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MONEY TO BOSTON

The steady closing of branch churches at the rate of between three to four per month provides The Mother Church with a steady income. As most branch church members can verify, Boston has made it a standard request that churches include in their by-laws that all remaining funds be sent to The Mother Church in the event a branch is forced to disband. In many cases branch churches might wish to distribute their remaining funds to other struggling branches, C.S. nursing homes, or to foundations dedicated to preserving Christian Science history. However, almost all branch churches have felt obliged to obey The Mother Church's mandate to send all remaining assets to Boston.

Many branches close, not because they lack operating funds (often the bequests of deceased members), but rather because they no longer have enough people to fill vital offices. If one were to assume that the average amount of money forwarded to Boston by a typical branch church were \$50,000 and that, in fact, 126 churches have disbanded since February 1987, the amount received by the Mother Church would amount to \$6,300,000. From this it can be seen that branch closings represent an important source of income for The Mother Church and its increasingly ambitious electronic media projects.

The following six churches have closed between July and September 1990: Banning, CA; Estes Park, CO; Detroit, MI (8th); Hibbing MN; Ada, OK, Borger, TX. One new society was started in Homer, Alaska.

ISLAMIC MANIFESTO

According to the August 4, 1990, Jerusalem Post, a Moslem Manifesto was issued in London in July of this year. The manifesto states, "After the collapse of Communism, the intellectual encounter of the future is likely to be between the West and Islam." It then proceeds to list a range of social practices "that are in direct conflict with the laws of Allah... Once we are organized, the policymakers will have to take our interests and aspirations into consideration... Jihad [holy war] is a basic requirement of Islam, and living in Britain does not absolve the Moslem from his or her duty to participate in Jihad." Professor Martin McCauley, an Orientalist at London University, believes the clash between Islam and the West will dominate the political agenda for the rest of the decade, perhaps well into the next century. Islam, he believes, will seek to fill the ideological void left by Marxism's decline. There are nine million Moslems in Britain, France, Germany, and Holland. Professor McCauley states, "In 600 A.D., they swept through North Africa and Spain. In 1683, they returned through Hungary, and were stopped only when they reached Vienna... Where will they stop this time?"

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STATE OF THE WEST

Europe has, for the most part, entered a post-Christian era where secularism has replaced its once strong moral foundations. It would appear that the United States is on the verge of entering its own post-Christian era because traditional religious explanations and presentations fail to communicate and convince. In addition, many churches have adopted a popular outward form and a secular lingo. Others have abandoned their religious roots and have embraced political and social agendas to restore lost momentum.

One must ask where Christian Science, the promised Comforter, figures in the present situation. Christian Science presents Christ's true Christianity in a way which speaks to modern man, appeals to his intelligence, and satisfies his intuition that true religion must be scientific and demonstrable. At present, Christian Science is not seen as the answer for contemporary man. Part of the reason lies with the way Christian Science is perceived today. For one thing, many Christian Scientists believe that merely attending church once or twice a week and reading the lesson is all that is required. Mrs. Eddy says, "Love is not something put upon a shelf, to be taken down on rare occasions with sugar-tongs and laid on a rose-leaf. I make strong demands on love, call for active witnesses to prove it, and noble sacrifices and grand achievements as its results. Unless these appear, I cast aside the word as a sham and counterfeit, having no ring of the true metal. Love cannot be a mere abstraction, or goodness without activity and power." (Mis. 250: 14-21)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES VERSUS COLUMBUS

The governing board of the National Council of Churches has passed a resolution condemning Christopher Columbus for "invading" America. He is blamed for the eventual exploitation, slavery, theft, and genocide inflicted upon the Indians. An amendment proposed by an Episcopal bishop, which would have added a list of positive things about America, was voted down. The NCC has warned the Columbus Quincentenary Commission that it will not participate in any celebrations to be held in 1992.

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE

The Reading Room News for July/August 1990 states that the Reading Room Service Center is "considering" adding the NRSV Bible for C.S. Reading Room sales. This Bible is based on two unreliable manuscripts, the Codices Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. The former manuscript was found in a wastebasket of a monastery in the 19th Century. It has over 5000 alterations not made by the original copyist. The NRSV calls many familiar Bible passages into question with scores of footnotes. Among other things one of Mrs. Eddy's most frequently quoted references (Mark 16: 17, 18) is dismissed as a later addition and not part of the original Gospel. This false claim was demolished by John W. Burgon, a distinguished Bible scholar (1813-1888), familiar to Mrs. Eddy. Why would the C.S. Publishing Society consider stocking a book which calls into question Mrs. Eddy's writings and the King James Bible she relied upon? The NRSV Bible is a favorite of the National Council of Churches. The King James Version remains the only Bible in English true to the original Gospels even as Martin Luther's German Bible is the only one in that language. These two genuine Bibles are direct translations of the Textus Receptus which came down directly from the early Christian church. The Eye Opener Publishers, P.O. Box 7944, Eugene, OR 97401, offers a series of books which proves conclusively the above statements.

