

***** HIS BANNER OVER ME **THE BANNER** WAS LOVE *****

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“MATTER IS REAL. FLESH IS GOOD.”

So writes Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message*. Christian Scientists now recognize his book as the widely used and wildly unrestrained paraphrase of the Scriptures now being substituted for the actual and reliable translation of the Bible found in the King James Version. *The Message* is frequently referred to in the new, youth-oriented “my Bible Lesson” from The Christian Science Publishing Society and is used by some branch churches for Scriptural selections and for their Sunday schools.

Mr. Peterson writes on page 94 of another of his books, *The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction* [1993]: “Matter is real. Flesh is good. Without firm rooting in creation, religion is always drifting off into some kind of pious sentimentalism or sophisticated intellectualism. The task of salvation is not to refine us into pure spirits so that we will not be cumbered with this too solid flesh. We are not angels, nor are we to become angels. The Word did not become a good idea, or a numinous feeling, or a moral aspiration; the Word became flesh. It also becomes flesh. Our Lord left a command to remember and receive him in bread and wine, in acts of eating and drinking. Things matter. The physical is holy. It is extremely significant that in the opening sentences of the Bible, God speaks a world of energy and matter into being; light, moon, stars, earth, vegetation, animals, man, woman (not love and virtue, faith and salvation, hope and judgment, though they will come soon enough).”

Mr. Peterson’s words parallel the position of many Christian writers who wish to divorce their theology from Second Century Gnosticism, but, instead, find themselves in a conundrum.

In an article specifically endorsed by Mrs. Eddy in the *Christian Science Sentinel* (Vol. XII, No. 33) of April 1910, Frederick Dixon writes:

“Now Gnosticism was the outcome of that contact of the Jew and the Greek, in the Asian church, which led to an attempt to blend Hebrew and pagan ideals in a philosophy that would reconcile the rigid dogmatism of the one with the culture of the other. It so happens that the orthodox churches of today are in this very dilemma, for they have accepted literally the materialism of the Pentateuch, and have been compelled, in order to reconcile it with the teaching of the New Testament, to create a theology less logical than that of Gnosticism.

“The two cardinal difficulties which led to Gnosticism were: First, how to reconcile the creation of the material universe by an absolutely good God with the existence of evil; and, second how the human spirit came to be incarcerated in matter, and how it was to be released. Now Christian Science denies the very premises of the issues at stake. It denies that the physical universe ever was God-created, or that Spirit ever was incarcerated in matter, and so finds no dilemma to escape from... Again, if Spirit is imprisoned in matter, how did this come about, for Jesus said quite unmistakably, ‘The flesh profiteth nothing’; while Paul wrote to the Romans, ‘They that are in the flesh cannot please God’? Is it conceivable that the creation of an absolutely good and wise God contained something which was of no profit, but in which spiritual life was imprisoned?”

The question arises: Why is *The Message* used at all by The Christian Science Publishing Society and why is its use encouraged in branch churches or Sunday schools when the thought of its author is so far from Christian Science and the actual words of Jesus and Paul?

GOSPEL OF JUDAS ENDORSED?

At an Annual Meeting session for Christian Science nurses and practitioners on June 5, 2006, the Christian Science Board of Directors seemed to endorse the revisionist view of Judas as portrayed in the Gnostic *Gospel of Judas*. The book, the television special, and magazine produced by the National Geographic Society all debuted a week before Easter. The long lost book claims that Judas was one of Jesus’ closest and most trusted disciples. According to *Biblical Archaeology Review* of July/August 2006: “Here, we are told, he [Judas] identified Jesus to the authorities at Jesus’ request, enabling Jesus to escape his physical body and enter heaven as pure spirit... The fact is that it will be a rare scholar who will argue that this Gnostic gospel is historically trustworthy in its description of Judas’s motivation in betraying Jesus... But the idea that this new gospel might be an accurate historical report of the reason for Judas’s betrayal of Jesus is arrant nonsense.” (pp. 4, 66)

At the nurses and practitioners session, J. Thomas Black declared, “I am inspired by the life of, of, uh, Judas. Well, you know the world thinks of him as being the very, very of the uh the. **Nathan Talbot: Betrayer. Black:** Yeah, the essence of betrayal and traitorousness and so forth. There’s a word for you. But anyway. Until he got to that point, he actually was a wonderful healer. Jesus sent out the twelve and while

the twelve were out, Jesus said I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven. So Judas was among those who was a healer. He obviously had some profound character flaws, but but at the time they were neutralized in his consciousness by the Christ, and he was able to heal. It was only when he allowed them to dominate that that he fell victim to them. **Talbot:** And even when he fell victim, Tom, there were elements (sic) of repentant. **Black:** You bet. **Talbot:** Repentance beginning in his life. **Black:** There were. **Talbot:** And I always felt I could trust that he went right on working out those distractions. **Black:** Yes. Yes. **Victor Westberg:** Absolutely.

Betty Ann Ridley, C.S.B., of Oklahoma City commented on this exchange in a recent letter to her pupils, "In his attempt to give a Biblical basis to his assertion, the Director makes a Scriptural blunder. He says: 'Jesus sent out the twelve and while the twelve were out, Jesus said I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven. So Judas was among those who was a healer.' Luke 10:1 records that Jesus sent out 'other seventy also,' and the twelve were not among those seventy... Judas, as one of the twelve, was not among those seventy, so the Director's contention that Judas was a healer has no Biblical basis."

The [London] *Times* published an article on January 12, 2006, stating: Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus with a kiss, is to be given a makeover by Vatican scholars. The proposed 'rehabilitation' of the man who was paid 30 pieces of silver to identify Jesus to Roman soldiers in the Garden of Gethsemane, comes on the ground that he was not deliberately evil, but was just 'fulfilling his part in God's plan.'" The Christian Science Board of Directors would seem to be in accord with this emerging position. It is all completely contrary to Mrs. Eddy's emphatic statements about Judas on page 47 of *Science and Health*.

While Christendom in the West would seem to be crumbling, in the East, Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II condemned the Gospel of Judas. According to *Moscow News* 4-17-06 (mosnews.com): "The top clergyman of the Russian Orthodox Church maintained Monday that such writings pursued the goal of proving equivalence between good and evil. 'We must not be confused by that, because we trust in divine revelation and perceive those finds of more recent times as evidence of heretical doctrines that were common in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD,' he said."

THE NEW TMC PARADIGM: YOUTH

The creation of "my Bible Lesson", the new internet site, "TMCyouth.com", the special youth meeting during the 2006 Annual Meeting, and two youth meetings which took place on Labor Day weekend 2006, would seem to inaugurate a new focus for the Christian

Science Board of Directors. The Labor Day weekend sessions were held at Cedars Camp in Missouri for college age youth and another for high school age students at Adventures Unlimited in Colorado. The directors, the manager of the Committees On Publication, favored lecturers, teachers, and practitioners took part as presenters and facilitators at a large number of workshops and talks. There were "break-out" sessions in which dialogue, bonding, and consensus were encouraged as the young people were gathered in groups and urged to "think outside the box."

