the Statue of Liberty monument. Followers of Sri Chinmoy stress that "they are a spiritual family rather than a religious group." Roger Scott, a spokesman for the National Park Service, who was involved in planning for the Statue of Liberty plaque, said, "In speaking with the group, they say they are definitely not a religious group, just followers of Sri Chinmoy, who is an advocate of world peace. We felt it was a good apolitical program to be associated with."

A lecture delivered by Sri Chinmoy entitled "Take Care, Be Careful" included the following: "At every moment if you are obedient to me... then you can't

make any mistake.... Obedience, intensity, intense oneness with my will and intense determination to please me every day, at every moment in my own way: this is what I need from you. My will power is your freedom."

Sri Chinmoy also gave the following prophecy: "The United Nations is the vision-light of the Absolute Supreme, which is slowly, steadily, and unerringly illuminating the ignorance, the night of our human life. The divine success and supreme progress of the United Nations is bound to become a reality."

C.S. BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Three books (each under 200 pages) are described for *Banner* readers: *The Bible As Reform. The Reformation of the Church leading to the Coming of the Christ* covers the history of the Christian Church from the First Century up to the discovery of Christian Science by Mary Baker Eddy. It includes a concise and illuminating chronology of early reformers before the Reformation, Martin Luther's courageous stand, the Counter-Reformation, the haven of religious freedom in America, and Mrs. Eddy's fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

The Bible As Healing. The Science of the Christ outlined in the Revelation of St. John surveys the history of civilization from Noah to the information age and the transformation of thought and belief which culminates with the ministry of Jesus, the Revelation of St. John, and Mrs. Eddy's discovery of the Science of the Christ.

The Bible As History. The History of Civilization foretold in the Prophecies of Daniel follows the Book of Daniel and includes the prophet's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image as giving a synopsis of the five major empires of the Western World. Discussion is given to Daniel's dates and the Second Coming of the Christ. All three of these books rely heavily on Bible quotations and references from Mrs. Eddy's writings. All are insightful and illuminating. A listing of these reasonably priced books by David E. Robinson may be requested from Roan Mountain Institute, P.O. Box 388, Bakersville, NC 28705.

Christian Science After 1910 by Andrew W. Hartsook is available from The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380: PB-\$12.95, HB-\$24.95. *The Church Manual, 88th Edition* by Mary Baker Eddy: PB- \$10.95, HB- \$17.95. Postage \$3.25 first item; \$.50 for each additional. Toll-free number for orders only is 1-800-220-7767.

Text of letter by Mrs. Eddy on next page: *My dear child I was more than rejoiced at the "tone" I could see it God bless and unite you in the holy bonds of love pure and undefiled Most tenderly and truly MBG Eddy*

Massachusetts Metaphysical College,

Gen. Henry B. & Edith, President.

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Boston, Nov-27 1888

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I was most
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In all, the *Monitor* printed only thirty-five percent of the author's letter, leaving out his strongest points. On August 29th, the *Monitor* printed two rebuttal letters defending the United Nations. One was from the administrator of the U.N. Development Programme. He wrote to defend statements quoted in the August 15th letter from his agency's report advocating the need for a world government. He stated that it was only "one of many expressed in the report in the interest of stimulating far-reaching dialogue..." This is always the fallback position of world government advocates when their agenda is exposed to public scrutiny. What the *Monitor* did not print from the edited, August 15th letter were other topics in the U.N. Development Programme report: "world taxation,...a global police force,...a one-world army, surrender of all sovereignty, absolute control of children,...redistribution of wealth, a new framework for world governancy and the need for rich nations to change their lifestyle." No doubt all of these topics were included merely "in the interest of stimulating far-reaching dialogue".

The *Monitor* position was also made clear recently when answering an inquiry in its April 16, 1996, edition. The editors offered the address where contributions to the U.N. could be sent in view of the United States failure to pay more than \$1 billion said to be owed to the international organization. In addition to the address, the *Monitor* offered the helpful note that "Checks should be made payable to the United Nations."

Mrs. Eddy wrote, "I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. While I admire the faith and friendship of our chief executive in and for all nations, my hope must still rest in God, and the Scriptural injunction, -- 'Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.'" (My 282:3-8)

MONITOR CIRCULATION DOWN AGAIN

Former *Monitor* editor Erwin Canham stated in his book, *Commitment to Freedom*, that the newspaper's circulation was **178,256** in March of 1958. (p. 396) By January 1989, the circulation was down to **165,000**. It plummeted to **97,000** in September 1992, and edged down further as of October 2, 1996, to **85,679**, -- a loss of over half its circulation since 1958. Mr. Canham also stated in his book, "It would be inconceivable for The Church of Christ, Scientist, actually to subsidize such a big annual operation as the *Monitor*..." (p. 382) The Mother Church has been doing exactly that for over two decades. Christian Scientists should consider why all the metaphysical work has not brought the *Monitor* back to solvency.

In view of the troubling, -- and even dishonest policies and purposes controlling The Christian Science Monitor, -- many of which are contrary to Mrs. Eddy's

clearly stated positions, -- the following statements by her take on special meaning: "Dishonesty is human weakness, which forfeits divine help... The masquerader in this Science thanks God that there is no evil, yet serves evil in the name of good." (S&H 453:16-17, 21-23)

A CENTURY OF C. S. HEALING

A Century of Christian Science Healing has been allowed to go out of print and is being replaced by a new book, *Healing Spiritually*, which contains healings from the periodicals from 1966 to the 1990s. The *Century* book was published to commemorate the first hundred years since Mrs. Eddy's discovery of Christian Science. It contained dramatic and documented healings from those pioneer years. Raising the dead was practiced in the early days of the movement and is documented in the *Century* book. Its removal from in-print literature is to be lamented when one considers the following statement in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of September 30, 1996: "It may be beyond our present ability to raise the dead to life as Jesus did." (p.13)

When writing of healing in her books, Mrs. Eddy used "Christian healing" sixteen times in *Science and Health* and twelve times in her other published writings. She used the term "metaphysical healing" seven times in *Science and Health* and twenty-five times in *Prose Works*. The term "spiritual healing" is used only once in *Science and Health* and three times in *Miscellaneous Writings*, yet it has become the standard term used by the office of the Committee on Publication and other spokesmen for The Mother Church. In view of the "new age" movement's use of the term "spiritual healing" many have urged that the strictly Christian foundation of Mrs. Eddy's healing and teaching be emphasized in the public press.

NEW BOOK

The End of History -- Messiah Conspiracy by Philip N. Moore [Atlanta: The Conspiracy, Inc., 1996] tells the story of how First Century rabbis expunged from Jewish commentaries all previously recorded indications that Old Testament prophetic texts pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. The author spent eight years in Israel researching ancient Jewish commentaries which clearly pointed to Jesus as the one foretold. Mr. Moore states that rabbis of the First Century were alarmed by the rapid influx of gentiles into their ranks and feared that the Jews would lose their unique culture and traditions. To stop the movement, they even devised a prayer for use in the synagogues which would expose Jewish believers in Jesus so that they could be ejected from Jewish congregations. The author states that Jews today when told that Old Testament writings point to Jesus as the Jewish Messiah, they reply that this is only a Christian interpretation of the ancient texts. The

newspaper, with breaking news and advertising virtually eliminated. The plug was pulled on the electronic media in early 1992. The dramatic decline beginning in 1994 does not have an immediate explanation.

ALGER HISS AND THE MONITOR

The November 18, 1996, *Christian Science Monitor* stated, "Alger Hiss, who helped lay the groundwork for the United Nations and saw his career destroyed by charges he was a Communist spy, died in New York. The scandal that sent Hiss to prison for perjury helped to propel Richard Nixon to higher office."

Allen Weinstein, author of *Perjury*, an investigation of the Hiss case, appeared on the CNBC cable television program "Politics" the week of December 16, 1996. The author described himself as a "moderate Democrat" and went on to state that today only radical left-wing ideologues maintain that Alger Hiss was an innocent man destroyed single-handedly by Richard Nixon. Mr. Weinstein originally began his research with the intention of proving Hiss innocent, but was compelled by overwhelming evidence to change his mind. The question is: Why does *The Christian Science Monitor* phrase its story to suggest that Alger Hiss was innocent and thereby align itself with "left-wing ideologues"?

