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NEALE DONALD WALSCH ON SPIRITUALITY.COM

The Mother Church's web site, Spirituality.com, for July 11, 2002, stated, "Conversing with God can bring us comfort and tangible results in these uncertain times... Join Neale Donald Walsch in an interactive dialogue to discuss how a real, working relationship with God -- and with ourselves -- can change every notion we ever held about who we are and how we live. Neale Donald Walsch is author of the best-selling book, *Conversations with God*... Walsch's comments came during a live spirituality.com Online Event on December 11, 2002, as a part of the series, *A changed World*. He was responding to questions from the audience." Needless to say, Mr. Walsch did not talk about Hitler, rather he spoke ominously: "Our technologies have advanced to the point where we can end life as we know it on the planet in one afternoon. And so if we let our differences become divisions, and our divisions turn into conflicts, we could take the entire human race down the path of self-destruction." On a more hopeful note regarding the new spirituality, he stated: "[It is] A spirituality that enlarges upon the teachings of our past and expands upon the wisdom of our traditional religions, providing us a new context within which we may experience ourselves and Divinity itself... The new spirituality will enlarge upon the spirituality that has always been there. It will expand upon it in a natural process that we call evolution." A member of the interactive audience gushes: "I love what you've said about the new spiritual world we're creating." Mr. Walsch: "It has to do with the evolution of the human soul. All of the right people, places and conditions are brought to me by the universe so that I may evolve to the next level." [Editor: More Theosophy and Orientalism.]

IS SPIRITUALITY.COM RELIGIOUS?

Concerned branch church members have attempted to find out the purpose of spirituality.com. An anonymous paper titled "Christian Science Reading Rooms and 'Spirituality.com'" includes the following information: Telephone inquiries to the site reveal that non-Christian Scientists are answering the calls. One

caller was informed that spirituality.com is not a Christian Science web site. One caller was told: "Don't worry, it's not a religious Web site; it's a Web site on spirituality." Another caller was told: "No, this is just an inspirational site. There are all kinds of things going on. There are wonderful articles, but it's not based on any religion... *Science and Health*, the book, is based on Christian Science but the site is not about Christian Science." The links given on the site include "Healthlinks.net" which directs the inquirer to "alternative medicine such as acupuncture, chiropractic, hypnotherapy (see *Manual*, Article XI, Section 9: "Not to Learn Hypnotism" on penalty of excommunication), medical associations, mental health, ophthalmology, and pharmacy." There are also links which lead directly to tarot card reading, I Ching, and oracles.

A GLOBAL RENAISSANCE ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBER

Barbara Marx Hubbard has numerous political connections. She was a former member of the Presidential Committee on National Curriculum. She founded the New World Center in Washington, D.C., and she directs the Center for Conscious Evolution. Her name was placed in nomination for vice-president at the 1984 Democratic Party Convention, and her speech was carried on the C-SPAN cable television channel. She is also a director of the World Future Society which publishes *The Futurist* magazine. *The Futurist* has been quoted at least thirteen times in the *Christian Science Sentinel*'s "items of interest" column since 1999.

Mrs. Hubbard was invited to join the board of Global Renaissance Alliance by Marianne Williamson and Neale Donald Walsch. Like Mr. Walsch and Helen Schucman, she claims that she heard voices including, "Jesus,...elder brothers and sisters who have gone before,... [and] a collective species consciousness" (*Book of Co-Creation, Evolutionary Interpretation of the New Testament*, p. xiii, xiv) Another prominent work by Mrs. Hubbard is *Manual for Co-Creators of the Quantum Leap*. This book includes: "We, the elders, have been patiently waiting until the very last moment before the quantum transformation, to take action to cut out this corrupted and corrupting element in the body of humanity [individuals who resist the new spirituality]... Fortunately you, dearly beloveds, are not responsible for this act. We are. We are in charge of God's selection process for planet Earth. He selects, we destroy. We are the riders of the pale horse, Death. We will use whatever means we must to make this act of destruction as quick and painless as possible to the one-half of the world who are capable of evolving... Now everything is global and connected. Each person is about to inherit the power of destruction and co-creation." (pp. 60, 61)

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RADICAL BISHOP IN THE JOURNAL

The September 2002 *Christian Science Journal* devoted two full pages to the radical Episcopal Bishop of California, William Swing. While the article strives to present his United Religions Initiative in the best possible light, he is favorably mentioned on the internet by the same corrosive New Age sites typified by The Mother Church's own spirituality.com. He has been promoted by websites which advocate the redistribution of power and wealth in the world. He has conducted regional conferences in cooperation with the the United Nations' "Temple of Understanding" which holds conferences in conjunction with UN political summits.

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Elaine Natale Davidson and Joseph Eller, both authorized teachers of Christian Science, have had their associations of pupils dissolved by order of the Christian Science Board of Directors. Mrs. Davidson is the author of "Matters of Conscience" which enumerated, in great detail, violations of the *Church Manual* by the board of directors. Mr. Eller accompanied Mrs. Davidson as a witness when she appeared before the board on March 7, 2002. At that meeting, board members flatly stated that the evidence of their wrongdoing presented in "Matters of Conscience" had no validity whatsoever. Both teachers were instructed not to take notes, disclose their discussions with the board, or distribute "Matters of Conscience" to other church members. Because of the board's refusal to acknowledge any of their well documented violations of the by-laws, Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller distributed "Matters of Conscience" to every *Journal*-listed teacher and practitioner, as well as to any Mother Church member who requested it. [See Summer 2002 *Banner*] Subsequently copies were sent to every branch church by a group calling itself "Working Together." One hundred seven Christian Science teachers, practitioners, and nurses signed the "Working Together" letter of September 30, 2002, for the purpose of advising branch church boards that "Matters of Conscience" was being mailed to them so that every Mother Church member could decide for himself if the evidence of wrongdoing was valid.

THOUGHT POLICE

The 107 "Working Together" signers received Express Mail letters signed by Clerk Mary Weldon Ridgeway, for the Christian Science Board of Directors, informing them that complaints had been filed against them for signing the "Working Together" letter. They were reminded that the board has the power to discipline them with a whole range of punishments including removal of their listings in *The Christian Science Journal* and excommunication. Subsequently, recipients were gotten in touch with by "loyal" CSBs for the purpose of setting up face-to-face meetings to discuss the charges and, hopefully, "help" them to see the error of their ways. It was even suggested that, perhaps, they had been duped into signing the letter by anonymous and disloyal Christian Scientists, and that the meeting would be a chance to straighten everything out.