PURPOSE-DRIVEN

The emphasis upon dialogue and consensus at youth gatherings, as well as at "church growth" teleconferences and meetings organized by state COPs, favors the concept of group decision-making as a means of creating a sense of group ownership, empowerment, bonding, and consensus among church members. The use of group dynamics, as opposed to Mrs. Eddy's concept of *individuals in association*, is a technique frequently used in business and education circles today to insure conformity and teamwork. One hears repeatedly the expression, "There is no 'I' in team." The group or team decision, skillfully shaped by a "benevolent" facilitator, takes precedence over the individual, who is portrayed as discordant and useless without the group. This view is telegraphed on a suggestive and subliminal level and is not overtly expressed unless an individual breaks from the group decision and must be corralled or, if necessary, shunned or expelled. (One will also note the similarity of these techniques to the "sensitivity training" and "encounter group" phenomena of the 1960s.)

This technique is spreading among Christian denominations and has its roots in the work of business guru, the late Peter Drucker. According to researchers, Lynn and Sarah Leslie in their monograph *The Shepherding Movement Comes of Age* [2004], "Peter Drucker grew up under the influence of the German philosophies of the 1800s. His 'systems' theories are based on 'General Systems Theory' (GST) which is esoteric, derived from a merger of social Darwinism and eastern mysticism. GST believes that man is evolving to a higher-order. [Editor: think New Age] In order for this to occur, man must become unified and of one consciousness. Drucker developed the theory of a 3-legged stool -- Corporate, State and 'private sector' (Church)... Drucker is a communitarian, which is a modern 'communist' who has effectually distanced their view from the old communists... The Corporate and the church subsume their identities and comfortably merge with State into one comprehensive 'system' of governance for mankind. Drucker's ideas gave rise to the faith-based insitution movement of the last decade."

President Bush's "faith-based initiatives" come to mind.

Among church leaders today, Rick Warren of the 20,000 member Saddleback Church in California is the leading disciple of Peter Drucker in the realm of religion. Mr. Warren is the author of the wildly popular book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. According to *The Pied Pipers of Purpose* by Lynn D. Leslie, Sarah H. Leslie and Susan J. Conway [2004], Peter Drucker was the mentor of Rick Warren: "Peter Drucker calls the emergence of the large pastoral church -- the 'megachurch' in mediaese -- 'the most significant social event in America today.'"

DRUCKER, WARREN, AND C.S.

Peter Drucker and Rick Warren have not gone unnoticed by Christian Science church officials in Boston. As early as October 1990, John Hoagland, the then manager of the Christian Science Publishing Society, (and former CIA interrogator) praised Peter Drucker's book, *The New Realities*. He stated at the Cambridge Forum, "He [Peter Drucker] also points out that third sector public service institutions struggle with change, that its extremely difficult to change in any dimension, that innovation in a great public service institution is difficult because it can be interpreted as an attack on the very basis of that institution, when in fact, it's an expansion and an opening." The Monitor Channel project, which Mr. Hoagland implemented along with Netty Douglas, subsequently failed and lost nearly \$500 million of Mother Church funds.

Regarding Rick Warren, Spirituality.com ran a live chat that favorably mentioned Mr. Warren on December 6, 2001. The *Christian Science Sentinel* of May 24, 2004, ran an "item of interest" about him. The June 28, 2004, *Sentinel* reviewed his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. The May 30, 2005, *Sentinel* ran another "item of interest" about Mr. Warren. The *Christian Science Monitor* of March 21, 2005, reviewed *The Purpose Driven Life* in conjunction with a hostage situation in which Mr. Warren's book was highlighted. The *Monitor* stated, "Management guru Peter Drucker calls Warren 'the inventor of perpetual revival' and his organization model 'the most significant sociological phenomena of the second half of [the 20th] century.'"

On September 5, 2006, BPNews.net, a news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated, "A Wall Street Journal story of Sept. 5 focusing on California pastor Rick Warren asserts that upheaval has occurred in various churches that have embraced his 'Purpose-Driven' emphasis... 'Mr. Warren acknowledges that splits occur in congregations that adopt his ideas though he says he opposes efforts to expel church members.' [Editor: These are euphemistically referred to in those churches as "blessed subtractions"] The article states that Warren 'encourages ministers to banish church traditions such as hymns, choirs and pews.' Purpose-Driven

worship, according to the article entails contemporary Christian songs led by 'praise team' singers and rock musicians. Warren's sermons meanwhile, 'rarely linger on self-denial and fighting sin, instead focusing on healing modern American angst, such as troubled marriages and stress,' the article states."

Interestingly, the *Monitor* article mentioned above also includes that Rick Warren has been a guest at two state dinners in Communist China and that Fidel Castro has asked for an autographed copy of his book. More recently, Mr. Warren was invited to speak in the most oppressive Communist dictatorship remaining in the world, North Korea. The invitation was withdrawn during the recent missile crisis, but he is expected to be re-invited. Perhaps these three remaining, overtly Marxist regimes recognize the value of an updated and more sophisticated form of group control over individual expression. The "right kind" of religious organization is, indeed, the opiate of the people as Karl Marx noted in *The Communist Manifesto* [1848] and is also a great management tool of "human resources."

The question for Christian Scientists to consider is just how much of this will be adopted by the directors, and how much will be urged upon the branch churches. Will Christian Science youth be separated from the existing institutions that Mrs. Eddy established in an attempt to "revive" Christian Science on a new "model"?

CLARIFICATIONS

A longtime former worker in Boston informs *The Banner* regarding the Summer 2006 article, Other Questionable Actions: "I would agree that it [Christian Science Center] was overbuilt, but cannot agree that it was not needed. At the time there were over 2200 employees, I being one of them and we were spread all over the place in very difficult working conditions. Thus it was needed but not in the scale that it was done in."

Regarding the twenty-page agreement that new Christian Science teachers are required to sign during the triennial Normal Class, Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Eller were not necessarily informed specifically by the directors that implementing the third step of the Matthew Code would constitute a violation of the confidentiality aspects of the twenty-page agreement at the time of Matters of Conscience. They were probably left to infer this after the fact.

MORE THAN 700 CLOSED SINCE 1987

A comparison of June and September 2006 issues of *The Christian Science Journal* reveal that the following churches have closed: 23rd Church, Los Angeles, California; Orange, California; Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida; Spencerport, New York; Greenville, North Carolina; and Poultney, Vermont. At the same time, new societies have formed at Paris, Illinois; and

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Norfolk-Franklin, Massachusetts. Since the count began in February 1987, **704** churches have closed, and **63** have formed.

ANOTHER TEACHER SILENCED

Arno Preller, C.S.B., of Denver, Colorado, has been ordered by the Christian Science Board of Directors not to accept invitations to give metaphysical talks. He joins fellow teachers Ann Stewart, Jack Hubbell, and Margaret Foerster who have also been forbidden to accept invitations. (See Spring 2006 *Banner*) By contrast, all the teachers who were invited to present talks or lead discussions at the Labor Day weekend youth gatherings at Adventures Unlimited and Cedars Camp had the prime opportunity to recruit for their classes among impressionable young people with numerous personal contacts during the extended weekend.