DIRECTORS' PLEA FOR PRAYER AND

BANNER EDITOR'S COMMENT

A letter from the clerk of The Mother Church dated December 1996: "Today I'm asking the members of The Mother Church to unite in specific prayer for our Church -- and for the judicial system. Religious liberty is being threatened by a lawsuit -- the Weaver case -- brought by two members of this Church." The letter goes on to falsely claim that if the plaintiffs were to win their case, "the Church Manual and Mary Baker Eddy's 1898 Deed of Trust" would be changed.

The Weaver-Varner case was filed to *restore obedience* to both the Church Manual and Mrs. Eddy's Deeds of Trust of 1892 and 1898. The suit rightly wishes to bring thirteen present and former Mother Church officers/employees to account for their alleged violations of the by-laws and deeds of trust and the loss of \$450 million.

The same clerk who signed the above plea for prayer also signed the following statement of August 6, 1993, which must rank as one of the most cynical and blatant violations of Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual ever put forth by a Board of Directors: "IT IS NOW HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that it is and has long been the determination of the Board both (a) that it is implicit in any decision of The Christian Science Board of Directors to take or refrain from taking any action that the taking or refraining from the taking of such action does not violate any provision of the Manual of The Mother

Church and (b) that no determination of The Christian Science Board of Directors at any time that purports to apply to provisions of the Manual of The Mother Church either (1) can or does prohibit or invalidate any action thereafter taken by The Christian Science Board of Directors or (2) can or does prohibit or invalidate any subsequent determination of The Christian Science Board of Directors purporting to apply to provisions of the Manual of The Mother Church in a different manner whether such subsequent determination be explicit or implicit."

Is this the resolution of people dedicated to carrying out the spirit and letter of the by-laws of the *Church Manual*? Is it not, rather, the statement of people boldly proclaiming that the by-laws are whatever they say they are without regard to any past (or future) meaning given to them? Is this honesty or sophistry?

While Mrs. Eddy sought and found Section one, Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts which protected her church from any interference by the state, she also included in her deeds of trust, *which are legally binding documents in a court of law*, "...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 by the grantees unless the written consent of said Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of the textbook 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,' be given therefor..." (Church Manual, p. 137) Ten other deeds conveying parcels of land for the building of the Extension of The Mother Church contain this same language by Mrs. Eddy.

In the Bible, David never touched a hair on the head of King Saul, the lawfully chosen king, even after God's grace departed from him. In the end, Saul fell on his own sword. Readers may wish to consider whether a similar situation exists today. It would not behoove anyone to take any action contrary to the Bible's example or Mrs. Eddy's by-laws. The Weaver-Varner suit is not a violation of either. It represents obedience to the repeated, emphatic provisions left by Mrs. Eddy in her deeds of trust to protect her Church from exactly the kind of situation we see in Boston today. Whether the Directors win or lose the current maneuver in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts remains to be seen.

UNSOLICITED PACKAGE

The Washington Times of December 11, 1996, reported, "Editors and reporters at the Christian Science Monitor's Washington bureau were shocked yesterday to open a package containing several bricks of marijuana... [T]he poorly wrapped United Parcel Service package originating from California and addressed to the Christian Science Monitor building at 910 16th St. NW, held several thousand dollars worth of marijuana. 'We

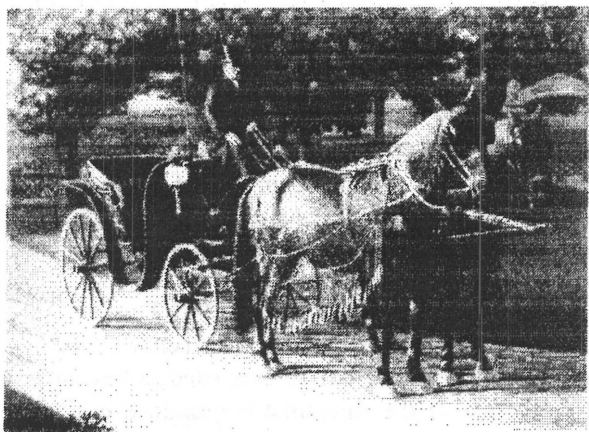
According to the book, the theory originated with a young Scottish woman named Margaret Macdonald in 1830 who claimed to have had a series of visions on the subject. Her visions were adopted by two powerful British church leaders, John Darby and Edward Irving. Darby brought the doctrine to America where it gained wide acceptance. Interestingly, this doctrine is not accepted by all fundamentalist Christian groups.

"ROBERT PEEL" LETTER

A November 1996 mailing from Waco, Texas, of a letter purporting to be from the late Robert Peel, was sent to all branch churches/societies/reading rooms as well as to many members of The Mother Church. The original of this letter of July 1990 was received by the editor of *The Banner* and other individuals who were sending out newsletters at that time. It was entirely anonymous and did not bear the name or signature of Robert Peel. Interestingly, the original letter stated, "...I FORBID the publication of this letter, in total or in part. This letter is for YOU PEOPLE only; you will have to substantiate your own findings. This is just a push in the right direction." The letter offered to be helpful through an intermediary who would make contact if the subsequent issue of *The Banner* contained "a discreet box [with] the following message: [Psalms 105:1 quoted]. The one who contacts you in my behalf or the return letter to you, will have the countersign of Ezek. 16:44... In closing, I'll just comment that the postmark on this envelope [Oakland, California] bears no relationship whatsoever to me or my location." *The Banner* did not accept the offer.

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transactions only? A: Yes, your honor. Q: Or go back and review the transactions which appear to have caused the difficulty in this case? A: I think that is entirely within the discretion and purview of the committee of finance, and we express no opinion on that. Q: So, whatever they do you would be content with? A: Yes, your honor. Then they would be fulfilling their Manual-mandated role. Q: You wouldn't be coming back to court looking for orders to pay money or not to expend money or to appoint receivers of do anything else? A: As I stand here, your honor, no. Q: I know that the Board of Directors appoint the members of the board of finance. Can they also remove them? A: The Manual doesn't expressly say that, your honor, but they serve one year terms and the appointments are made annually. Q: So, it's an annual appointment. So, in fact if we did what you said, and the board simply appointed a board of finance consisting, for instance, of former members of the Board of Directors, you'd have nothing to say about that? That would be fine? A: That is correct, your honor, because I think then that as long as the role of the committee... It is up to the committee to discharge their responsibilities under the Manual. But it is not up to the Board of Directors to unilaterally remove a check on their own power. Q: If that's the case, why do you want discovery about anything? A: We need to discover facts regarding our standing as beneficiaries. Members are beneficiaries under Article XXIV, Section 2 and, therefore, have standing. Discovery is necessary to find out current attitudes of the present committee on finance." **End of quotations**

The Mother Church lawyer used phrases such as "religiously inspired document", "inspired governing documents", "bless all mankind", "structure of this church was a spiritually impelled idea", "The *Monitor* is part of the spiritual mission of this Church.", "Mrs. Eddy declared something that all Christian Scientists believed, that she did not write these by-laws. They were inspired by God.", "prayerful consideration of these by-laws." It would seem that the lawyer for The Mother Church officers liberally used such phrases knowing how reluctant the judiciary is to touch anything which smacks of involvement in religious issues.

LONGYEAR MANSION

Now that the Longyear Museum and Historical Society has committed itself to constructing a new building to house its collection of papers and artifacts related to Mary Baker Eddy and the early workers, the new owners of the Longyear mansion have wasted little time in advertising their plans for the building and grounds. A notice appearing in the January 31, 1997, *Wall Street Journal* stated: "Announcing LONGYEAR at Fisher Hill, a new full service luxury condominium community at the summit of Brookline's historic estate

district. One floor luxury living, grand architecture, formal gardens and 8 acres of impressive walled grounds. Minutes to Boston, Logan International Airport, numerous restaurants, and retail. Residences from 2,000 - 4,000 s[quare]f[et] starting at \$1,070,000."

CHANGES IN THE SENTINEL

Beginning with the first issue of 1997, the *Christian Science Sentinel* appeared for the first time since 1917 without the cross and crown seal on the cover. It now appears on the first inside page of the magazine. A letter in the March 3, 1997, issue asked why this was done. The editors noted that Mrs. Eddy requested that the seal be removed in 1906. It was returned to the cover in September 1917 without explanation. The cover as designed by Mrs. Eddy included a classic, architectural motif with two women facing each other, holding oil lamps. A quotation from Longfellow was included: "A lady with a lamp shall stand in the history of the great land, a noble type of good heroic womanhood." As the March 3rd *Sentinel* noted, Mrs. Eddy requested that the cross and crown seal be removed for artistic reasons. The cover (9-3/4 inches by 13-3/4 inches) remained essentially unchanged until 1942 when the dimensions were reduced to the current size. In 1957 one of the two women on the cover was removed. In 1966, the remaining woman was moved inside the cover, and later disappeared altogether.