The loyal CSBs who were to visit the one hundred

seven signers are reported to include the following: J. Thomas Black of Birmingham, Michigan; John Hueffner of Dallas, Texas; Patricia Hyatt of Columbia, South Carolina; Ruth Elizabeth Jenks of Chicago, Illinois; Kay Olson of Raleigh, North Carolina; Barbara Vining of Toledo, Ohio; Nathan Talbot of Boise, Idaho; and Victor Westberg of Los Altos, California. Mr. Westberg is also styled "President of the Board of Education." Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller were ordered to communicate with Mr. Westberg every six months so that he could evaluate their state of repentance and progress toward reinstatement as "loyal" teachers.

PUNISHED FOR OBEYING MANUAL

Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller were disciplined by the Board of Directors for obeying the provisions of Article IX, Section 2, of the *Church Manual* which states: "A member who is found violating any of the By-Laws or Rules herein set forth, shall be admonished in consonance with the Scriptural demand in Matthew, 18:15-17..." Matthew requires: "if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone... But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more... And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church..." The directors ordered Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller not to "tell it unto the church." There is no provision in the Bible or Mrs. Eddy's by-laws which gives anyone the authority to prohibit the exercise of the Matthew code or to punish anyone for following its provisions.

RIPPLE EFFECT

From Mrs. Eddy's day up until 1937/1938, practitioners were granted a card in *The Christian Science Journal* based on their demonstrated healing ability. After those years, no one was permitted a *Journal* listing unless he had class instruction. Having class authorized him to place the initials "CS" after his name as the directors now required to qualify for a listing. Since that time, if a practitioner's teacher were disciplined, and his association dissolved, each one of that teacher's pupils having a *Journal* card would automatically lose his own listing as well until retaught by a "loyal" teacher. One cannot help but speculate that the change in policy formulated in 1937/1938 was nothing more than a cynical, political tool designed to pressure and intimidate teachers.

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Elaine Natale Davidson and Joseph Eller, both authorized teachers of Christian Science, have had their associations of pupils dissolved by order of the Christian Science Board of Directors. Mrs. Davidson is the author of "Matters of Conscience" which enumerated, in great detail, violations of the *Church Manual* by the board of directors. Mr. Eller accompanied Mrs. Davidson as a witness when she appeared before the board on March 7, 2002. At that meeting, board members flatly stated that the evidence of their wrongdoing presented in "Matters of Conscience" had no validity whatsoever. Both teachers were instructed not to take notes, disclose their discussions with the board, or distribute "Matters of Conscience" to other church members. Because of the board's refusal to acknowledge any of their well documented violations of the by-laws, Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller distributed "Matters of Conscience" to every *Journal*-listed teacher and practitioner, as well as to any Mother Church member who requested it. [See Summer 2002 *Banner*] Subsequently copies were sent to every branch church by a group calling itself "Working Together." One hundred seven Christian Science teachers, practitioners, and nurses signed the "Working Together" letter of September 30, 2002, for the purpose of advising branch church boards that "Matters of Conscience" was being mailed to them so that every Mother Church member could decide for himself if the evidence of wrongdoing was valid.

THOUGHT POLICE

The 107 "Working Together" signers received Express Mail letters signed by Clerk Mary Weldon Ridgeway, for the Christian Science Board of Directors, informing them that complaints had been filed against them for signing the "Working Together" letter. They were reminded that the board has the power to discipline them with a whole range of punishments including removal of their listings in *The Christian Science Journal* and excommunication. Subsequently, recipients were gotten in touch with by "loyal" CSBs for the purpose of setting up face-to-face meetings to discuss the charges and, hopefully, "help" them to see the error of their ways. It was even suggested that, perhaps, they had been duped into signing the letter by anonymous and disloyal Christian Scientists, and that the meeting would be a chance to straighten everything out.

The loyal CSBs who were to visit the one hundred

seven signers are reported to include the following: J. Thomas Black of Birmingham, Michigan; John Hueffner of Dallas, Texas; Patricia Hyatt of Columbia, South Carolina; Ruth Elizabeth Jenks of Chicago, Illinois; Kay Olson of Raleigh, North Carolina; Barbara Vining of Toledo, Ohio; Nathan Talbot of Boise, Idaho; and Victor Westberg of Los Altos, California. Mr. Westberg is also styled "President of the Board of Education." Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller were ordered to communicate with Mr. Westberg every six months so that he could evaluate their state of repentance and progress toward reinstatement as "loyal" teachers.

PUNISHED FOR OBEYING MANUAL

Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller were disciplined by the Board of Directors for obeying the provisions of Article IX, Section 2, of the *Church Manual* which states: "A member who is found violating any of the By-Laws or Rules herein set forth, shall be admonished in consonance with the Scriptural demand in Matthew, 18:15-17..." Matthew requires: "if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone... But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more... And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church..." The directors ordered Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller not to "tell it unto the church." There is no provision in the Bible or Mrs. Eddy's by-laws which gives anyone the authority to prohibit the exercise of the Matthew code or to punish anyone for following its provisions.

RIPPLE EFFECT

From Mrs. Eddy's day up until 1937/1938, practitioners were granted a card in *The Christian Science Journal* based on their demonstrated healing ability. After those years, no one was permitted a *Journal* listing unless he had class instruction. Having class authorized him to place the initials "CS" after his name as the directors now required to qualify for a listing. Since that time, if a practitioner's teacher were disciplined, and his association dissolved, each one of that teacher's pupils having a *Journal* card would automatically lose his own listing as well until retaught by a "loyal" teacher. One cannot help but speculate that the change in policy formulated in 1937/1938 was nothing more than a cynical, political tool designed to pressure and intimidate teachers.

VIRGINIA HARRIS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The following report was received by the editor of *The Banner* which detailed some of the activities which preceded the opening of the new Mary Baker Library for the Betterment of Humanity:

"On July 25, 2002, Virginia Harris, chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors, met in Washington, DC, with the five representatives in Congress who have listed themselves as Christian Scientists, including David Dreier, Lamar Smith, and Chris Shays. The five legislators were told that the Directors had planned and hoped to have Laura Bush do the keynote speech at the opening of the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity. Apparently, Laura Bush was unable to give the speech. The purpose of Mrs. Harris' meeting with the five legislators on July 25th was to urge them to sign a letter to Lynne Cheney, wife of the Vice President of the United States, requesting that she give the keynote speech.