ABBREVIATED LESSONS

Churches and societies that wish to supplement the shortened Lesson-Sermons coming out of Boston may want to consider suggested citations for the missing sixth sections of the lesson given at the Novus Ordo Seclorum Foundation website: TRUTHcure.org. From Mrs. Eddy's day in 1904, the lessons had been standardized into six sections, symbolizing the twelve

loaves of shewbread arranged in two rows, six loaves in each row in the ancient tabernacle in the wilderness and in Solomon's temple. (See *Christian Science Sentinel* article in the August 24, 1929 issue) An article in the September 2006 issue of *The Christian Science Journal* formalizes and seeks to justify the decision to vary the number of sections and citations in the lessons. The TRUTHcure.org website is maintained by a longtime, concerned Christian Scientist.

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DISTRACTIONS

An article titled "Church -- stressing 'mission focus' -- cuts real-estate costs" in *The Christian Science Monitor* of April 14, 2006, announced the intent to sell Mary Baker Eddy's homes in Lynn and Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts by the Christian Science Board of Directors. Subsequently, Longyear Museum was able to raise enough money to successfully bid on both houses and keep them in Christian Science hands.

In announcing the pending sale of the houses, Nathan Talbot stressed the need for Christian Scientists to be better healers: "And what is going to help us be better healers? Keeping a clear focus. And what is distracting from that focus -- well, there are several things, and we are setting them aside. And devoting so much of our resources to property management is one of them. That is why it is so important that people see that the financial decision is secondary. We think property management is a symbol of what can distract. We want to be free to devote every possible resource to our healing mission." Church treasurer J. Edward Odegaard stated in the same article: "The decision to sell Mrs. Eddy's homes was 'not driven by financial necessity... We have taken significant and visible steps to address our financial picture. Our current position is stable.'"

The *Christian Science Sentinel* of November 13, 2006, included a statement on The Mother Church's "second phase of its long-term strategic planning process." Treasurer Odegaard is quoted as saying: "The next step involves a multi-year planning process in which the Church is just now beginning to envision the best ways to utilize and redevelop the multi-acre [church center] campus. It is likely to involve reuse of current buildings and new development on the site, including residential, retail, and office space."

The Boston Globe of October 17, 2006, reported: "The property is governed by a special institutional zoning plan that allows new structures of up to 75 feet tall, and in some cases up to 115 feet. But Barbara Burley, the church's senior manager of real estate planning operations, expects the final proposals will likely be for bigger buildings." "[Manager of the Committees on Publication Philip G.] Davis said the church has ruled out selling land but is leaving open the possibility of leasing to a developer for construction of a building."

The question arises: If Mrs. Eddy's two sedate

houses, closed to visitors since 2002 and miles away from the offices of the Christian Board of Directors, represented a serious distraction from their healing mission, how will condominium and apartment dwellers, retail businesses, commercial offices, and pile drivers for new construction right outside their windows represent less of a distraction? Also Mrs. Eddy's Deed of Trust dated September 1, 1892, states, "Said Board of Directors shall not suffer or allow any building to be erected upon said lot except a church building or edifice, nor shall they allow said church building or any part thereof to be used for any other purpose than for the ordinary and usual uses of a church." (Church Manual, p. 131)

ARNO PRELLER DENIES REPORT

A letter to the editor of *The Banner* dated October 23, 2006, from Arno Preller, C.S.B., of Denver Colorado, stated: "The last issue of the *Banner* contained an item saying that I had 'been ordered by The Christian Science Board of Directors not to accept invitations to give metaphysical talks.' I don't know where you get your information, but I have not received such an order and would appreciate a correction in the next issue of the *Banner*." A clarification of the original report will be given in a subsequent issue of *The Banner*.

MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE

THE MATTHEW CODE (Matt. 18:15-17)

An open letter from Elaine Natale Davidson, C.S.B., and Joseph Eller, C.S.B., (10-6-2006), states: "The Directors declared, in a meeting with us, that members may not follow the Matthew Code in approaching them with concerns, since the Board of Directors is exempt from the Matthew Code; and they also declared that to be loyal, members must obey the Board of Directors regardless of whether the Board is 'right or wrong.'... This Scriptural teaching is the method the Master taught for handling offenses within the Church. Mrs. Eddy affirmed this healing method as basic to the ethics of scientific Christianity. Yet the exercise of this Christly method has officially been deemed punishable by the Board of Directors... We asked several longtime members familiar with the history of the church whether they ever heard of these Matthew interpretations. All replied that such theories never existed before... An extremely dangerous precedent is being set. Outlawing members' exercise of the Matthew Code in Mother Church affairs eliminates a vital, corrective, redemptive provision taught by Christ Jesus and required by the *Church Manual*." The letter ends with a quotation from Mrs. Eddy's Message to TMC for 1901: "...follow your Leader only so far as she follows Christ."

CHURCH FINANCES

Based on the annual audits of The Mother Church, the following figures are presented:

Total Net Assets

2001	\$681,406,293
2002	623,933,472
2003	534,024,056
2004	556,753,665
2005	576,143,606
2006	694,404,588

Unrestricted Funds

2001	\$192,142,325
2002	217,450,486
2003	207,425,575
2004	165,437,291
2005	160,086,938
2006	167,771,233

Temporarily Restricted Funds

2001	\$364,773,325
2002	280,081,991
2003	204,004,299
2004	239,512,567
2005	263,520,256
2006	371,445,187

Permanently Restricted Funds

2001	\$124,490,643
2002	126,400,995
2003	122,594,182
2004	151,803,807
2005	152,536,412
2006	155,188,168

Publishing

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net + or -</u>
2002	\$27,937,237	62,900,334	- 34,963,097
2003	29,687,631	58,909,418	- 29,221,787
2004	29,232,791	52,854,664	- 23,621,873
2005	27,974,979	43,012,948	- 15,037,969
2006	27,750,125	41,937,532	- 14,187,407

Broadcasting

2002	\$65,993	1,624,604	- 1,558,611
2003	53,095	1,950,858	- 1,897,763
2004	52,068	1,950,251	- 1,898,183
2005	18,252	1,385,695	- 1,367,463
2006	174,115	479,891	- 305,776

Mary Baker Eddy Library

2002	\$1,721,598	4,069,173	- 2,347,575
2003	4,392,109	9,675,912	- 5,283,803
2004	4,513,016	10,205,885	- 5,692,869
2005	1,852,058	8,087,882	- 6,235,824
2006	1,710,725	5,407,341	- 3,696,616

Rental Property

2002	\$6,010,383	2,570,392	+ 3,439,991
2003	6,003,373	2,479,639	+ 3,523,734
2004	5,918,400	2,514,474	+ 3,403,906
2005	6,181,600	2,925,538	+ 3,256,062
2006	7,042,795	3,266,938	+ 3,775,857

Church

2002	\$138,070,488	74,902,502	+ 63,167,986
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2003	\$ 103,980,583	79,186,385	+ 24,799,198
2004	83,389,947	94,272,565	+ 10,882,618
2005	76,763,917	61,571,266	+ 15,192,651
2006	77,559,621	52,557,540	+ 25,002,081

Mother Church Reorganization Costs

2003	\$1,014,291
2004	10,245,157
2005	5,940,933
2006	3,807,844

Unrestricted Funds

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>
2002	\$42,524,446	52,304,995
2003	22,036,328	45,431,541
2004	39,379,718	6,312,832
2005	52,517,285	5,362,177
2006	61,107,611	4,912,663

Pension Accrued Liability (Unrestricted Fund)

2002	\$35,395,865
2003	41,400,969
2004	43,676,099
2005	45,528,427
2006	44,003,319

Appreciation of investment assets jumped from \$11,962,988 last year to \$57,179,826 this year. This was primarily due to the current stock market boom.