The February 3, 1997, *Sentinel* included a letter from "a new reader" complaining that the *Sentinel* "hammers into its readers the fact that Mary Baker Eddy discovered Christian Science or that she wrote *Science and Health*." The editor responded, "When your message arrived we did some checking and counted the number of times Mary Baker Eddy's name appeared in that week's issue. We counted thirty! We've since made sure that there's a more modest use of her name throughout each issue." The April 7th *Sentinel* included a letter protesting the change: "For myself and probably others, the mention of her name wells up sincere gratitude for all her unselfed labors." The editor countered by referring readers to page 124 of Robert Peel's *MBE: The Years of Authority* which quotes a statement withheld from publication by Mrs. Eddy.

It is noteworthy that this new policy finds that past editors for ninety-nine years were mistaken in their practice of mentioning Mrs. Eddy's name as author, discoverer, founder, and allowing others to express their gratitude for all that she accomplished for tired humanity. Now "a new reader" and a latter-day editor have set everyone and everything straight. As the last issue of *The Banner* noted: "Still others proclaim that the biggest obstacle to progress is Mrs. Eddy's domination of Christian Science. If she could just be discreetly pushed into the background, they reason, the

the misconceptions and distortions that generally circulate uncorrected. Each respondent to the adverts gets a *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and a copy of *Science and Health* on loan or purchased -- most are purchased. The literature is often shared with others... Contact is maintained with those showing positive interest, so there is a "Flock" to tend. Healing is going on. The work calls for dedication and prayer. Unless the advertising is prayerfully supported, it cannot succeed. Animal magnetism has daily to be reduced to nobody and nothing, as the Serpent is stirred by these activities, but this gives opportunity for corrective letters.

These results have been achieved with only a small amount of advertising, and will be expanded when our plans come to fruition. "What hast thou in the house?" (2 Kings 4:2). The Bible urges, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We do not need to ask anyone's permission to do it; but the standpoint must be correct: that "There is but one I or Us", one infinite Mind, universally reflected. The belief that there are "others" out there is a form of malpractice. Mrs. Eddy calls "sick and sinful humanity" "mortal mind" - not sick and sinful people!

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of ice. In addition, now, most or all the printing equipment has been sold at auction (June 25, 1996); the publishing of the *Monitor*, *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Heralds* is being done by a secular company in Cincinnati and elsewhere; and the subscriptions are being handled by a secular firm in Iowa. In view of these facts, can it truly be said that "the principal place of business [is] in said Boston"?

MORE CONCERN ABOUT PROMOTIONS

The push to advertise the Christian Science textbook and to place it in secular bookstores in the form of the specially printed trade edition of *Science and Health* (with introductory preface by Virginia Harris), led some students to check the periodicals of Mrs. Eddy's day for an indication of her method of promoting Christian Science. They found an editorial by Judge Septimus J. Hanna in *The Christian Science Sentinel* of November 30, 1899 which states: "The methods of Christian Science, from the inauguration of its literature, have been unique. It never resorted to any of the usual means of advertising or pushing its publications upon the public. It never advertised its books or periodicals in any other publications. Not the slightest effort of the ordinary mind has ever been made to 'boom' it. It has pursued the most conservative policy known in the propagation of a religious literature... Mrs. Eddy, as its author, and the originator of the means of its propagation, no doubt, easily foresaw the unwisdom of attempting to force Christian Science literature upon 'unprepared thought.' She saw it was wise rather to let the needy both in the physical and spiritual sense, receive it under such conditions that when received, it would do its divinely appointed work.

"This wise policy has surely been blessed of God, and instead of sending forth a literature to be tossed about by the unresponsive and unappreciative as so much chaff, it goes out laden with the wheat of Truth into forth-reaching and hungering hearts as a healing and spiritualizing messenger. It goes forth only upon its intrinsic merit, unaccompanied by any mesmeric thought or desire that people *must* buy it whether they wish to or not. We are thankful that this Christian spirit has been so rigidly adhered to. It the only true method."

An anonymous paper dated April 1997 and distributed to individuals in the Christian Science field included some thought-provoking observations on this subject: "This approach of selling Christian Science was tried before and it proved to be a monumental failure. In the 1950's and 60's, despite all the promotion put into the television program, 'How Christian Science Heals,' there was precious little to show for it. This was supposed to double our membership in five years, but, despite the valiant efforts of many of our best people recounting the most

impressive healings, membership, instead, took dive... Mrs. Eddy informs us that the bugle call in Christian Science is healing (not advertising). Stratagems invented by the over-active human mind will never lead to the growth and health of the Christian Science movement... Do we really want to spend, say, another ten years putting our all into trying to promote Christian Science by employing the latest marketing strategies, then look back and see that once again it was all for naught as our Leader has already warned us that it would be? Given the gravity of the challenges confronting us, can we afford to do so? Do we really have another ten years?"

INCIDENT REPORTED

It has been reported that a reading room in the Midwest received a telephone call from a local teaching hospital requesting that unsolicited copies of the trade edition of *Science and Health* be picked up because hospital staff members and interns had no interest. According to this account the package was sent to various hospitals around the country from church headquarters as an adjunct of the Spirituality & Healing in Medicine seminars held at Harvard University.

MONITOR EDITORIAL

The *Monitor* of April 18, 1997, printed an editorial criticizing those in Congress who wish to abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. The editorial stated in part, "It [the NEA] distributes funds under a political microscope. That's not such a bad thing, since it helps assure there'll be no repeat of publicly funded lewd or tasteless 'art' -- which, rare though the instances were, gave NEA bashers abundant material."

Two instances of federally taxpayer-funded "art" which can be safely described in this newsletter include: a jar containing a crucifix and a similar one with a photograph of Pope John Paul II. The crucifix and photo were submerged in the "artist's" urine. The "artist" was awarded \$15,000 for his "works" by the National Endowment for the Arts. While *The Christian Science Monitor* still has some outstanding international reporting in its pages, the editors in Boston manage to maintain an infinite degree of equanimity concerning public morality and decency whenever political correctness is at stake. While the editors had nothing to do with producing the above described "art", the 88th edition of the *Church Manual* by Mrs. Eddy clearly states, "Careless comparison or irreverent reference to Christ Jesus is abnormal in a Christian Scientist and is prohibited." and, "A member of this Church shall not publish, nor cause to be published an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land." (pp. 41, 48) The reader should consider whether Mrs. Eddy would have shown similar equanimity or patience.

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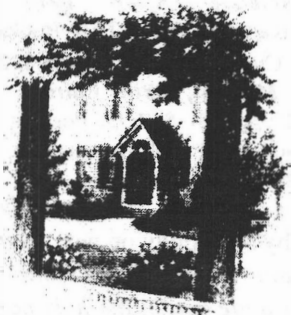
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TWELVE MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following churches/societies have closed according to a comparison of the October 1996 and the January 1997 *Christian Science Journals*: Los Angeles (9th), California; Los Angeles (31st), California; San Diego (5th), California; Sabetha, Kansas; Norfolk, Nebraska; Clinton, New Jersey; Newark, New Jersey; Sylvania, Ohio; Lebanon, Oregon; Hershey, Pennsylvania; Provo-Orem, Utah; and Medford, Wisconsin. During the same period, a new society has been listed for Mount Jackson, Virginia. Since the count began in February 1987, 398 churches/societies have closed and 34 have opened.

The West Hollywood, California, church listed in the Summer 1996 *Banner* as closed, merged with Fifth Church, Los Angeles. It is reported that Ninth Church, Los Angeles has sold its magnificent edifice and is planning to build a more modest structure. The unusual organ at Ninth Church was used in the making of the Walt Disney movie, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, in the 1950s. It was also the church of Robert Haldeman, advisor to President Richard Nixon. Third Church, San Diego, California, has decided to close at a December 8, 1996, meeting and to transfer all its assets to First Church, San Diego. In the 1950s, there were two Sunday services in Third Church, and the Sunday school was filled. As of the January 1997 *Journal*, Third Church, San Diego is still listed.