"During the course of the lunch meeting, Mrs. Harris told three stories, all having to do with movie stars. The first had to do with the fact that Val Kilmer is a Christian Scientist, First Reader [Ed: actually, Second Reader] at the Santa Fe, New Mexico, church, and faithful in his service there every Sunday. The second one had to do with George Hamilton and the fact that his mother was a Christian Scientist and that he had told Mrs. Harris recently that he had started reading the Lesson-Sermon again and was interested in getting back into Christian Science. The third story had to do with Robin Williams. Mrs. Harris said that when she met him, he, with a great flourish, leaned down to kiss her hand and said how grateful he was to meet the new Mary Baker Eddy. This apparently pleased her because she told it to the legislators with glee and with no embarrassment or apologies." End of quotation.

VAL KILMER'S NEW ROLE

An Associated Press report for early October, 2002, stated: "Val Kilmer, who embodied the late Jim Morrison in Oliver Stone's 'The Doors,' is about to star as porn legend John Holmes in 'Wonderland,' a movie about Los Angeles' notorious Laurel Canyon murders, reports *Entertainment Weekly*." Mr. Holmes died of AIDS at age 43 after many years of a profligate lifestyle. "He was also allegedly present at a drug-related quadruple homicide...in 1981, although he was ultimately acquitted of any involvement in the crime."

The Banner has been informed that Mr. Kilmer asked some fellow church members to review the movie script, and they did not find anything they considered so objectionable as to preclude his appearing in the film.

Val Kilmer previously appeared on the cover of the July 10, 2000, *Christian Science Sentinel* and authored an article in the same issue titled, "Acting lessons." He was also invited to appear on the dais at the dedication of the Mary Baker Eddy Library along with Virginia Harris and Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy. It has been reported that Mr. Kilmer gave a substantial amount of

money for the construction of the new library.

BETTERMENT OF HUMANITY

In a newspaper interview, New Age guru Deepak Chopra told [the British Columbia, Canada] *Common Ground* (November 2002): "Actually I have already created a Strategic Alliance for Peace and the Betterment of Humanity." The use of the distinctive phrase "betterment of humanity," which also appears in the name of the new Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity, raises the question as to who originated that phrase. When one considers the recent ecumenical ties of the Christian Science periodicals and Spirituality.com with the New Age movement, as well as Virginia Harris' and Joni Overton-Jung's forays to Chopra associate Marianne Williamson's Church of Today, one could reasonably speculate that the idea for the extended name of the new library in Boston originated with Mr. Chopra.

In answer to another question in the same *Common Ground* interview: "John Lennon [of The Beatles rock and roll group] said to imagine no countries and no religion." Mr. Chopra responded: "I think the time is coming when we have to embrace that."

FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST FORMER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PUBLISHING SOCIETY

A posting on the web site of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission states: "The Commission announced today [November 22, 2002] that, on November 18, 2002, a Massachusetts federal court entered a final judgment, by consent, against Miles M. Harbur of Jupiter, Florida in connection with a \$22 million fraudulent trading scheme. The final judgment enjoined him from further violations of the antifraud and securities and broker-dealer registration provisions of the federal securities laws. In its complaint, filed on April 16, 2001, the Commission alleged that, between 1997 and 2000, Harbur and others participated in a fraudulent trading scheme that raised approximately \$22 million from at least 50 investors, many of whom were members of the Christian Science Church... Without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint, Harbur consented to the judgment... Harbur was also held liable for disgorgement of \$1.1 million, plus prejudgment interest thereon, but payment was waived based on Harbur's financial condition." End Quote. Mr. Harbor was the former chief financial officer of the Christian Science Publishing Society and is currently a *Journal*-listed practitioner.

[<http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/lr17858.htm>]

OCONTO SOCIETY RETURNS

The society at Oconto, Wisconsin, has been relisted in *The Christian Science Journal* after being absent

from the September and October 2002 issues. Under the new listing, only Sunday services are held. The reading room has been discontinued. [See Fall 2002 *Banner* for background information.]

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the September and December 2002 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Lompoc, California; South San Francisco, California; Atlanta (society), Georgia; Baton Rouge (society), Louisiana; Tulsa (4th), Oklahoma; Hood River, Oregon; Petersburg, Virginia; Ephrata, Washington; West Allis, Wisconsin; and West Bend, Wisconsin. At the same time, one new society has been formed at O'Fallon, Missouri. Since the count began in February 1987, 597 churches have closed and 47 have formed.

MONITOR CIRCULATION FIGURES

The October 4, 2002, issue of *The Christian Science Monitor* gave the latest circulation figures required by the U.S. Postal Service: 77,310. This represents an increase of 6,986 subscribers in one year. The figures from 1989 until the present are listed below:

1989	156,246
1990	116,709
1991	115,117
1992	107,652
1993	103,607
1994	96,352
1995	86,479
1996	85,679
1997	77,507
1998	77,093
1999	72,498
2000	73,079
2001	70,324
2002	77,310

ANNUAL MEETING IN BERLIN

A letter postmarked November 22, 2002, to Mother Church members from Clerk Mary Weldon Ridgway, announced that the 2003 Annual Meeting of The Mother Church would be held in Berlin, Germany. The letter disingenuously states: "As you know, the *Church Manual* specifies a date for Annual Meeting and leaves the opportunity open to have this meeting anywhere." This surprise announcement led to some informed speculation about the reasons for moving the meeting.

In 1992, the Monitor Channel collapsed; Harvey Wood and friends resigned; and the church treasury was at the point of insolvency. As a result, the Annual Meeting that year was interrupted by picketing in front of the Extension and individual members in the auditorium shouting questions and demanding answers. Virginia Harris and John Lewis Selover were members of the

Board of Directors at that time. No doubt they have vivid memories of that ordeal. The wide circulation of "Matters of Conscience" in the field would, no doubt, bring many concerned Mother Church members to Boston demanding obedience to the By-Laws and, perhaps, a call for the resignation of board members. Moving the Annual Meeting across the Atlantic Ocean will greatly reduce this threat.