MONITOR CIRCULATION FIGURES

The October 5, 2006, issue of *The Christian Science Monitor* published the figure of 57,027 as the current paid circulation for the newspaper in accordance with U.S. Postal Service regulations. The represents an increase of 2301 subscribers in one year. The *Monitor* adopted its current color format with limited advertising in 1989.

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
2003	72,463
2004	63,794
2005	54,726
2006	57,027

Monitor revenues for 2006 were \$12,327,075 and expenses were \$25,204,692. Expenses in 2002 were \$35,773,448. The Christian Science Board of Directors has mandated that the *Monitor* break even by 2008 and show a profit by 2009. To do that, the newspaper will have to cut its expenses in half next year.

CIRCULATION OF THE SENTINEL

The October 16, 2006 issue of the *Christian Science Sentinel* listed the number of paid subscriptions as 34,773. This represents a loss of 1,611 subscribers in one year or 18,517 since its recent high point in 1999.

1997	44,995
1998	50,868
1999	53,290
2000	46,342
2001	48,899
2002	48,260
2003	45,047
2004	37,778
2005	36,384
2006	34,773

MONITOR METAPHYSICAL ARTICLES

Beginning in April 2004, *The Banner* began counting the number of *Monitor* metaphysical articles which did not include any reference or quotation from Mrs. Eddy's writings. From April 2004 until December 29, 2005, 79 articles neglected to quote from or mention her. From that date until November 2006, a complete reversal took place, and every metaphysical article unfailingly included quotations from Mrs. Eddy. Then on November 22, 2006, the *Monitor* included "Pregnant with gratitude" which not only failed to mention or quote from Mrs. Eddy, but also neglected to give even a passing reference to the Bible or Christianity. Since the count began in April 2004, 80 *Monitor* metaphysical articles have omitted quotations from Mrs. Eddy's writings.

DECEMBER 2006 NORMAL CLASS

The 2006 Normal Class was taught by Karl S. Sandberg, C.S.B., of Norwell, Massachusetts. The class included a full complement of thirty pupils for the first time since 1994. The 1997 class had only nine pupils as did the class of 2000. The 2003 class included fifteen pupils. The following are the new Christian Science teachers from this latest class: John Quincy Adams, III, New York, NY; Bosede Funmilola Bakarey, Nigeria; Janet Clements, Chicago, IL; Connie Coddington, Milwaukee, WI; Leigh Russell Daugherty, Nashua, NH; Robert Ennemoser, Salzburg, Austria; Caryl Emra Farkas, Madison, WI; Susan D. Fleming, Los Angeles, CA; Kevin G. Graunke, Milwaukee, WI; Marta Greenwood, London, England; Marie A. Helm, St. Petersburg, Russia; Robin Hoagland, Hyannis, MA; Stephanie S. Johnson, Fairfax, VA; Makanga Kianga Kinshasa, Dem. Rep. of Congo; Devon C. LaMaster, Kansas City, KS; Eberhard Lasch, Mexico City, Mexico; Abigail Mathieson Mackay, East Malvern, Australia; Lois Marquardt, St. Louis, MO; Kari Mashos, Portland, ME; Volker Mennel, Munich, Germany; Michael Pabst, New York, NY; Scott F. Preller,

Boston, MA; Suzanne Riedel, Denver, CO; Steven A. Salt, Columbus, OH; David F. Stevens, Petaluma CA; Mary Ten Eyck, St. Louis, Mo; James E. Thurman, St. Petersburg, FL; Curtis Wahlberg, Los Angeles, CA; Kim Robert Walker, Los Angeles, CA; Julie Anne Ward, Atlanta, GA.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The Christian Science Journal of January 2007 listed 1,521 practitioners worldwide including 168 teachers still teaching. If the 30 recent graduates of the 2006 Normal Class are included, the total is 173.

Practitioners Worldwide

Jun 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
Jan 2004	1,507
Jul 2004	1,462
Jan 2005	1,433
Jul 2005	1,484
Jan 2006	1,501
Jul 2006	1,514
Jan 2007	1,521

Teachers Worldwide (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*
Jan 2004	166*
Jul 2004	178*
Jan 2005	172*
Jul 2005	174*
Jan 2006	168*
Jul 2006	157*
Jan 2007	143* +30= 173

The list of teachers does not include three who are wrongly excluded from the *Journal* by the Board of Directors: Betty Ann Ridley, C.S.B., Oklahoma City, OK; Elaine Natale Davidson, C.S.B., Cambridge, MA; and Joseph Eller, C.S.B., Spencer, NY.

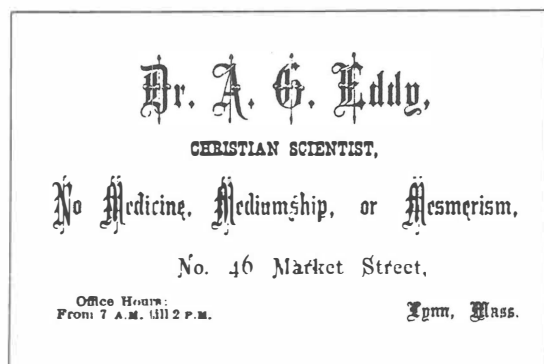
ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the September and December 2006 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Dothan, Alabama; Felton, California; Lewiston, Idaho; Kansas City, Kansas; Marshall, Michigan; Hoboken, New Jersey; Woodbury, New Jersey; Elizabethtown, North Carolina;

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Matthews, North Carolina; Saint Albans, West Virginia; and La Crosse, Wisconsin. One new society was formed at Onalaska, Wisconsin, during this same period. Since the count began in February 1987, 715 churches have closed and 64 have formed. A reader has informed the editor that the church at Titusville, Florida, has only temporarily closed and will be reopening. This information will be given in *The Banner* when the listing reappears.

HISTORIC PAVILION DEMOLISHED

The former Christian Science pavilion at the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair was razed in June 2006, in Poway, California. After serving its original purpose to represent and promote Christian Science to fairgoers, the building, designed by renowned architect Edward Durrell Stone, was moved to California where it served as the main church building until 1994 when mounting structural problems led to its disuse. It continued to serve as the Sunday school until 2005. The building was offered on eBay for one dollar. The cost of shipping and reassembling the building discouraged interested bidders from closing a deal. Architect Edward Durrell Stone also designed the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. and the Museum

of Modern Art in New York. Visitors to the pavilion numbered 800,000 during the world's fair according to *The Christian Science Monitor*. When the building was moved from New York to California, it was dismantled and taken through the Panama Canal on a container ship. (See *The San Diego Union-Tribune* of June 16, 2006. See also *Banner* of Summer 2004.)