EDITORIAL

The Christian Science church organization continues to decline. Many of the remaining churches are held together by small handfuls of people. Apathy has become the norm. Significant numbers of members are content with ease in matter. They call a practitioner for help and then quickly resume the alluring daily diet of entertainment and recreation. They fail to consider that their slowly accumulating problems might find permanent solution through deeper study and reformation of thought. They await a more "convenient season". Others have buried their one talent in the earth and lead the life of a Christian Scientist in name only. They should consider: "After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them." What excuses will they have to offer for failing to live, demonstrate, and exemplify the teachings of the Comforter? The failure of *their* light denies the light to those seeking, and not finding, the Truth. Others are more active and think that if they could just ban Bliss

Knapp's *Destiny of The Mother Church*, everything would be all right. In their messages to the field, they never remark on the decline evident everywhere and the need for individual reformation. Still others proclaim that the biggest obstacle to progress is Mrs. Eddy's domination of Christian Science. If she could just be discreetly pushed into the background, they reason, the world would accept what the church has to offer. Present and former Mother Church officers doggedly maintain that if the Christian Science field had wholeheartedly supported the church's headlong plunge into the \$450 million electronic media projects (shortwave radio, the Monitor Channel, *World Monitor* magazine, etc.) that these secular enterprises would have carried the Cause forward.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." When he found his disciples asleep again, he said, "Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." Who now in this new year of 1997 will watch and pray and not rest?

Mrs. Eddy wrote, "Unless we have *better healers*, and more of this work than any other, is done, our Cause will not 'stand and having done all stand.' *Demonstration* is the whole of Christian Science, nothing else proves it, nothing else will save it and continue it with us." (Tomlinson, p.46)

MONITOR CIRCULATION

A breakdown of *The Christian Science Monitor's* circulation reveals an interesting pattern. All the figures, except for the 1958 number from Erwin Canham's *Commitment to Freedom*, are derived from the required postal statement carried the first week of October in the pages of the *Monitor*. These figures represent the average number of copies of each issue during the preceding twelve months:

1958	178,256
1989	156,246
1990	116,709
1991	115,117
1992	107,652
1993	103,607
1994	96,352
1995	86,479
1996	85,679

The first issue of 1989 began the color format of the

newspaper, with breaking news and advertising virtually eliminated. The plug was pulled on the electronic media in early 1992. The dramatic decline beginning in 1994 does not have an immediate explanation.

ALGER HISS AND THE MONITOR

The November 18, 1996, *Christian Science Monitor* stated, "Alger Hiss, who helped lay the groundwork for the United Nations and saw his career destroyed by charges he was a Communist spy, died in New York. The scandal that sent Hiss to prison for perjury helped to propel Richard Nixon to higher office."

Allen Weinstein, author of *Perjury*, an investigation of the Hiss case, appeared on the CNBC cable television program "Politics" the week of December 16, 1996. The author described himself as a "moderate Democrat" and went on to state that today only radical left-wing ideologues maintain that Alger Hiss was an innocent man destroyed single-handedly by Richard Nixon. Mr. Weinstein originally began his research with the intention of proving Hiss innocent, but was compelled by overwhelming evidence to change his mind. The question is: Why does *The Christian Science Monitor* phrase its story to suggest that Alger Hiss was innocent and thereby align itself with "left-wing ideologues"?

DIRECTORS' PLEA FOR PRAYER AND

BANNER EDITOR'S COMMENT

A letter from the clerk of The Mother Church dated December 1996: "Today I'm asking the members of The Mother Church to unite in specific prayer for our Church -- and for the judicial system. Religious liberty is being threatened by a lawsuit -- the Weaver case -- brought by two members of this Church." The letter goes on to falsely claim that if the plaintiffs were to win their case, "the Church Manual and Mary Baker Eddy's 1898 Deed of Trust" would be changed.

The Weaver-Varner case was filed to *restore obedience* to both the Church Manual and Mrs. Eddy's Deeds of Trust of 1892 and 1898. The suit rightly wishes to bring thirteen present and former Mother Church officers/employees to account for their alleged violations of the by-laws and deeds of trust and the loss of \$450 million.

The same clerk who signed the above plea for prayer also signed the following statement of August 6, 1993, which must rank as one of the most cynical and blatant violations of Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual ever put forth by a Board of Directors: "IT IS NOW HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that it is and has long been the determination of the Board both (a) that it is implicit in any decision of The Christian Science Board of Directors to take or refrain from taking any action that the taking or refraining from the taking of such action does not violate any provision of the Manual of The Mother

Church and (b) that no determination of The Christian Science Board of Directors at any time that purports to apply to provisions of the Manual of The Mother Church either (1) can or does prohibit or invalidate any action thereafter taken by The Christian Science Board of Directors or (2) can or does prohibit or invalidate any subsequent determination of The Christian Science Board of Directors purporting to apply to provisions of the Manual of The Mother Church in a different manner whether such subsequent determination be explicit or implicit."

Is this the resolution of people dedicated to carrying out the spirit and letter of the by-laws of the *Church Manual*? Is it not, rather, the statement of people boldly proclaiming that the by-laws are whatever they say they are without regard to any past (or future) meaning given to them? Is this honesty or sophistry?

While Mrs. Eddy sought and found Section one, Chapter 39 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts which protected her church from any interference by the state, she also included in her deeds of trust, *which are legally binding documents in a court of law*, "...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 by the grantees unless the written consent of said Mary Baker G. Eddy, the author of the textbook 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,' be given therefor..." (Church Manual, p. 137) Ten other deeds conveying parcels of land for the building of the Extension of The Mother Church contain this same language by Mrs. Eddy.

In the Bible, David never touched a hair on the head of King Saul, the lawfully chosen king, even after God's grace departed from him. In the end, Saul fell on his own sword. Readers may wish to consider whether a similar situation exists today. It would not behoove anyone to take any action contrary to the Bible's example or Mrs. Eddy's by-laws. The Weaver-Varner suit is not a violation of either. It represents obedience to the repeated, emphatic provisions left by Mrs. Eddy in her deeds of trust to protect her Church from exactly the kind of situation we see in Boston today. Whether the Directors win or lose the current maneuver in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts remains to be seen.

UNSOLICITED PACKAGE

The Washington Times of December 11, 1996, reported, "Editors and reporters at the Christian Science Monitor's Washington bureau were shocked yesterday to open a package containing several bricks of marijuana... [T]he poorly wrapped United Parcel Service package originating from California and addressed to the Christian Science Monitor building at 910 16th St. NW, held several thousand dollars worth of marijuana. 'We

immediately turned the whole thing over to police,' [editor Peter] Grier said." *The Banner* reported in its winter 1996 issue that a package containing an incendiary bomb was left at the Publishing Society in Boston on November 15, 1995. At that time local and federal authorities were investigating, but no public findings were ever given for that incident.

CORRECTION

The fall 1996 issue of *The Banner* included a report stating that teachers of Christian Science (C.S.B.s) had been instructed not to teach a class if they have fewer than six pupils registered. To date the teachers have not received any such instructions. This report may have referred to internal discussions in Boston about a new policy. In any case, this report should be disregarded unless new information is forthcoming to confirm it.

HOTEL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Aequus Institute, 250 W. First St, Suite 330, Claremont, CA 91711, instituted a program in 1995 to place a copy of *Science and Health* in as many hotel and motel rooms as possible in the United States and other countries. So far, over 150,000 copies have been placed in over 2250 hotels in 24 states and two foreign countries. The program continues to grow at the average rate of 25,000 books placed per month. The original printing of 200,000 copies of the textbook has almost been exhausted. For this reason Aequus Institute is inviting donations for the furtherance of its work. All contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to the above address.

PAPYRUS RESEARCH ON ST. MATTHEW

A 1996 book entitled *Eyewitness to Jesus* written by Carsten Peter Thiede and Matthew D'Ancona (publisher: Doubleday) offers proof that the gospel of Matthew was written during the lifetime of those who were contemporaries of Jesus, and not ninety or one hundred years after the fact as many Bible scholars have claimed. The authors make this assertion "on the basis of physical evidence rather than literary theory or historical supposition" as is the usual case in Bible scholarship. "The papyrus itself, unearthed in Upper Egypt and bequeathed to Magdalen [College at Oxford University] in 1901, might conceivably have been read or handled by one of the 'five hundred brothers and sisters' (1 Corinthians 15:6) whom St. Paul declares to have seen the resurrected Jesus with their own eyes."

This is a far cry from other scholarship such as the Jesus Seminar whose members vote on what is and is not genuine in the Bible.