A side benefit of a European meeting will be to highlight and reinvigorate the board's trademark application to register the term "Christian Science" in English as a Community Trade Mark in the European Union. The 1999 application to the Office of Harmonization in the Internal Market of the European Union is still pending. [See Summer 1999 *Banner*]

CIRCULATION OF THE NEW SENTINEL

The October 14, 2002, *Christian Science Sentinel* gave the current circulation figures of the magazine as 48,260. This represents a loss of 639 subscribers since last year at this time. The compiled figures follow:

1997	44,995
1998	50,868
1999	53,290
2000	46,342
2001	48,899
2002	48,260

LOGICAL OUTCOME

After several years of ecumenical embrace of the New Age movement and Eastern philosophies by the church hierarchy in Boston, people in the field are now beginning to stray from the pure Christian foundation laid down by Mary Baker Eddy. Midland House, a Christian Science nursing facility in Indiana, sent out a letter in October 2002 to its mailing list which ended with seven lines of prayer comprised of "the words of a great Buddhist teacher from around the 7th century, Shantideva." The letter notes that the quotations are from the *Bodhicharyavatara*.

LECTURE EVOLUTION

Banner readers have reported that lectures have many fewer references to the Bible as they seek to "reach out," but not "turn off," people with Bible talk or anything more than distant allusions to Christianity. It seems that the only copies of *Science and Health* available at lectures advertise the web address of spirituality.com printed right in the books. The Bible is rarely displayed. In some cases, members of churches sponsoring a lecture or "book talk" are instructed by the lecturer *not* to attend.

LEE JOHNSON

The Banner notes, with regret, the passing of former archivist of The Mother Church, Lee Johnson. Readers will remember that he was summarily fired from his position by the Board of Directors just as that board was

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negotiating to acquire the millions of dollars of the Mabury sisters' money, which could only be obtained if Bliss Knapp's *The Destiny of The Mother Church* were published as authorized literature by the church. Negotiations were secretly and urgently held in spite of the fact that the directors had already repudiated the 1943 Board of Directors' publication of "Mrs. Eddy's Place" and dispised Bliss Knapp's views. However, their Monitor Channel was on the verge of financial collapse. The treasury was empty, and the employees pension fund had already been raided in a desperate attempt to keep the new media empire afloat. The directors knew that Lee Johnson would oppose their publishing plans, and he had to go. As always, they were cold, calculating, and shrewd in the exercise of their arbitrary power.

The editor of this newsletter always found Mr. Johnson to be cordial, open, and candid even though he and *The Banner* editor differed on several key issues confronting the church institution. Certainly one of Lee Johnson's legacies is openness and a willingness to talk to others outside the usually exclusive Boston circles. He knew that others in the field also wish to restore Mrs. Eddy's *Church Manual* and Deeds of Trust as the governing authority of her Church.

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TEACHERS REMOVED FROM JOURNAL

Elaine Natale Davidson, author of "Matters of Conscience", and Joseph Eller, who accompanied her as a witness to a meeting with the Christian Science Board of Directors on March 7, 2002, have had their practitioner listings removed from *The Christian Science Journal* beginning with the March 2003 issue. Last year, both teachers were ordered to dissolve their associations of pupils and submit to Victor Westberg's evaluation of their repentance and contrition for distributing "Matters of Conscience" to the Christian Science field. Mr. Westberg has been styled "President of the Board of Education" by the board of directors. There has been no public comment about the listing removal from any of the individuals involved. "Matters of Conscience" documents serious violations of the by-laws of The Mother Church by the Christian Science Board of Directors. [See summer 2002, fall 2002, and winter 2003 *Banner* for background information.]

VIRGINIA HARRIS, WAR PROTESTOR

The Washington Post of January 29, 2003, reported: "Hundreds of female religious leaders from various faiths urged President Bush on Wednesday to use diplomacy rather than force in dealing with Iraq. The women, representing groups of Buddhists, Jews, Muslims and Christians, have formed a coalition to press for a negotiated settlement... On Thursday, about a dozen women will head to Iraq on a peace-seeking mission. The group will join other all-female delegations from Europe, Australia and Rwanda. 'We are going to speak out as women about the terrible effects of war on women, children, families and the environment,' said Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Global Exchange and CodePink: Women for Peace. 'We are determined to stop the Bush administration from going to war against the people of Iraq.'... The women hope to meet with U.N. inspectors to express their support... Among those attending the breakfast were representatives of the North American Council for Muslim Women, the United Methodist Church, the Christian Science Board of Directors, American Baptist Women's Ministries and the National Council of Catholic Women."

SENTINEL ARTICLE

The *Christian Science Sentinel* of February 10, 2003, included "An Unexpected Love", an interview with *New York Post* columnist Cindy Adams about her Yorkshire terrier, Jazzy. According to the article, Ms. Adams was given the dog soon after the passing of her

husband Joey Adams in 1999. Cindy Adams has written a book titled *The Gift of Jazzy* which details how the dog filled a void in her life: "Along with bringing joy and companionship into Cindy's life, Jazzy has brought a whole new dimension to Cindy's career." The interview includes references to Ms. Adam's study of Christian Science, and there are no surprises.

However, *USA Today* of February 3, 2003, reviews Cindy Adam's book and includes some elements that are totally incompatible with Christian Science: "It looks like a Yorkie. But Adams wonders; Could the terrier, subject of her new book, *The Gift of Jazzy*...just possibly be -- stop the presses -- the reincarnation of her late, legendary comic husband, Joey Adams? Adams, the quintessential New Yorker, lives life as a drama, so she embraced this theory, first suggested by her longtime housekeeper Nazalene Persaud, and driver, Reggie Ramkissoon. 'I realize everybody will think I'm loony tunes,' Adams says. The evidence: Joey had a dry itch and was constantly scratching. Same for Jazzy. Joey had one big chair he liked to sit in, and it's Jazzy's favorite. Joey liked to sit in the kitchen -- so does Jazzy. 'Joey wouldn't sleep at night if I wasn't there in bed. Jazzy won't, either.' Adams and her staff stare at the 7-pound Yorkshire terrier as he follows his mistress's every move, just as Joey used to do. Yes, it must be Joey in a dog suit."