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PRINCIPIA CONTROVERSY

The normally tranquil campus of Principia College in Elsah, Illinois, has been shaken by recent decisions that have divided the board of trustees and the faculty of the college. Two members of the board of trustees, Gary Krisel and Traci Bliss, resigned their positions in July and December 2006 respectively, to protest the board's decision to give a 47% pay increase to chairman and chief executive officer Stuart E. Jenkins in April of 2006. The raise was to take effect on July 1, 2006, and the decision by the board was to remain confidential for eighteen months. Mr. Jenkin's new salary was pegged at \$250,000. His starting salary in 2003 was \$160,000. In the past, salary increases normally were given in 3% increments and were benchmarked to reflect salaries given to CEOs at other similar educational institutions in the United States.

To add fuel to that controversy, George Moffett, president of Principia College for the past eleven years, announced on November 16, 2006, that he would resign effective in June 2007 "to pursue other opportunities." The Fall/Winter 2006 *Progress at Principia* included glowing words for Dr. Moffett from CEO Stuart Jenkins that have since been compared to other, less flattering, private statements attributed to him.

The *Principia Pilot*, the college's student staffed newspaper, reported on January 19, 2007: "However according to Krisel, 'In February, Michael Sharples [former chairman/CEO of Principia] told me that we must give Stuart a substantial raise or Stuart will leave. He told me that Stuart felt he needed to make some 'real money.'... According to Krisel, Jenkins told individual members of the board that his salary was 'a joke'. And Bliss says Jenkins told her during more than one casual conversation that he needed to make 'real money.'... Krisel says he resigned in July because the 'cover-up' surrounding the raise was not in line with the values of Principia and Christian Science. Bliss resigned on December 31 with a detailed letter to each Trustee because, she says, 'We must get rid of the entrenched error through a total commitment to integrity, which means an open, fair, and morally defensible compensation program.'"

On January 22, 2007, CEO Stuart Jenkins released a letter which said in part, "While I believe the action taken last year regarding my compensation was properly motivated and carried out in a principled fashion... I have asked the Board of Trustees to suspend the salary increase

given to me last summer and restore my compensation to the pre-increase level... On a personal note, I want to state for the record that I accepted the Board's appointment as Chairman/CEO without asking what the salary was. In addition, I have never asked, lobbied, or hinted to any Trustee that my salary be increased. I have never threatened to quit this job if 'things don't go my way'."

The Faculty Senate met on January 25th and the 26th to discuss CEO Jenkin's compensation as well as the larger issue of Principia's form of governance. The January 26th *Principia Pilot* quoted Gary Krisel as saying, "[Dr. Moffett] was constantly being criticized by Stuart [Jenkins]. Many months before the November meeting, Stuart bragged to the board that he thought he had convinced a certain faculty member to take George's position. Whether the boast was accurate or not, I believe it had an effect on the board."

Stuart Jenkins met with faculty and staff on January 29th and with students on January 31st. After the meetings, the college faculty voted no-confidence in Stuart Jenkins by a vote of 71-2 and called for his resignation. The next day the faculty voted "no-confidence in the current structure and procedures for selection of the Board of Trustees."

The *Principia Pilot* of February 2nd reported: "Dr. George Moffett was pressured to resign from his post as president of the college, Gary Krisel, a former Prin trustee who resigned in July, said during his question and answer session with the college community on Jan. 26... One faculty member asked how the administration and trustees viewed the faculty and staff. Krisel responded, 'Stuart views the college from a business perspective, that he needs managers in key positions. It has become increasingly top down management.' Krisel elaborated on the need to demonstrate real respect for faculty and staff by saying, 'When a faculty member retires after 30, 40 years of outstanding service, one of the giants who students will remember for the rest of their lives, they get a lamp. When Michael Sharples resigned from seven years as CEO and Chairman, the trustees voted him \$40,000 -- at the height of budget cuts. I asked how this could be justified. One trustee explained to me that it was like presidents of companies and factory workers.' This led one staff member to respond, 'If the faculty are factory workers, what does that make the staff?'... Krisel said that he learned the danger of a self-perpetuating board from this experience. He said, 'When things go wrong there are no breaks. Stuart told me his idea of how a board should run is that

every new trustee signs a letter of resignation that goes in his desk to be pulled out and used when he wants to. That's a cabinet not an independent board."

On February 16th, *Principia Pilot* reports that major donors indicated they will withhold funding until Stuart Jenkins is removed and reforms are instituted at the college. In addition, a petition signed by 63 faculty members recommends that Dr. Moffett be reinstated as president.

Also in late February, a petition was prepared for Principia alumni, former employees, and friends of the college. (See www.petitionprincipia.org) The petition requests that Stuart Jenkins step down as CEO and that George Moffett be invited to remain as president. It further requests that the board of trustees refrain from naming new board members or deans until issues are resolved within the Principia community and that current board members strictly abide by the nine year term limit established for them.

The latest development is that the board of trustees has relented in one case and accepted a nomination process for the interim dean of the college which includes nominations initiated by the faculty. It remains to be seen if creeping, Boston church center ethics can be excised from Principia. (See www.truthatprincipia.org for detailed documentation.)

INFALLIBILITY AND EXEMPTION

The March 2007 *Christian Science Journal* includes "a frank discussion" by Olga Chaffee, Thomas Black, and Karl Sandberg about discipline of teachers of Christian Science. The agreement, that new teachers are required to sign before normal class, is included. Among other things, teachers are forbidden to make "changes in my field [move to a new location] without approval of The Christian Science Board of Directors; nor will I publish, or give talks, without approval of The Christian Science Board of Directors." Teachers are effectively restricted to speaking and writing only to their own associations. The *Manual* makes no such demands upon teachers. One can only speculate how Christian Science would ever have become known in the first place had restrictions, such as these, been in place during the 1880s and 1890s. These restriction go a long way to explain the decline of Christian Science today.

The encroachment upon teachers' and practitioners' right to speak and publish began in the 1930s, but one instance goes back to 1913 when Reverend G.A. Kratzer of Chicago was forced out of the *Journal* and the church for writing extensively to his patients. In 1908, he had written an article for the *Christian Science Sentinel* which elicited a letter from Mrs. Eddy who declared, "Your article 'Dominion With' is superb." The pressure increased as Martha Wilcox was summoned to Boston to explain why she should not be removed from the *Journal*

for giving to her association an account of her time in Mrs. Eddy's home. (This same record was later published in the *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy* series.) The directors later canceled their summons. Mabel Brill, secretary to longtime teacher and lecturer Bicknell Young, reported after his passing that the board of directors admonished and harassed him for years while he was doing his great work for the Cause of Christian Science. A practitioner friend told the editor of *The Banner* that Emma Shipman had confided to him, "I have learned the wisdom of the silent practice." (See *Christian Science After 1910*, pp. 11, 23) (See also the extensive writings of Martha Wilcox and Bicknell Young available from The Bookmark.)