LOCATION OF MOUNT SINAI

The Jerusalem Post (International Edition) of October 19, 1996, included an article entitled, "Looking for Mount Sinai". Israeli physicist David Faiman has devoted fifteen years to determine the most likely

location of Mt. Sinai. "His method was straightforward. He tested each theory against the biblical account of the Israelites' journeys to and from Mount Sinai to find which ones did not contradict anything written in Torah. Cross referencing Hebrew and Arabic place names and their phonetic similarities, checking the routes of quail migrations, noting the point at which the sun rises at different times of the year, asking Bedouins to see how far a person can walk in the desert in eleven days (You can walk very far on the first day and very little by the 11th.), and considering many other factors, Dr. Faiman believes that Mount Jebel Sinn Bishr, rather than the traditional Jebel Musa, is the real site of Mount Sinai. Jebel Sinn Bishr is located about 40 km southeast of the Suez Canal. "Exodus 3:18 relates that the mountain where Moses was headed with the Jewish people was a three-day journey from Egypt. Exodus 4:19 and 4:27 further reveal that the mountain lay on the route between Egypt and Midian which cuts straight across central-northern Sinai and is today known as the Darb-el-Haj Road. More geographic information is given in Deuteronomy 1:2 which states that the mountain is an 11-day journey east from Kadesh Barnea... The Bible states that the tribes headed out on 20 Iyar, given that the calendar shifts four days every 1,000 years, Faiman calculated where the sun would have risen that morning about 3,500 years ago in order to get a rough estimate of the tribes direction. The way he figured solar east would have been in a fairly straight line across Jebel Sinn Bashr."

BOOKMARK ON THE INTERNET

The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380, has announced its intention to offer transcripts of classic Christian Science metaphysics via the computer Internet. This represents a genuinely new way to introduce an untapped international audience to the revelation of Christian Science as presented by Mrs. Eddy. The system to enable this transfer of transcripts to interested persons at nominal cost does entail a large start-up expense. Once the system is operational, people all over the world, who might never enter a reading room or have access to a C.S. church, could obtain the very best and most powerful literature on Christian Science across forbidden borders, avoiding exorbitant postage costs and delayed delivery. Those who would like to contribute to this promising means of spreading the revelation of Christian Science to a waiting world are invited to send donations to The Bookmark at the address given above.

THE RAPTURE DOCTRINE

The widely discussed and widely believed doctrine that all true Christians will be evacuated to heaven just before the rise of the Antichrist is examined in a book entitled, *The Rapture Plot* by Dave MacPherson.

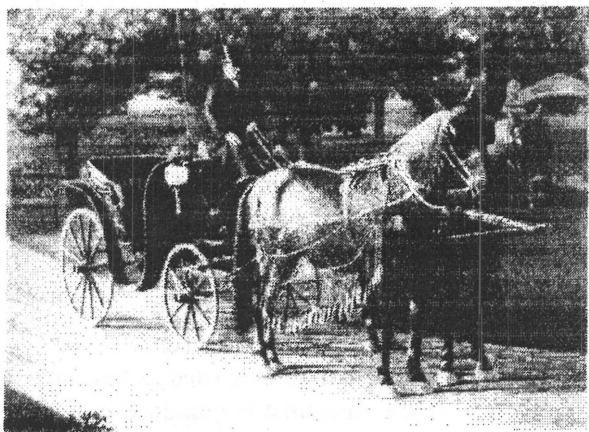
According to the book, the theory originated with a young Scottish woman named Margaret Macdonald in 1830 who claimed to have had a series of visions on the subject. Her visions were adopted by two powerful British church leaders, John Darby and Edward Irving. Darby brought the doctrine to America where it gained wide acceptance. Interestingly, this doctrine is not accepted by all fundamentalist Christian groups.

"ROBERT PEEL" LETTER

A November 1996 mailing from Waco, Texas, of a letter purporting to be from the late Robert Peel, was sent to all branch churches/societies/reading rooms as well as to many members of The Mother Church. The original of this letter of July 1990 was received by the editor of *The Banner* and other individuals who were sending out newsletters at that time. It was entirely anonymous and did not bear the name or signature of Robert Peel. Interestingly, the original letter stated, "...I FORBID the publication of this letter, in total or in part. This letter is for YOU PEOPLE only; you will have to substantiate your own findings. This is just a push in the right direction." The letter offered to be helpful through an intermediary who would make contact if the subsequent issue of *The Banner* contained "a discreet box [with] the following message: [Psalms 105:1 quoted]. The one who contacts you in my behalf or the return letter to you, will have the countersign of Ezek. 16:44... In closing, I'll just comment that the postmark on this envelope [Oakland, California] bears no relationship whatsoever to me or my location." *The Banner* did not accept the offer.

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James F. Gilman, 1896

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by

Mary Baker Eddy

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THE JANUARY 7TH HEARING IN BOSTON

The oral arguments before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts offered by the lawyer representing the thirteen present and former officers of The Mother Church and the attorney representing Elizabeth Weaver and Roy Varner gave the impression that the judges were skeptical of the plaintiffs' position.

The Mother Church lawyer concentrated on the contention that individual church members do not have the right to question the directors' interpretation of by-laws or the expenditure of church funds. He further stated that if the Finance Committee could veto board decisions, -- or even remove members,-- it would become a super-board which Mrs. Eddy did not intend. He said that the plaintiffs' lack standing to sue "for the benefit of millions worldwide." If these plaintiffs were granted standing "all of these hundreds of thousands of members" would be free to quarrel with the Board of Directors.

The lawyer representing Weaver and Varner contended that the board's bypassing of the Finance Committee had resulted in the waste of hundreds of millions of dollars. The judges asked approximately twelve "softball" questions/follow-ups of The Mother Church lawyer. The Weaver-Varner lawyer was asked approximately thirty-five "hardball" questions. Examples of the exchange between the judges and the Weaver-Varner lawyer follow: Q: The board of finance is not represented here and does not join in your complaint, does it? A: No, your honor, it does not. Q: And, yet you're saying that their claims have been bypassed but they don't apparently think their duties and rights have been bypassed? A: Yes they do, your honor. Q: They think they have been bypassed? Is there something in the materials which suggest that? A: Yes, your honor. If I may. We have submitted a letter from a former member of the committee on finance. Q: A former member? The present board of finance does not join in your complaint, does it? A: No, your honor [...] First of all, your honor, mismanagement of funds is not something this case is about... Our case is not about financial mismanagement. That is the trigger for this lawsuit because the expenditures of half-a-billion dollars is a lot of money, your honor. Q: What order would you be looking for from this Court? A: We would be looking for an order that would adjudicate the relationship of the committee on finance to the Board of Directors. Q: And that's it? A: In other words the

finding that the committee... We contend that the committee has a distinctive and important role to play in the financial governance of the church. This is the structure hat Mrs. Eddy set up for financial management of her church. Q: The committee on finance, however is not -- You have a former member. -- but the committee on finance does not think that whatever its role should be has been in any way bypassed? You have nothing to suggest that. You have a former member. A: We do not know that. We have not had the ability to conduct any discovery. We have no idea of what this committee on finance thinks. We only have what's in the record which is a letter of resignation in protest of one of the former members. We do not know what the current members of the committee think, your honor. Q: So you're not looking for anybody to repay a dime to anybody else? A: That's correct your honor. Q: You're asking for continual supervision by the courts of this relationship? A: Absolutely not, your honor. [...] Q: The committee on finance is appointed by the Board of Directors? A: That's correct, your honor, and we don't dispute that. Q: Who picks the Board of Directors? A: The Board of Directors picks the Board of Directors, your honor, and that's why it's so important that in the matter of financial control that Mrs. Eddy did, in fact, set up another branch of government, so to speak, to act as that check and balance... Q: In Watson v. Jones [(1871) cited by plaintiffs' attorney as giving standing to members of a church in court] isn't it the case that the members had voting rights? A: That is correct, your honor. Q: And members in the Christian Science church do not have voting rights? A: That's correct, your honor. Q: So, why does the Watson v. Jones case help you? A: Because, your honor, the adjudication did not turn on whether the members had voting rights or not. The adjudication of standing turned solely on the issue that the members were the beneficiaries of that trust. And by virtue of being the beneficiaries, their voting rights never came into that, your honor... In our case it involves the elimination of a financial check and balance. The committee on finance and these two rights of governance are very similar because the right to vote is a check on the power of the Board of Directors. We believe that the Directors have unilaterally rewritten the by-laws, your honor, by writing out the role of the committee by promulgating in 1980 an edict which transformed the role of the committee into what many commentators have said is a toothless tiger. Q: If we agree with you, what is the board of finance supposed to do, work on future