SOCIETY NOTES

The *New York Daily News* of September 23, 2002, included its gossip section called "Power Lunch." The article stated: "The guests at Cindy Adams' all-female lunch at her stunning Park Ave atelier the other day wore pink and powder blue, but they were like ladies who launch -- projects, parks, plays and political action committees. Virginia Harris, publisher of the *Christian Science Monitor* [sic], was guest of honor. She's opening the library housing the papers of spiritualist [sic!] Mary Baker Eddy on Friday in Boston. Next July, she'll break ground for a satellite library upstate in Seneca Falls. 'It'll be a venue that will rediscover and preserve stories of the pioneers of women's rights,' Harris told us. That had guests Libby Pataki, Joyce Brothers, Beverly Sills, former Surgeon General Antonia Novello, State Parks Commissioner Bernadette Castro, Ivana Trump, Manhattan borough president Virginia Fields, Georgette Mosbacher, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Beth Rudin DeWoody, Judge Judy Sheindlin, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Jill Brooke and others buzzing about the future. 'Do you think,' the ladies kept asking, 'Hillary [Clinton] will run for president in 2008?'"

A San Francisco, California, neighborhood newspaper titled *Gazette* of June 2002 included "Celebrity Watch." The article dropped many names in describing a series of parties given by romance novel author Danielle Steel to raise money for the Nick Traina Foundation established in the name of her son. He had been given a medical diagnosis of bipolar mental illness and later took his own life at age nineteen. One million dollars was raised at the parties. Names of those who attended the gala events included former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi [Democrat of California and currently Minority Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives], George Hamilton, Robin Williams [see winter 2003 *Banner*], San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Cheech Marin [co-star of several "Cheech and Chong" marijuana comedy movies], Mrs. Sidney Poitier, and musician Ray Charles.

"The weekend began with a dinner for the out-of-townners and patrons of the ball at Danielle's Pacific Heights mansion where we met Virginia Harris, chairman of the board for the Christian Science organization. She revealed that Ginger Rogers, a practitioner, as was her mother Lela, willed the legacy of Ginger's name to Christian Science. Virginia's husband Reed noted that his dad launched the Yellow Cab company in the Bay Area -- 'and knew every one of his hundreds of cabbies by first name.'"

JOURNAL ARTICLE

The Christian Science Journal of January 2003 included an article titled "What? Me inflexible?" by practitioner Verta B. Driver of Seattle, Washington. The article sparked a firestorm of protests to Boston by Christian Scientists in the field. Among other things, the article states: "...I rejoice in the new freedom people have to join The Church of Christ, Scientist, even if they aren't perfect. Today a church membership form can be obtained over the Internet. There aren't any questions about smoking, drinking, drugs. Perhaps some members are shocked or think that standards have fallen. But this point of view may need to change, to be more open to the freshness pouring forth from divine Love, who created everyone... When *Science and Health* is read understandingly, drinking, smoking, use of illegal drugs, and immorality will probably drop away." (pp. 12, 13)

A statement "From the Directors" in *The Christian Science Journal* of 1961 (page 153) stated: "The question is sometimes asked, 'Why is total abstinence from the use of alcohol and tobacco required of applicants for membership in The Mother Church'. The answer may be simply stated, Because their use in any degree is inconsistent with the teaching and practice of Christian Science as set forth in 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' and other writings by Mary Baker Eddy... [One] cannot effectively deny the claim of

matter to produce suffering and disease while willingly yielding himself a slave to its claims to give pleasure and satisfaction... In "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany," Mrs. Eddy gives a summary of the teachings of Christian Science (p. 114), 'Christian Science teaches: Owe no man; be temperate; abstain from alcohol and tobacco; be honest, just and pure; cast out evil and heal the sick; in short, Do unto others as ye would have others do to you.'" End of Quote.

Mrs. Eddy states in *Science and Health*, "The truth taught by Jesus, the elders scoffed at. Why? Because it demanded more than they were willing to practise." (p. 41)

ADVERTISING AND SUNDAY SERVICES

Visitors to Boston have noted some additions to the Sunday services in The Mother Church. The First Reader held up the menu for the "Quotes" cafe in the new Mary Baker Eddy library and recommended the chocolate cake. Members of the congregation were urged to eat lunch there after the service. On another Sunday, the cafeteria's quiche was highly recommended. These announcements were not given during the scheduled announcement section of the order of service, but after the first hymn and before the Scriptural selection. The First Reader also held up a copy of the children's issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel* and praised it. A child was spotted in the congregation, and an usher was handed the First Reader's copy of the *Sentinel* which was immediately delivered to the child. At the conclusion of the solo, applause was initiated on the platform and joined in by some members of the congregation.

REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

A workshop for Sunday school superintendents from the New England region was held in The Mother Church Sunday school building in late 2002. The superintendents found bread trays, fruit platters, and drinks waiting for them. After a social mixer, various speakers urged those in attendance to think "out of the box" and to let inspiration (rather than the *Church Manual*?) guide them. One speaker suggested, "Mrs. Eddy told us *what* to teach. She did not tell us *how* to teach. Nor did she restrict us in *how* to teach." Guests found different "stations" set up: a clay station, a crayon station, a drama station, a computer game area, a music and dance area, and a puppet station. Story tellers and cookies are part of the new "out of the box" Sunday school learning experience. Quilts cover the walls along with the children's art work. After the speakers and the presentations, "breakout" sessions were held during which members of the group were urged to come up with innovative methods of Sunday school teaching. One of the guests suggested that teachers who have been successful with traditional Sunday school teaching (questioning, answering, and clarifying) should be

allowed to continue doing so. It was pointed out that Mrs. Eddy employed this method in her own class teaching and in the *Science and Health* chapter, "Recapitulation". The Mother Church Sunday school superintendent stated, "That was then. We're evolving."

CHURCH CLOSINGS & OPENINGS

According to a comparison of the December 2002 and the March 2003 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following six churches have closed: Campbell, California; Fanwood and Scotch Plains, New Jersey; First Church, New York, New York; Second Church, Syracuse, New York; Woodburn, Oregon; and First Church, Salt Lake City, Utah. At the same time the following four churches/societies have opened: 23rd Church, Chicago, Illinois; Gulfport (soc.), Mississippi; Kansas City (soc.), Missouri; and Kitty Hawk (soc.), North Carolina. Since the count began in February 1987, 603 churches have closed, and 51 have opened.