The discussion by Mrs. Chaffee, Mr. Black, and Mr. Sandberg turned to the question, "Can a teacher of Christian Science exercise the 'Matthew Code' to discipline officers of The Mother Church?" The answer: Not according to the *Manual*.... The Matthew Code is really not an issue, because the Board of Directors alone is authorized to discipline church officers... Under the *Manual*, in matters solely of Mother Church discipline, the Matthew Code is a process available only to the Board of Directors."

The provision given by Jesus in Matthew 18: 15-17 is not really a form of discipline, but exposure of wrongdoing, first privately, then publicly. Jesus ends the "Code" by saying, "but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." The *Manual* does not prohibit or restrict the Matthew Code's use, and it becomes all the more important when a *Manual* provision (Art. I, Sect. 9) for complaining to the clerk about failures of the board of directors is ignored because now that same clerk is a member of the board. In such a case, the Matthew Code is the only remedy available.

Coupled with this newly published denial of the Matthew Code's use to church members, practitioners, and teachers, is the board's August 6, 1993, statement of infallibility which exempts them from charges of any wrongdoing since it maintains the impossibility that they could violate the by-laws: "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 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 the 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 the provisions of the *Manual of the Mother Church* in a different manner, whether such subsequent determination be explicit or implicit." The resolution was signed by Olga Chaffee, Clerk of The Mother Church at that time.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the December 2006 and March 2007 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Barstow, California; Downey, California; Laguna Woods, California; Palo Alto (2nd), California; Kissimmee, Florida; Mankato, Minnesota; and Rochester, Minnesota. At the same time society listings have appeared for Show Low, Arizona; and Highland, Indiana. Since the count began in February 1987, 722 churches have closed and 66 have opened.

THIRD CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY

The New York Sun of January 22 and March 22, 2007 carried articles about the unusual actions taken by the members of Third Church, New York, in the face of declining membership and income: "Neighbors of a Park Avenue Christian Scientist church are objecting to a plan to rent the space out for catered events, including barmitzvah receptions... The clerk of the Christian Scientist church, Dora Redman, said the church believes that it has the authority from the Building Commission under the zoning regulation's 'accessory use' for the church to hold such functions. But the attorney for 580 Park Avenue [a cooperative board which lobbies to preserve the area's residential character], Phyllis Weisberg, argues that the premises will be operated as a catering establishment by the Rose Group Park Avenue and not by the church... Meanwhile, the pews have come out of the building and a kitchen is coming in. A liquor license application has been filed, according to Ms. Weisberg's letter... An attorney representing the church, Jay Segal, said the community's concerns were 'misplaced.' He rejected the argument that the catering company would dominate the building. 'The church has control,' he said."

A Liz Smith column for the week of December 25, 2006, states: "In its heyday, stars such as Ginger Rogers, Carol Channing, Doris Day, Tina Louise, Julie Newmar -- even George Steinbrenner -- have worshipped there. But now I'm told the congregation has dropped to around 40 people... So what about the Christian Scientists deposed by big charity and society business? On Wednesdays and Sundays, the building will still be available for services. Pews have been removed and are to be brought in and out."

SEATTLE AND YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Former First Church, Yakima, Washington, has been turned into a fine arts venue according to *The Wall*

Street Journal of August 30, 2006. The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* of March 13, 2007, reports that First Church, Seattle, is being used for the set of a new movie, "The Spy and the Sparrow." The church will be turned into condominiums after work on the motion picture is completed.

NEW MOVIE FOR VAL KILMER

A Val Kilmer interview in the January 2007 issue of *Maxim* magazine reveals a new project: "What are you working on right now? I'm going to be playing Mark Twain. He was quite a genius. And he was certainly the most famous American in the world at that time. It's a biography of [Christian Science founder] Mary Baker Eddy. It's basically the story of the eternal struggle between the harder road, which is spirituality, and materialism." It has been reported to *The Banner* that Mr. Kilmer was recently in Texas seeking financial backing for the film from wealthy Christian Scientists.

Mr. Kilmer is a former second reader in First Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico. He authored an article in the July 10, 2000, *Christian Science Sentinel*, and was interviewed for the *Sentinel* of October 17, 2005. More recently he was featured in *USA Today's* story about treehouses. Mr. Kilmer was on the dais at the dedication of the Mary Baker Eddy Museum along with Virginia Harris and Senator Ted Kennedy. It was reported that he gave a large donation for the construction of the library.

Mr. Kilmer's film career has included many controversial roles including that of the 1960s rock music star Jim Morrison in *The Doors* and *Wonderland* in which he played porn actor John Holmes. More recently, *USA Today* reported (March 8, 2005): "*Dead Girl*, a controversial drama about necrophilia, will premiere March 16 on NetMusic.com. The film has been kicking around since 1996, but had been shelved because of its graphic content." (Additional information in Winter 2003 *Banner*.)

TENACRE TROUBLES

The Times of New Jersey reported in its January 20, 2007, issue: "The Tenacre Foundation got conditional approval from the Princeton Regional Planning Board to expand within its 65-acre Christian Science retreat, but only after agreeing to enhance security and better ensure that its overnight guests aren't a threat to neighbors... The board's emphasis on security arose from a bizarre and frightening attack that a prospective Tenacre client... unleashed inside the home of one of Tenacre's Great Road neighbors William Sword, Jr, in January 2003... The wild attack ended with township police shooting [the young man] to death and led to a still pending lawsuit by Sword against Tenacre. Other key conditions the board imposed require Tenacre to file a security plan with the township and at least to examine the possibility

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of hiring security personnel rather than relying on Tenacre's staff, none of whom is employed specifically for security, Tenacre officials said... Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, who is a planning board member, said it might be prudent in any case for township officials to push at least for a state review of which agency should oversee Tenacre's licensing because its mission straddles the line between medicine and religion." (nj.com)

DIALOGUE TO CONSENSUS

The widespread use of the dialectic process in business and education has led to serious questions about its application in religion. The process is essentially a means of changing people's views and opinions so as to create compromise and consensus. It is supposed to be a means of creating teamwork and cooperation, and there is nothing considered inherently right or wrong in the decisions of the group. It is a matter for the group to decide, and that could all change entirely at the next meeting. The discussions are led by a benign "facilitator" who guides the dialogue toward resolution. When it comes to religion, where principles and authoritative sources are concerned, the process becomes

more problematic and inappropriate. The problem is illustrated by the story in the garden of Eden when the serpent tempts Eve. Think of the serpent as the facilitator and Eve as the group member. The facilitator suggests, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Eve was moved to consensus with the bad results everyone knows. Contrast this with Jesus tempted by the devil in the wilderness. In every case Jesus replied, "It is written" and gives scriptural authority for rejecting the dialogue to consensus. Then the [facilitator] leaveth him, and behold angels came and ministered unto him."

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PRINCIPIA CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Stuart Jenkins, remains at the center of contention at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. (The college was founded by Mary Kimball Morgan. Principia graduated its first college class in 1934.)