transactions only? A: Yes, your honor. Q: Or go back and review the transactions which appear to have caused the difficulty in this case? A: I think that is entirely within the discretion and purview of the committee of finance, and we express no opinion on that. Q: So, whatever they do you would be content with? A: Yes, your honor. Then they would be fulfilling their Manual-mandated role. Q: You wouldn't be coming back to court looking for orders to pay money or not to expend money or to appoint receivers of do anything else? A: As I stand here, your honor, no. Q: I know that the Board of Directors appoint the members of the board of finance. Can they also remove them? A: The Manual doesn't expressly say that, your honor, but they serve one year terms and the appointments are made annually. Q: So, it's an annual appointment. So, in fact if we did what you said, and the board simply appointed a board of finance consisting, for instance, of former members of the Board of Directors, you'd have nothing to say about that? That would be fine? A: That is correct, your honor, because I think then that as long as the role of the committee... It is up to the committee to discharge their responsibilities under the Manual. But it is not up to the Board of Directors to unilaterally remove a check on their own power. Q: If that's the case, why do you want discovery about anything? A: We need to discover facts regarding our standing as beneficiaries. Members are beneficiaries under Article XXIV, Section 2 and, therefore, have standing. Discovery is necessary to find out current attitudes of the present committee on finance." **End of quotations**

The Mother Church lawyer used phrases such as "religiously inspired document", "inspired governing documents", "bless all mankind", "structure of this church was a spiritually impelled idea", "The *Monitor* is part of the spiritual mission of this Church.", "Mrs. Eddy declared something that all Christian Scientists believed, that she did not write these by-laws. They were inspired by God.", "prayerful consideration of these by-laws." It would seem that the lawyer for The Mother Church officers liberally used such phrases knowing how reluctant the judiciary is to touch anything which smacks of involvement in religious issues.

LONGYEAR MANSION

Now that the Longyear Museum and Historical Society has committed itself to constructing a new building to house its collection of papers and artifacts related to Mary Baker Eddy and the early workers, the new owners of the Longyear mansion have wasted little time in advertising their plans for the building and grounds. A notice appearing in the January 31, 1997, *Wall Street Journal* stated: "Announcing LONGYEAR at Fisher Hill, a new full service luxury condominium community at the summit of Brookline's historic estate

district. One floor luxury living, grand architecture, formal gardens and 8 acres of impressive walled grounds. Minutes to Boston, Logan International Airport, numerous restaurants, and retail. Residences from 2,000 - 4,000 s[quare]f[et] starting at \$1,070,000."

CHANGES IN THE SENTINEL

Beginning with the first issue of 1997, the *Christian Science Sentinel* appeared for the first time since 1917 without the cross and crown seal on the cover. It now appears on the first inside page of the magazine. A letter in the March 3, 1997, issue asked why this was done. The editors noted that Mrs. Eddy requested that the seal be removed in 1906. It was returned to the cover in September 1917 without explanation. The cover as designed by Mrs. Eddy included a classic, architectural motif with two women facing each other, holding oil lamps. A quotation from Longfellow was included: "A lady with a lamp shall stand in the history of the great land, a noble type of good heroic womanhood." As the March 3rd *Sentinel* noted, Mrs. Eddy requested that the cross and crown seal be removed for artistic reasons. The cover (9-3/4 inches by 13-3/4 inches) remained essentially unchanged until 1942 when the dimensions were reduced to the current size. In 1957 one of the two women on the cover was removed. In 1966, the remaining woman was moved inside the cover, and later disappeared altogether.

The February 3, 1997, *Sentinel* included a letter from "a new reader" complaining that the *Sentinel* "hammers into its readers the fact that Mary Baker Eddy discovered Christian Science or that she wrote *Science and Health*." The editor responded, "When your message arrived we did some checking and counted the number of times Mary Baker Eddy's name appeared in that week's issue. We counted thirty! We've since made sure that there's a more modest use of her name throughout each issue." The April 7th *Sentinel* included a letter protesting the change: "For myself and probably others, the mention of her name wells up sincere gratitude for all her unselfed labors." The editor countered by referring readers to page 124 of Robert Peel's *MBE: The Years of Authority* which quotes a statement withheld from publication by Mrs. Eddy.

It is noteworthy that this new policy finds that past editors for ninety-nine years were mistaken in their practice of mentioning Mrs. Eddy's name as author, discoverer, founder, and allowing others to express their gratitude for all that she accomplished for tired humanity. Now "a new reader" and a latter-day editor have set everyone and everything straight. As the last issue of *The Banner* noted: "Still others proclaim that the biggest obstacle to progress is Mrs. Eddy's domination of Christian Science. If she could just be discreetly pushed into the background, they reason, the

world would accept what the church has to offer."

CROSS AND CROWN IN THE MONITOR

The cross and crown emblem was never included in the masthead of *The Christian Science Monitor* for its first seventy-five years (1908 through 1982). Beginning in 1983, the seal was added to the masthead. Just as the reappearance of the seal on the *Sentinel* happened without explanation in 1917, the reason for the emblem's appearance in the *Monitor* has never been given.

NO CHURCH IN CAPITAL OF NEW YORK

A comparison of the January and April 1997 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveals that Albany, New York, and eight other churches have closed. The following churches/societies have disappeared from the monthly listing in the *Journal*: Wickenburg, Arizona; West Covina, California; Chatham, Massachusetts; Albany, New York; Port Chester, New York; Pendleton, Oregon; Hatboro, Pennsylvania; Darlington, South Carolina; and Plainview, Texas.

The Fall 1996 *Banner* mistakenly listed First Church, Vista, California, as closed. The church uses the edifice of nearby Carlsbad and maintains its own reading room in Vista.

Since the count began in February 1987, **406** churches have closed, and **34** have opened.

PRINTING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Summer 1996 *Banner* reported an auction of what was apparently the entire in-house printing plant at the Christian Science Publishing Society. It has recently been learned that the *C.S. Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Herald* are now printed by the lowest secular bidder in Cincinnati, Ohio. Some years ago subscriptions were turned over to an outside company in Iowa. As a result of these measures, almost all metaphysical preparation and support for Mrs. Eddy's periodicals have been eliminated.

PRINCE CHARLES

The March 1997 issue of *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* reported: "Once again, Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, has spoken of his deep admiration for Islam... 'During the past three centuries, in the Western world at least, a dangerous division has occurred in the way we perceive the world around us. Science has tried to assume a monopoly -- even a tyranny -- over our understanding. Religion and science have become separated... Science has attempted to take over the natural world from God; it has fragmented the cosmos and relegated the sacred to a separate and secondary compartment of our understanding, divorced from practical day-to-day existence'... Prince Charles believes that only Islam can save contemporary civilization from its present crisis, because 'Islamic culture in its traditional form has striven to preserve this

integrated, spiritual view of the world in a way we have not seen fit to do in recent generations in the West. There is much we can learn from the Islamic world view in this respect.' The prince goes further when he advocates practical steps to translate this idea into reality: 'We in the West need to be taught by Islamic teachers how to learn with our hearts, as well as our heads.'"

SOCIETY IN JERUSALEM

Beginning with the September 1996 *C.S. Journal*, the society in Jerusalem has been listed under "Israel". Previously, it had been the only *Journal* listing under the heading of a non-country, "Middle East".

IS YOUR CHURCH PROGRESSING?

The following report was submitted by Richard C. Haw of South Africa:

The state of the Christian Science movement worldwide is obviously not as Mrs. Eddy expected it to be at the end of the century. Many hundreds of our churches have closed, and many more hang by a thread. With each closure the public's access to Christian Science literature is also diminished. Although populations are expanding, the congregations are dwindling, and it is a rare event for newcomers to knock on their doors. Meanwhile, there is a great hunger for spirituality, but they are looking elsewhere. Can any of our churches and Reading Rooms really say they are "making waves" in their communities?

When Christian Science Society, Strand, examined the situation, they decided that it could not continue. We were simply being ignored by the community, though we have a valuable church property on one of the busiest streets used by hundreds of thousands daily. Bricks and mortar do not promote Science, but the asset could be used to better effect. The options considered were: (a) to sell the property, buy or rent suitable premises, and use the remaining investment income to advertise *Science & Health* in the community; and (b), rent the main auditorium, move into the Sunday School, and use the rental income for the advertising.