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

It has been reported that Marianne Williamson, "spiritual leader" of The [Unity] Church of Today in Warren, Michigan, has resigned her position and moved to Santa Barbara, California. *Banner* readers will remember that Ms. Williamson attempted to reorganize the church with only a fraction of its members present. Protests from the majority caused her to back away from her reorganization plan. Ms. Williamson is a founder of The Global Renaissance Alliance whose purpose is to bring New Age philosophy into the political arena. Virginia Harris, chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors, and lecturer Joni Overton-Jung have given talks at The Church of Today (See winter 2002, summer 2002, and fall 2002 *Banner*)

1998 COPYRIGHT LAW UPHELD

The United States Supreme Court has upheld "the 1998 law that added 20 years to all existing copyrights." (*New York Times* 10-10-02) However, it is still not clear if the copyright extension claimed by the Christian Science Board of Directors on all of Mrs. Eddy's unpublished writings until the year 2046 is valid. In many cases, large portions of her "unpublished" writings have been in circulation in published form since the 1930s. The Carpenter Foundation, Richard Oakes, and The Rare Book Company all published extensive "unpublished" Mary Baker Eddy material. The directors have never challenged these publications in a court of law. (See spring 2000, winter 2002, spring 2002 *Banner*)

BETTERMENT OF HUMANITY

The winter 2003 *Banner* included an article regarding the origin of the phrase "betterment of humanity" which is included as part of the name of the new Mary Baker Eddy Library. It was noted that New Age guru Deepak Chopra uses this phrase in his "Strategic Alliance for

Peace and the Betterment of Humanity." A *Banner* reader discovered the phrase in Sibyl Wilbur's biography, *The Life of Mary Baker Eddy*, on page 355. These were Miss Wilbur's incidental words referring to Mrs. Eddy's charitable work. Now the *Christian Science Sentinel* of January 20, 2003, repeats the phrase as spoken by a member of the Baha'i religion: "The essence of the Baha'i faith is to work not only for our own betterment, but for the betterment of humanity and for the whole world." (p.17) In this highly favorable article about the Baha'i, one finds: "We think of God as the Unknowable Essence, the Supreme Being... We believe that all religions came originally from God and teach the same basic principles." The Baha'i would seem to join Deepak Chopra in his wish for no countries and no religion: "But the time is coming in which we will see no national boundaries of say Iran or America. We will realize the oneness of man."

THE DANGERS OF SOME MUSIC

The *Christian Science Sentinel* of January 6, 2003, and *The Christian Science Journal* of February 2003, included articles about "sacred music". The *Sentinel* reports on festivals of sacred music held at various venues around the world: "Many of these festivals grew from a seed planted by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who saw the need and desire for broad interfaith music festivals at the approach of the millennium." Both the *Sentinel* and *Journal* articles highlight the use of drums. Mickey Hart, drummer for the Grateful Dead, is mentioned in the *Journal* article, "Drums of healing". An internet website, "Lordly & Dame, Inc.", indicates: "As half of the percussion tandem known as the Rhythm Devils, Hart transcended rock drumming with his exotic, polyrhythmic sounds and introduced the band's massive audience to percussion instruments from every corner of the globe." He is also coauthor of *Drumming at the Edge of Magic*.

Dr. Jack Wheaton, a college professor of music, authored *The Crisis in Christian Music* [2000]. He writes: "Demonic forces seem to be very sensitive to rhythms. In cultures as diverse as Tibet and tribal Africa, we find sorcerers calling up demonic forces using repetitive and specific rhythms as a primary technique. Even today, occult religions of Latin America...like *Santaria* (Cuba), *Macumba* (Brazil), and *Voodoo* (Haiti) all use drum rhythms to call forth the spirits... Mickey Hart, drummer for the rock group *The Grateful Dead*, has researched this in both Africa and Latin America. He has some amazing video footage of this process occurring. In every instance the rhythm of the drums triggered the arrival of the spirits." (pp. 61, 62) "A simple test will help us recognize these dangerous rhythms. If it is (a) too loud, (b) too repetitive, and (c) highly syncopated, it is potentially dangerous. If you feel more like 'moving,

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swaying, clapping' than listening to the lyrics, it is dangerous. If you find the music 'turns you on,' 'hypes you up,' makes you more emotional (not spiritual), it is dangerous." (p. 66) "The hypnotic spell cast by repetitive rhythms, layered and repeated over and over, has crept into Christian music. "On the Monterey Peninsula, near Big Sur, is a New Age institute called *Esalen*. Since the 1960s, it has been a 'think-tank' and experimental lab for many New Age ideas... Each person was given a drum, and there were two or three basic rhythm patterns distributed among the players The lead drummer would begin the pattern and introduce the other patterns slowly until there was a multilayered pattern of syncopated but synchronized rhythms very similar, it not identical to, African drumming. The purpose and the result of this exercise was the breakdown of individual consciousness and identity, substituted with a 'collective consciousness' that was supposed to be 'liberating.'... It is always dangerous to surrender individual consciousness to a group identity. You lose your sense of 'self' and are very susceptible to ideas and behavioral practices you would never accept in your 'own' mind. Christianity *never* asks you to do this." (p. 77)

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ROTATION IN OFFICE

A branch church, that wishes to remain anonymous for now, sent the following in a letter to the Christian Science Board of Directors dated May 19, 2003:

Resolved: Mary Baker Eddy did not limit the applicability of *rotation in office* when she advised "*Rotation in office* promotes wisdom, quiets mad ambition, satisfies justice, and crowns honest endeavors." (My. 250:4) Mrs. Eddy speaks to church government as follows: "Essentially democratic, its government is administered by the common consent of the governed.....its rules are health, holiness, and immortality, -- equal rights and privileges, equality of the sexes and *rotation in office*." (My. 247:5) Further in Miscellany, she refers again to 'The Magna Charta of Christian Science' and states that *rotation in office* does not mean minor offices. (My 254:17)

The Christian Science movement and The Mother Church's role in particular will greatly benefit from adherence to this counsel. Ours will be a healthier church when church offices are viewed as limited terms of duty rather than positions of influence for unlimited periods of time. This includes the chairmanship of the Christian Science Board of Directors. Our church will be stronger when rotation in office is observed at all levels, and when the checks and balances of a democratic organization are preserved. (End of quotation)

Virginia Harris has served on the board of directors since February 1991. She has been chairman of the board since the resignation of Harvey Wood in March 1992 during the Monitor Channel crisis. John Lewis Selover has been on the board since February 1985.