As detailed in the spring 2007 issue of *The Banner*, Mr. Jenkins was selected as chairman and CEO by the board in 2003 with a salary of \$160,000. He was given a 47% raise which was to take effect July 1, 2006, giving him \$250,000. The board voted to keep news of the salary increase confidential for eighteen months. It soon became clear that one of Mr. Jenkin's top priorities was the removal of college president, George Moffett.

THREE WEEKS IN AUTUMN

Elizabeth Pond, former correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor* and visiting professor at Principia, prepared "Three weeks in Autumn: A documentary record of events leading to the resignation of President George Moffett." Her account appeared in the student newspaper, the *Principia Pilot*:

"Documents released in the resolution process now show that Moffett resigned because: He was accused by Jenkins of having made Principia 'dysfunctional' and was given no chance by the Trustees to rebut the charge; Presidential powers were about to be substantially diminished; The president's direct contact with the CEO had been reduced to a minimum, with the CEO's information about the college coming increasingly from a few unhappy faculty members -- and with the other Trustees' information about the college coming exclusively from Jenkins...

"The background to the critical three weeks necessarily starts with the regular spring meeting of the Board of Trustees and President Moffett on April 21, 2006. Since then, the full Board has not again met with Moffett. Without notifying Moffett in advance, the Board cancelled the regular November meeting between the college president and the entire Board. Instead, a few Trustees simply met him at the college Guest House door when he arrived as scheduled on November 3, 2006, informed him that they were accepting his resignation, and sent him home after a few minutes, according to Administrative Assistant to the President Lynda Sleight.

"Jenkins told the trustees that the faculty so disliked Moffett that it would dump him with a vote of no confidence if the trustees did not dismiss him first, said former Trustee Gary Krisel at the question and answer

session with the community on January 23 [2007]. In September [2006], Faculty Senate President John Williams sent a memo giving requested legal advice to Jenkins about the process that must be followed in 'firing both Moffett and Dean of Academic Affairs Faith Paul.' The memo confirms reports by former Trustees Gary Krisel and Traci Bliss that Jenkins has long been telling others (though not yet Moffett himself) that he wants to depose Moffett."

EMAIL

Elizabeth Pond also includes actual email between Stuart Jenkins and George Moffett which reveal the level of hostility on the part of Mr. Jenkins and the calm and reasoned responses by President Moffett.

October 30, 2006 from Jenkins to Moffett: "You did not answer the question -- yet again. George this is the third or fourth time I have had to ask you directly WHO YOU LEAKED this information to. I think it is about time I get a straight answer. The PEC [Principia Executives' Committee], Trustees, and I want need to know. Please do not make me ask again and don't make me ask any follow-up questions to reveal the facts. Level with me -- NOW! I want the answers in writing and I want them today."

October 31, 2006 from Moffett to Jenkins: "I am somewhat taken back by the tone the discourse has taken. I certainly intend to be cooperative, respectful and constructive... I now believe you to be asking for the names of anyone to whom I have mentioned any aspect of your letter of 13 October. When I received the letter I was left with the strongest impression that there was a plan in place to remove me from this position to which I am devoted. This was not an unreasonable assumption at the time. Your letter called into serious question my accomplishments and my reputation. I don't think you would disagree that this is a serious matter. Deeply concerned and taken aback I consulted with a very limited number of friends and confidants regarding my future at Principia. I would expect that any individual in those circumstances would naturally seek reassurance and advice. I asked those with whom I spoke [names deleted] to maintain confidence. I am confident they have respected and will respect that request... I regret and am deeply saddened to know that after so many years of faithful service to Principia and to you personally that my motives have become the object of suspicion, concern and distrust."

MOFFETT'S LETTER TO THE BOARD

On November 2, 2006, George Moffett sent a letter to the Principia board of trustees in which he recounted

all the positive changes at Principia since his appointment as president and indicated his readiness to state these progressive steps to the full board of trustees the next day. Instead, as recounted above, he arrived for the scheduled meeting but was met at the door of the Guest House by four of the trustees who accepted his resignation and gave him a perfunctory good-bye within five minutes. According to Elizabeth Pond, the reasons given for his ouster were that "Principia College is about to lose its accreditation because of the AQIP [Academic Quality Improvement Program] assessment and alleged lack of progress at the college."

RECORD IS SET STRAIGHT

In an interview with the *Pilot*, Lynda Sleight, President Moffett's assistant, corrected misstatements made by Stuart Jenkins and the board of trustees. Regarding the claim that Principia was about to lose its Academic Quality Improvement Program accreditation or at the very least was performing poorly, Lynda Sleight said, "There isn't the slightest bit of truth to it at all!" A letter from Stephen Spanghel, director of AQIP is quoted:

"Although the Systems Appraisal process does not assign numerical scores to institutions,... I can attest the Principia College's review was a highly complimentary one... Moreover, the Systems Appraisal team singled out Principia for praise in several areas -- alignment of instruction with its faith-based mission, success in tracking measures of student learning, effective leadership and collegial communication, understanding of and focus on meeting student needs, support from alumni and other funding sources -- that place it in a position most colleges would envy... AQIP's philosophy is that even the best higher education institution has opportunities for growth and improvement, but Principia is an institution that, in spite of its opportunities for further development, embodies ideals that many colleges and universities are striving to achieve."

Regarding President Moffett's meeting at the door of the Guest House on November 3rd, Lynda Sleight stated, "There was no due process. Dr. Moffett was never given the opportunity to meet with the Board and to respond to the charges."

TREATMENT OF A CANADIAN ALUMNA

Linda Young Wilson, President of The Principia Club of SW Ontario, Principia graduate of 1962, mother of a Principia graduate of 2007, and a charitable trustee of her father's charitable trust for Principia (amounting to some \$20,000 for the college annually) wrote of her own experience: "As it happens, I was visiting Principia that weekend in early November this past year and I went over to spend half an hour by the fire in the Guest House while I waited to see my son perform in

'Measure for Measure'. I too was quickly removed from the Guest House by Joy Nordahl. Of course, I had no idea of what was transpiring right then, but I was asked to leave immediately although there was no sign on the front door to tell me that the House was closed to Alumni etc." Mrs. Wilson also states, "The latest turn of events revealing how Dr. Moffett's private secretary Lynda Sleight?) has been fired and prohibited from returning to the Prin campus are unconscionable. Why did this happen?" She concludes her email to the board of trustees by asking "that the CEO Stuart Jenkins, and any of the current Board of Trustees who uphold his policies, should resign immediately before Principia as we know [it] is destroyed." In an email response to Mrs. Wilson, the board stated, "Please accept our apologies for the closing of the Guest House the weekend you were in town visiting your son. When the Trustee meetings are in session, it is our regular practice to close the Guest House to other visitors. We regret that you were made to feel unwelcome." [Meeting? What meeting?]

ANOTHER CALL FOR RESIGNATION

An email to the Principia board of trustees dated June 9, 2007, from John Boyman, former Principia College President; Hank Hamlin, former Principia director of publications; Margie Hamlin, former Principia international student advisor; Doug Hawes, former Principia trustee; Dawn Larmer, former chairman of Principia board of trustees; Bob Larsen, former Principia financial development director; Bill Truitt, former headmaster of the Principia St. Louis campus; and Char Wachtel, former Principia trustee; expressed their view that Stuart Jenkins should resign as CEO and Chairman of the board of trustees. They also ask that "rebuilding trust and credibility [should begin] as quickly as possible."