An Afrikaans congregation expressed interest in buying the property, and in the meantime have paid a nominal rental which we have used to place advertisements in the local press about every two months. The results have been wholly positive. The number of people reading Science in the area has more than quadrupled in the past year, and our congregations have nearly doubled, including a Sunday School which we have not had for many years. Many of the respondents are *young people*, and some have asked why they have not known of this wonderful Science before? The short answer is that nobody has been telling them.

Each advertisement lets the public know what Christian Science stands for, and does; which counters

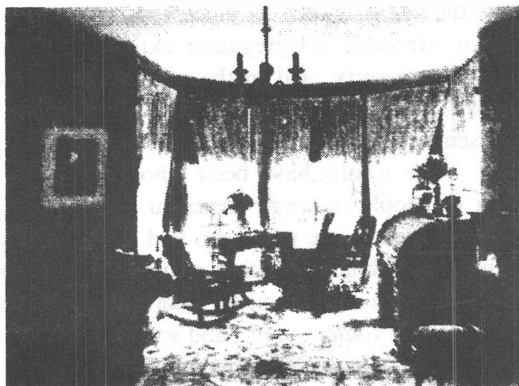
the misconceptions and distortions that generally circulate uncorrected. Each respondent to the adverts gets a *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and a copy of *Science and Health* on loan or purchased -- most are purchased. The literature is often shared with others... Contact is maintained with those showing positive interest, so there is a "Flock" to tend. Healing is going on. The work calls for dedication and prayer. Unless the advertising is prayerfully supported, it cannot succeed. Animal magnetism has daily to be reduced to nobody and nothing, as the Serpent is stirred by these activities, but this gives opportunity for corrective letters.

These results have been achieved with only a small amount of advertising, and will be expanded when our plans come to fruition. "What hast thou in the house?" (2 Kings 4:2). The Bible urges, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We do not need to ask anyone's permission to do it; but the standpoint must be correct: that "There is but one I or Us", one infinite Mind, universally reflected. The belief that there are "others" out there is a form of malpractice. Mrs. Eddy calls "sick and sinful humanity" "mortal mind" - not sick and sinful people!

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MOTHER CHURCH WINS COURT BATTLE

The Boston Globe of June 20, 1997, reported that on June 19th, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decided by a vote of seven to zero that "individual members have no legal standing to sue the church board of directors, which is organized as a public charity under state laws. The only person who has that standing, the court said, is the attorney general." The lawsuit against fourteen present and former officers of The Mother Church and the Christian Science Publishing Society was filed by Michigan Supreme Court Judge Elizabeth Weaver and Roy Varner of Houston, Texas. Both are members of The Mother Church. The suit was filed, in part, because of the irretrievable loss of \$450,000,000 in church funds expended on what *Forbes* magazine predicted was an electronic media project doomed from its inception. None of the officers responsible has ever been called to account for the loss of what were, in large part, the bequests of countless church members, teachers' associations, and branch churches given over a period of some ninety years.

According to the *Globe*, the lawyer for The Mother Church stated "that because the SJC ruling was based solely on state law, the dissidents have no legal recourse in federal court."

PUBLISHING HOUSE TO LEASE SPACE

According to the computer internet *Business Wire* of March 27, 1997, The Christian Science Publishing Society has leased over 30,000 square feet of the publishing house building to First Northwind Boston LLC which will produce nearly 3,000,000 pounds of ice in the building's basement at night when the electric rates are cheaper. "High-efficiency cooling equipment and ice storage tanks will be located primarily in the basement and in other industrial-grade space of The Publishing Society Building which once housed newsprint storage and other processes. The Christian Science Monitor is now being printed off-site." The ice will be melted to 34 degrees the following day and pumped through underground pipes to subscribing downtown office buildings for their air conditioning systems. "Northwind and The First Church of Christ, Scientist are in final negotiations of a long term lease agreement and a district cooling service agreement. Both agreements are scheduled for completion by early May, 1997" The project is due to be operational by the 1998 cooling season. The article did not say how much money the church will make from this agreement.

The Christian Science Monitor of April 15, 1997, announced that its shortwave radio transmitters in South Carolina and the island of Saipan in the Pacific Ocean will be sold along with Monitor Radio which is carried by more than 200 stations in the United States. *The Wall Street Journal* of June 18, 1997, stated, "The decision to cease broadcasts on June 27 came after an agreement to sell Monitor Radio to World Times Inc. of Boston fell through...World Times, which publishes World Paper, said it didn't have enough time to get sufficient commitments from affiliates to broadcast the program, which meant that it couldn't recruit sufficient underwriting. Terms of the canceled transaction weren't disclosed."

FOURTEEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the April and July 1997 editions of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Calxico, California; Crescent City, California; Los Angeles (45th), California; San Diego (3rd), California; Chesterton, Indiana; Baton Rouge (Soc.), Louisiana; Farmington, Maine; Caro, Michigan; Golden Valley, Minnesota; Littleton, New Hampshire; Cushing, Oklahoma; Goliad, Texas; Milwaukee (6th), Wisconsin; and Ripon, Wisconsin. During the same period, a new society has been formed at Darlington, South Carolina. Since the count began in February 1987, 421 churches/societies have closed and 35 have been formed.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

In 1910, who would have believed that in less than ninety years the Publishing Society building would be converted into an ice house, the chairman of the board of directors would be listed as a faculty member of Harvard Medical School, and the *Monitor* would carry an advertisement for porcelain statues of the Virgin Mary? (See page fourteen of February 7, 1997, and page nine of February 14, 1997, issues of the *Monitor*)

PUBLISHING SOCIETY DEED OF TRUST

Mrs. Eddy's deed of trust dated January 25, 1898, states in part, "Said trustees shall hold and manage said property and property rights exclusively for the purpose of carrying on the business, which has been heretofore conducted by the said Christian Science Publishing Society, in promoting the interests of Christian Science; and the principal place of business shall be in said Boston." The question arises as to whether the terms of the deed of trust are being obeyed now that the property is no longer being used "exclusively for the purpose of carrying on the business", but rather for the production

of ice. In addition, now, most or all the printing equipment has been sold at auction (June 25, 1996); the publishing of the *Monitor*, *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Heralds* is being done by a secular company in Cincinnati and elsewhere; and the subscriptions are being handled by a secular firm in Iowa. In view of these facts, can it truly be said that "the principal place of business [is] in said Boston"?

MORE CONCERN ABOUT PROMOTIONS

The push to advertise the Christian Science textbook and to place it in secular bookstores in the form of the specially printed trade edition of *Science and Health* (with introductory preface by Virginia Harris), led some students to check the periodicals of Mrs. Eddy's day for an indication of her method of promoting Christian Science. They found an editorial by Judge Septimus J. Hanna in *The Christian Science Sentinel* of November 30, 1899 which states: "The methods of Christian Science, from the inauguration of its literature, have been unique. It never resorted to any of the usual means of advertising or pushing its publications upon the public. It never advertised its books or periodicals in any other publications. Not the slightest effort of the ordinary mind has ever been made to 'boom' it. It has pursued the most conservative policy known in the propagation of a religious literature... Mrs. Eddy, as its author, and the originator of the means of its propagation, no doubt, easily foresaw the unwisdom of attempting to force Christian Science literature upon 'unprepared thought.' She saw it was wise rather to let the needy both in the physical and spiritual sense, receive it under such conditions that when received, it would do its divinely appointed work.

"This wise policy has surely been blessed of God, and instead of sending forth a literature to be tossed about by the unreceptive and unappreciative as so much chaff, it goes out laden with the wheat of Truth into forth-reaching and hungering hearts as a healing and spiritualizing messenger. It goes forth only upon its intrinsic merit, unaccompanied by any mesmeric thought or desire that people *must* buy it whether they wish to or not. We are thankful that this Christian spirit has been so rigidly adhered to. It the only true method."

An anonymous paper dated April 1997 and distributed to individuals in the Christian Science field included some thought-provoking observations on this subject: "This approach of selling Christian Science was tried before and it proved to be a monumental failure. In the 1950's and 60's, despite all the promotion put into the television program, 'How Christian Science Heals,' there was precious little to show for it. This was supposed to double our membership in five years, but, despite the valiant efforts of many of our best people recounting the most

impressive healings, membership, instead, took dive... Mrs. Eddy informs us that the bugle call in Christian Science is healing (not advertising). Stratagems invented by the over-active human mind will never lead to the growth and health of the Christian Science movement... Do we really want to spend, say, another ten years putting our all into trying to promote Christian Science by employing the latest marketing strategies, then look back and see that once again it was all for naught as our Leader has already warned us that it would be? Given the gravity of the challenges confronting us, can we afford to do so? Do we really have another ten years?"