ANOTHER CHURCH, ANOTHER VIEW

A church in the American Midwest wrote the following to its membership:

"Upon receipt of the written request of twenty-five members, a special meeting will be held... The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the following motion: It is moved that this branch provide prayerful, financial and practical support for the activities of The Mother Church and the Christian Science Board of Directors, **unconditionally.**"

Editor's comment: These two letters illustrate the state of the Christian Science today. The one appeals to precepts established by Mrs. Eddy, while the other calls for blind and extreme obedience to a hierarchy that disregards the by-laws contained in the *Church Manual*

and Mrs. Eddy's other written instructions. Until the former viewpoint prevails, The Mother Church and the branch churches will continue to wither and decline.

CHURCH TREAS. STEALS \$1.6 MILLION

The Union Leader of Manchester, New Hampshire, reported the following on April 15, 2003, by staff writer Nancy Meersman: "The former treasurer of Portsmouth's First Church of Christ Scientist pleaded guilty yesterday to embezzling \$1.6 million from the church's money market and securities investments. 'He took everything,' said Richard Wilson, chairman of the church's executive board, of Ross E. Perry... Wilson wouldn't discuss the financial impact of the losses, saying only that the thefts would not undermine the church's mission. He said church members are more worried about the emotional anguish the thefts caused Perry's family... The Christian Science Reading Room, 113 Market St., Portsmouth, has closed, but Wilson said it would have anyway because the rents downtown were becoming too high. From about 1996 to 2002, Perry raided the Church of Christ Scientist's money market accounts in a local bank. When these accounts were empty, he would liquidate the church's securities and mutual funds to replenish the money market account, federal officials said. This kept up until there was only \$100 left."

[See winter 2003 *Banner* for similar story regarding former chief financial officer of The Christian Science Publishing Society who defrauded investors, and the summer 2002 *Banner* with an account of a former practitioner who defrauded church members in the Bahamas and took the proceeds of the sale of their church edifice.]

SYMBOLIC DATES?

Up until now, little attention has been given to the date of the destruction of the World Trade Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001, by the Islamic al-Qaeda. It has recently come to light that the Ottoman Turks were defeated at the gates of Vienna on September 11, 1683 by a coalition of forces led by King John III Sobieski of Poland. An Islamic victory at that time would have spelled the end of Christian civilization in Europe. Turkish historians wrote of their defeat in 1683 as a catastrophe for the spread of Islam. In fact, the defeat at the gates of Vienna marked the beginning of a gradual decline of Islamic civilization in the world. One must ask if September 11, 2001, was chosen at random or if it was selected as symbolic revenge for this past defeat.

A century before, the vastly outnumbered Christians defeated the Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto off the

coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Another date which may be of interest to al-Qaeda is July 15, 1099, when the Crusaders captured the city of Jerusalem from the Muslims. Also of interest are the dates of the destruction of the temple of Solomon and the temple of Herod in Jerusalem. Both were destroyed on the same day, the 9th of Av (Jewish calendar) in 587 B.C. and 70 A.D., respectively. The 9th of Av will fall on or about August 7th this year.

These dates are given for those who take Mrs. Eddy's admonition seriously and do their daily metaphysical work: "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." (S&H 96:31-2)

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 89TH MANUAL

Since 1910, there have been serious doubts about the validity of the 89th edition of the *Church Manual* which was issued on December 17, 1910, two weeks after Mrs. Eddy's passing.

The *Christian Science Sentinel* always included a box listing publications for sale and, without fail, carried the same sentence: "Each new edition of the Church Manual containing the By-Laws of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, will have special notice in the SENTINEL." The last *Sentinel* to carry such a notice was the September 3, 1910, issue announcing the 88th edition of the *Church Manual*. The *Christian Science Journal* of October 1910 carried a similar announcement. No such notice ever appeared in either the *Sentinel* or *Journal* regarding the publication of the 89th edition. Interestingly, the sentence in the *Sentinel* promising to announce each new edition of the *Manual* continued to appear until the January 14, 1911 issue, yet no formal announcement of the 89th edition was ever printed. Over the years, the Christian Science Board of Directors insisted that Mrs. Eddy had given her authorization for the 89th *Manual*. (See, for example, *Yankee* magazine of July 1992) After many years, the directors showed copies of the proof sheets to some individuals, but would not show Mrs. Eddy's approval for the changes on the reverse side of the pages, as was her practice.

Recently, a request for copies of the proof sheets was made to the new Mary Baker Eddy Library. Copies were sent to the individual requesting them, and the following can now be verified: Mrs. Eddy signed the back of five of the eight pages submitted for her with the one word approval: "Eddy". A proposed statement on page 121: "The order of Sunday service is sometimes varied by the singing of a selection immediately after the organ voluntary." was deleted by Mrs. Eddy and did not appear

in the 89th *Manual*.

She approved the deletion of the notice: "The service should be preceded and followed by organ or piano music of an appropriate character in all cases where this is possible." on pages 122, 124 and 126. These deletions, approved by Mrs. Eddy, were not carried out in the 89th edition and remain to this day.

She approved the addition of the statement on page 127: "If a collection is taken, it should be taken in the classes before they reassemble." Also the addition of the words "and Branch Churches" was approved for the title at the top of the page. These changes were carried out in the 89th edition as approved by Mrs. Eddy.

The words "and Branch Churches" were added to the title "Present Order of Services in The Mother Church" on page 120. However, the sheet is not signed on the back by Mrs. Eddy. Neither are the words "and Branch Churches" deleted by her. In any event, the words "and Branch churches" were included in the 89th *Manual*. Interestingly, these words were not added to the table of contents page until 1916.

Other changes which appeared in the 89th *Manual* that were not approved by Mrs. Eddy include the addition of the date "1911" on the cover and title page. The 89th edition was issued on December 17, 1910, which made "1911" factually incorrect. Mrs. Eddy's name and office of Pastor Emeritus were deleted from the page of church officers on page 21. (Both were restored in 1924) Also added without Mrs. Eddy's approval were the words "Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science and Author of the Christian Science Text Book 'Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures.'" "

It becomes clear why the proof sheets were denied to the field for so long. They reveal disobedience in 1910 to Mrs. Eddy's instructions for the publication of one of her most important books, the *Church Manual*.