PILOT EDITORIAL

An editorial in the April 6, 2007 Principia *Pilot* revealed that "the trustees hired an outside consultant to monitor the Pilot. The consultant has already contacted the Pilot faculty adviser, and, like the CEO, questioned the need for controversial articles and the 'lack of balance' in Pilot stories. How can the Pilot be criticized for a lack of balance even as senior officials refuse comment for stories."

RESTEINER SAGA CONTINUES

Articles in the February 10, March 24, and April 21, 2007 issues of *GrenadaToday* state that former Christian Science practitioner Eric Resteiner bribed Grenadian Prime Minister Keith Mitchell US\$500,000 to gain a diplomatic position. Evidence of this is said to exist on a video tape. "A high court judge in New York has given permission to oil investor, Jack Grynberg to make moves to try and obtain the controversial money video tape involving Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell..."

The video tape is said to be lodged in safe-keeping in Boston where Resteiner is awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to multiple wire and mail fraud.

"The Grenadian leader admitted visiting Resteiner in St. Moritz, Switzerland on the date in question but denied the bribery allegation. Dr. Mitchell said he received approximately US\$ 15,000 from the conman to help cover the cost of a delegation that he was heading on an investment promotion trip to several European cities and Kuwait.

"The St. Moritz villa owned by Resteiner and visited by the Grenadian leader is featured prominently in the wire fraud case brought against the controversial conman. In the indictment filed against Resteiner in the Boston court, it is stated that Resteiner used much of the money that he schemed from people to support a lavish lifestyle which included maintaining a significant home in Lyford Cay, Bahamas, a villa in St. Moritz, Switzerland, a yacht named Apocalypse, an airplane, a helicopter, two Rolls Royce motor cars, two Hummer vehicles, a Porsche Carrera sports car, and other assorted vehicles.

"At all times relative to this indictment, defendant Resteiner offered a high yield investment program promising high returns with no risks to investors." (See Winter 2003, Summer 2004, Spring 2006 *Banners* for additional details.)

TEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the March and July 2007 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches have closed: Jonesboro, Arkansas; Waterville, Maine; Norfolk-Franklin, Massachusetts; Willmar, Minnesota; Jefferson City, Missouri, Charlotte (society), North Carolina; Outer Banks, North Carolina; Baraboo, Wisconsin; and Milwaukee (society), Wisconsin. At the same time, First Church and Second Church Memphis, Tennessee, merged forming the new Third Church, Memphis. One edifice was closed in this merger. During the same period, the society at Titusville, Florida reappeared in the *Journal* listing after a one year absence.

Missouri now joins New York, North Dakota, and South Dakota as states which no longer have a church presence in their respective state capitals.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

The July 2007 issue of *The Christian Science Journal* lists 1,504 practitioners worldwide and 174 teachers who are still teaching classes.

Practitioners Worldwide	
Jun 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
Jan 2004	1,507
Jul 2004	1,462
Jan 2005	1,433
Jul 2005	1,484
Jan 2006	1,501
Jul 2006	1,514
Jan 2007	1,521
Jul 2007	1,504

Teachers Worldwide (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*
Jan 2004	166*
Jul 2004	178*
Jan 2005	172*
Jul 2005	174*
Jan 2006	168*
Jul 2006	157*
Jan 2007	143*
Jul 2007	173*

The list of teachers does not include three who are wrongly excluded from the *Journal* by the Board of Directors: Betty Ann Ridley, CSB, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Elaine Natale Davidson, CSB, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Joseph Eller, CSB, Spencer, New York.

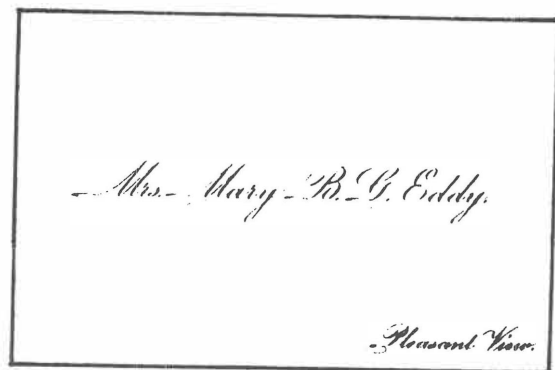
GLOBAL WARMING

The April 2007 *Christian Science Journal* and the June 15, 2007 *Christian Science Monitor* ran article and editorial assuming that human activity causes global warming. As an interesting counterpoint: "Reid A. Bryson holds the 30th PhD in Meteorology granted in the history of American education. Emeritus Professor and founding chairman of the University of Wisconsin Department of Meteorology... -- in the 1970s he became the first director of what's now the UW's Gaylord Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies. He's a member of the United Nation's Global 500 Roll of Honor... Bryson is a believer in climate change, in that he's as quick as anyone to acknowledge that Earth's climate has done nothing but change throughout the planet's existence... 'Before there were enough people to make any difference at all, two million years ago, nobody was changing the climate, yet the climate was changing, okay? All this argument is the temperature going up or not, it's absurd,' Bryson continues. 'Of course it's going up. It has gone up since the early

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1800's, before the Industrial Revolution, because we're coming out of the Little Ice Age [1200-1855], not because we're putting more carbon dioxide into the air.' We ask about the evidence, but Bryson says it's second-tier stuff. "Don't talk about proxies," he says. 'We have written evidence, eyeball evidence. When Eric the Red went to Greenland, how did he get there? It's all written down.'... By around 1200 the mariners' instructions changed in a big way. Ice became a major navigational reference. Today, old Viking farmsteads are covered by glaciers. Bryson mentions the retreat of Alpine glaciers, common grist for current headlines. 'What do they find when the ice sheets retreat, in the Alps? We recall the two-year old report saying a mature forest and agricultural water-management structures had been discovered emerging from the ice, seeing sunlight for the first time in thousands of years. Bryson interrupts excitedly. 'A silver mine! The guys had stacked up their tools because they were going to be back the next spring to mine more silver, only the snow never went,' he says. 'There used to be less ice than now. It's just getting back to normal.'" Regarding atmospheric carbon dioxide, Bryson states that 80% of the heat radiated back from the surface of the Earth is absorbed in the first 30 feet by water

vapor. "And how much is absorbed by carbon dioxide? Eight hundredths of one percent. One one-thousandth as important as water vapor. You can go outside and spit and have the same effect as doubling carbon dioxide.' Asked to evaluate the mathematical models researchers run through supercomputers to generate climate scenarios 50 or 100 years in the future, Bryson answers with his own question, 'Do you believe a five-day forecast?' (*Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*, May 6, 2007) Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, asks in the *Financial Times*: "Let us resist the politicisation of science and oppose the term 'scientific consensus,' which is always achieved by a loud minority, never by a silent majority... Let us not scare ourselves with catastrophic forecasts, or use them to defend and promote irrational interventions in human lives." (6-13-07)

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