INCIDENT REPORTED

It has been reported that a reading room in the Midwest received a telephone call from a local teaching hospital requesting that unsolicited copies of the trade edition of *Science and Health* be picked up because hospital staff members and interns had no interest. According to this account the package was sent to various hospitals around the country from church headquarters as an adjunct of the Spirituality & Healing in Medicine seminars held at Harvard University.

MONITOR EDITORIAL

The *Monitor* of April 18, 1997, printed an editorial criticizing those in Congress who wish to abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. The editorial stated in part, "It [the NEA] distributes funds under a political microscope. That's not such a bad thing, since it helps assure there'll be no repeat of publicly funded lewd or tasteless 'art' -- which, rare though the instances were, gave NEA bashers abundant material."

Two instances of federally taxpayer-funded "art" which can be safely described in this newsletter include: a jar containing a crucifix and a similar one with a photograph of Pope John Paul II. The crucifix and photo were submerged in the "artist's" urine. The "artist" was awarded \$15,000 for his "works" by the National Endowment for the Arts. While *The Christian Science Monitor* still has some outstanding international reporting in its pages, the editors in Boston manage to maintain an infinite degree of equanimity concerning public morality and decency whenever political correctness is at stake. While the editors had nothing to do with producing the above described "art", the 88th edition of the *Church Manual* by Mrs. Eddy clearly states, "Careless comparison or irreverent reference to Christ Jesus is abnormal in a Christian Scientist and is prohibited." and, "A member of this Church shall not publish, nor cause to be published an article that is uncharitable or impertinent towards religion, medicine, the courts, or the laws of our land." (pp. 41, 48) The reader should consider whether Mrs. Eddy would have shown similar equanimity or patience.

QUALITY OF THE PERIODICALS

Recent changes in the *Journal*, *Sentinel*, and *Quarterly* call into question the wisdom of cost cutting measures in Boston. These periodicals used to be delivered in a paper sleeve. Later this was changed to a plastic package. The change to plastic resulted in dog-eared pages and difficulty in opening the package. Now the periodicals are mailed with no protective sleeves. Subscribers report that not only are pages dog-eared, the covers are often ripped. In addition, the paper has been changed from an easy-to-read bond finish to a shiny, thin paper which reflects light. The comments made are that the *Journal* and *Sentinel* now must be held in an awkward position to avoid glare.

The regular edition of the *Quarterly* has recently gone through another change. The dimensions have been slightly increased, but the subject, golden text, and responsive reading have been crowded onto one page, while the six sections of the lesson appear on the facing page. The total number of pages has been reduced from forty-eight to thirty-two. The price remains the same. The comment has been made that it is more difficult for readers in churches to mark endings or make any other annotations, and they will be forced to purchase the more expensive study edition. By now the only profitable publication of The Publishing Society is the full text edition of the *Quarterly*. This change will, no doubt, encourage regular subscribers to buy the more expensive full text edition.

CARPENTER QUOTATION

Gilbert Carpenter Sr. gave informal morning talks at the Carpenter Foundation in Providence, Rhode Island, from the late 1920s until his passing in 1959. He was a worker in Mrs. Eddy's home at Pleasant View, New Hampshire, for one year during 1905 and 1906. At one of these latter-day morning talks, he stated that Mrs. Eddy said that she "only needed eight" workers to carry on the Cause of Christian Science. It has been pointed out that there were eight people on Noah's ark. Others have noted that the five directors of her church and the three trustees of the Publishing Society add up to eight.

Mrs. Eddy did not specify any particular eight individuals or officers in her statement. That would suggest that any truly dedicated worker who also recognizes her position as Pastor Emeritus and first officer of her church, obeys the by-laws as given in her last authentic Church *Manual* (the 88th Edition), and who additionally understands her place in Bible prophecy could comprise one of the eight.

One would certainly hope that there are *more* than eight true workers in the field who are demonstrating in the minutiae of daily life, but it is encouraging to know that even that small number, like those gathered in Mrs. Eddy's parlor in Lynn, Massachusetts, over one hundred

years ago are enough to carry the Cause. *Be one of those workers.*

SHROUD OF TURIN

The Jerusalem Post of April 26, 1997, reported: "Powerful evidence supporting the view that the Shroud of Turin -- the garment in which Jesus is said to have been wrapped after his crucifixion -- originated in the Land of Israel has been provided by researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Duke University in North Carolina. The scientists have identified 28 species of plants that grow in Israel among the images of flowers that appear on the shroud. All of them grow between Jerusalem and Jericho... Hebrew University Prof. Avinoam Danin, an expert on the plant life of the Land of Israel, was asked in 1995 by Dr. Alan Whanger - a Duke University medical lecturer -- to study images of flowers on the shroud. They used a special process of photography to increase the contrast and make visible images that are not easily seen by the naked eye."

RED HEIFER

The Jerusalem Post of June 14, 1997, reported: "Three months ago, the birth of a red calf at Kfar Hassidim, a small religious kibbutz near Haifa, caught the attention of news organizations worldwide. A slightly hysterical editorial in one Israeli paper referred to the calf as a ticking bomb, and only half-jokingly called for the government to have it shot... The sense of panic engendered in the local media stems from a connection made between this heifer -- according to Jewish tradition and lore, the 10th since the time of Moses -- as a supposed harbinger of the Messiah and the belief held by certain extremist segments that its appearance is a signal from God that the Jewish people must now begin to build the Third Temple. Former Jewish Underground member Yehuda Etzion, leader of a plot to blow up the [Muslim] Dome of the Rock in the 1980s, was quoted in the *Sunday Telegraph* as saying: 'We have been waiting 2,000 years for a sign from God, and now He has provided us with a red heifer.'... One of the most enigmatic sections of the Torah, the verses referring to the red heifer are found in Numbers (XIX: 2-7): 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they may bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke.' Although it is explained in the Talmud that the purpose of sacrificing the red heifer was to use its ashes to purify those who had come into contact with the dead, neither the Torah nor any of the commentaries explain why the cow must be red... The biblical commandment to sacrifice a red heifer was intended for the priests (kohanim) of the Temple periods. Upon coming into contact with a dead body a priest could not enter the Temple to perform his duties.... Why a scarlet cow should contain the necessary properties for purifying the priests is a mystery which even Rashi, one

of the greatest Torah commentators, said was simply beyond human understanding. But it is the red heifer's connection to the Temple that sets off alarm bells in certain quarters, given the extremism of some of those who advocate rebuilding Judaism's holiest shrine in our own day."

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

The House Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare chaired by Jim Saxton (R) of New Jersey suppressed one of its reports entitled "Approaching the New Cycle of Arab-Israeli Fighting". Nevertheless, the report found its way on to the computer internet. According to *The American Legion Magazine* of June 1997, Mr. Saxton's press secretary, Gary Gallant, said, "It was not meant to be distributed to the public, but we stand by it as truthful."

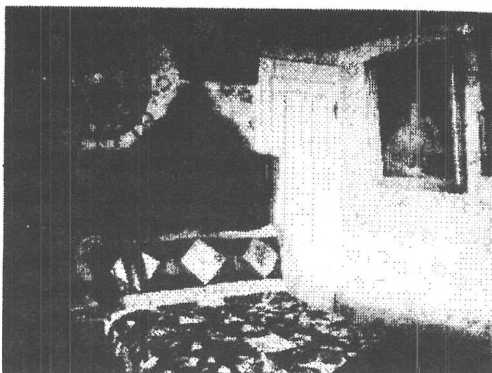
The *Legion Magazine* states, "The report predicts an Arab-Iranian attack on Israel, with Washington 'most reluctant to commit American forces and assets under conditions of possible exposure to nuclear, chemical and biological weapons...'

"But our 'ally' Saudi Arabia will also play a key role. A certain faction in the government is described as linked to the terrorist bombing that killed 19 American airmen last June in Dhahran, which could explain why the Saudi regime has failed to cooperate with the U.S. investigation.

"Indeed, the report says this faction is poised to seize power and plans an oil embargo in the event of another Middle East crisis. At the same time, Islamic terrorists will launch a 'wave of terrorism in Europe and the U.S. in order to prevent (or delay) U.S. assistance to Israel,' the report warns."

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