Other changes were made to the *Manual* over the years: in 1916, the lower case "t" in "the Mother Church" was changed to an upper case "T" which altered the meaning from the concept of a universal reality to a specific institution. In 1913, the words "Yours in Truth and Love" were removed from the application forms on pages 115, 117, and 118 and replaced by "I was formerly a member of the denomination, but have definitely severed my connection therewith." Also the address number 18 was added to page 117 even though it had never appeared on that page before. A topical index was added in 1925. In it the by-law titled "Local Self Government" is called Local Government." The index heading entitled "Directors" significantly omits page 26 which contains the by-law requiring Mrs. Eddy's approval for the perpetuation of the Directors as church functionaries. Also the by-law "For the Mother Church only" on page 104 was omitted from the index. The

index was finally removed from the *Manual* in 1951. In 1931 the footnote contradicting Mrs. Eddy's version of the Church's history was added on page 19. In 1971 the "Editor's Note" at the bottom of page 130 was added. This note announces that the legislature of Massachusetts changed the state statute which Mrs. Eddy had used to establish the 1892 Deed of Trust. This 1971 change permits non-citizens to become directors of the church. The editor's note neglects to state that this change was initiated by the directors themselves. (See *Christian Science After 1910*, between pages 100 and 101 for illustration of the petition submitted by the Christian Science Board of Directors to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.) Mrs. Eddy had many able lawyers among her students and could have sought this change herself if she thought it were desirable. In view of all the numerous, unauthorized changes made since 1910, one must conclude that the 88th edition of the *Church Manual* is the closest to Mrs. Eddy's intent for the government of her Church.

CHURCH CLOSINGS AND OPENINGS

According to a comparison of the March and June 2002 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following four churches/societies have closed: Oakland, California (society); Pacific Grove, California; Pomona, California; and Bloomfield Township, Michigan. The following societies have formed during the same period: Saint Louis (Lafayette Square), Missouri; and Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Since the count began in February 1987, 607 churches/societies have closed, and 53 have opened.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The Christian Science Journal of July 2003 listed 1,546 practitioners and teachers worldwide:

Practitioners Worldwide

June 1951	10,503
Aug 1993	2,575
Dec 1997	2,045
Jan 2000	1,833
Jul 2000	1,797
Jan 2001	1,770
Jan 2002	1,686
Jul 2002	1,642
Jul 2003	1,546

Teachers (Still teaching classes*)

Mar 1992	250
Mar 1995	239
Dec 1997	209*
Jan 2000	193*
Jan 2001	189*
Jan 2002	190*
Jul 2002	183*
Jul 2003	169*

The June 1951 figure of 10,503 practitioners was

announced at annual meeting for that year and published in *The Christian Science Journal* at that time.

MAX KAPPELER

The Banner notes with regret the passing of Max Kappeler on December 24, 2002. He was born on November 25, 1910, during Mrs. Eddy's time. He was a pupil of John Doorly, CSB, of London, England. Like so many dedicated and gifted Christian Scientists, Mr. Kappeler was excommunicated from The Mother Church (1952). He went on to establish The Kappeler Institute for the Science of Being. He wrote many books, but his last was "*Quo Vadis?*" *Where are you going Christian Scientist?* which discusses some of the fatal flaws that emerged as disobedience to the *Church Manual* became commonplace in Boston. Copies of his book are available from The Kappeler Institute, P.O. Box 99735, Seattle, WA 98199, for \$4.50 + \$2.00 postage.

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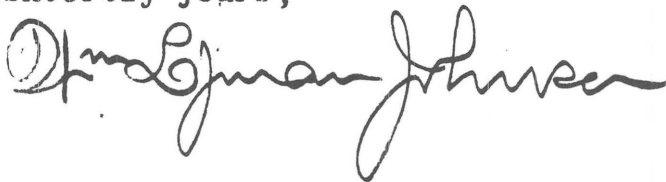
The New Age is a constant theme on The Mother Church's web site, Spirituality.com. One can illustrate the phenomenon with one example on April 7, 2003. The chat room guest was Judith (Judi) A. Neal who founded the Center for Spirit at Work, and was invited by Spirituality.com to lead a discussion on the subject. Judi Neal's www.spiritatwork.com web site states that she has been quoted in the mainstream media and also the *New Age Journal*. She has recorded a guided meditation [a euphemism for hypnotism] tape on spirituality in the workplace and a CD of original music that is used in her workshops and training. A Spirituality.com participant asked her: "How would you describe yourself spiritually? Judi responded: "Eclectic. I was raised Episcopalian. Neither of my parents were religious, I chose that. I converted to Mormonism for about a year. Then I was an atheist. Then I studied yoga for a while and got into Buddhism. Then more recently I started studying more about Christianity again. I feel there is a lot to be learned from the spiritual teachers of all traditions... I think we are in an amazing time on this planet where there is a major shift in consciousness occurring, that for the first time in social change movements, we see something emerging without a particular leader, from the ground up. I like to imagine Spirit is going around and touching us one at a time saying you need to find each other, build community, etc." Another participant: "How do you accomplish [harmony] when you have people from faiths that traditionally don't mix -- my boss is Southern Baptist and I'm Wiccan [witch]." Judi answered: "...The Wiccan could say to the boss, what is it you really love about your religion and what is the core of its meaning? Then listen without judgment. Then the Baptist would do the same. And without judgment." In answer to another participant: "Resistance is usually about a

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misunderstanding in language. Maybe explore using a different word than spirituality....Words that are less threatening are 'values' and 'value based teamwork'." Elsewhere she states: "I am writing a book with Dorothy Marcic that is a year-long program that takes non-religious but spiritual values...and asks the team to take assessments of how they live that value and improve, etc." Later she states: "I was at an Institute of Noetic Sciences conference..." The Noetic Sciences web site states: "A new science is arising, a science of the human mind much broader than psychology has been to date.... For the first time in history we are beginning to create a growing, progressively funded body of established experience about humanity's inner life -- and particularly about the perennial wisdom of the great religious traditions and gnostic groups." Judi Neal serves on Noetic Science committees. Another, related organization is the "Friends of the Institute of Noetic Sciences" Their stated mission is: "To explore our growing awareness of consciousness and emerging spirituality in shared inquiry, furthering individual wholeness and global vision." One of FIONS's advisors is Jean Houston who "channeled" the long deceased Eleanor Roosevelt so that Hillary Clinton could talk to her.

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