THIRD CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Washingtonian magazine of August 1990, had an article about Third Church in the District of Columbia which stated, "Mixed reviews greeted the Third Church of Christ, Scientists at 16th and I streets, Northwest, when it opened in 1971 [because of its radical architecture]... The church designed by Araldo Cossuta of I.M. Pei architects, was unlike anything its White House neighborhood had ever seen. But you may not see it much longer The church may be razed by developer Trammel Crow for an office building. The company has acquired the Cafritz Building next door and is negotiation with the church. The congregation is split on whether to sell." The pending sale of this church was first reported as part of a story about the possible bankruptcy of The Mother Church on ABC News with Peter Jennings on April 16, 1990. The sale was denied by The Mother Church a few days later.

KGB DEFECTOR

Anatoliy Golitsyn, a former KGB staff officer wrote a book in 1984 titled, New Lies For Old which discusses Soviet disinformation techniques. His defection was considered by the Soviets to be so damaging that they sent forth a phony defector in an effort to discredit his story. Golitsyn was also sentenced to death in absentia. In the final chapter of his 1984 book, Golitsyn made a series of startling predictions: the false liberalization of the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe, the demolition of the Berlin Wall, a coalition government in Poland including Solidarity, a "reduced" role for the Soviet Communist Party, the reunification of a neutralized Germany, and choosing of a young, affable, Western style Soviet leader. Golitsyn believes that all of these actions are being taken to pave the way for East-West unity on Soviet socialist terms.

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

USA Today of June 19, 1990 stated that the Discovery Channel is now available in 50 million homes as compared to 156,000 when it started. In spite of this news, there has been no word on the ratings and profitability of the World Monitor program seen five days a week on that channel. A recent Associated Press article (8-11-90) once again illustrates the kinds of problems which arise when Mother Church officers pursue activities which are wholly outside the guidelines provided by Mrs. Eddy in the church by-laws and the deed of trust for the C.S. Publishing Society. British journalist Michael Jackson hosts a new Discovery Channel series premiering on August 23rd entitled, The Beer Hunter. He states in the article, "It worries me sometimes when I see these non-drinking journalists. I don't see how they can function....Jackson may well be envied by many journalists, particularly those who after work like to knock back a round or two." One cannot imagine any C.S. activity being associated with programming of this kind in former days.

By now the vast majority of money being spent by The Mother Church is on projects of the new Monitor Syndicate. This syndicate has its offices and studios in wide-ranging locations wholly outside the supervision or oversight of church members. Christian Scientists comprise a tiny minority of the employees in these operations. In fact, the entirely non-religious, secular activities of the syndicate are completely out of touch with Mrs. Eddy's concept of her periodicals, her by-laws, and her deeds of trust. Church members have received no specific financial data about the World Monitor TV show, the monthly magazine, or any concrete assurances about the viability of the newly proposed, multi-million dollar, 24-hour-a-day Monitor Channel which hopes to take its

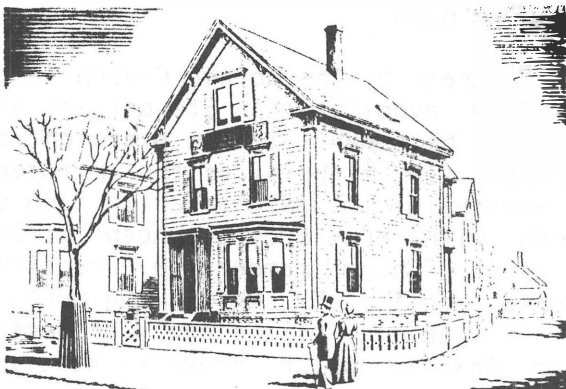
place beside Cable News Network on the already overloaded cable services. Church members must call into question the apparent megalomania permeating Church headquarters in Boston.

HEAVY METAL AND THE MONITOR

The August 20, 1990, C.S. Monitor carried a flattering, full page article about a vocalist of the British heavy metal rock group, Iron Maiden. This band chose its name from a medieval torture device. The Monitor article's title claims that, "The Heavy-Metal Image Doesn't Fit". However, a review of Iron Maiden's album covers and song titles calls that statement into question. Depictions of skulls dripping with blood, devils with pitchforks, and suggestions of dismemberment cover their albums. A song title, Number of the Beast, adds evidence that this group does, indeed, fit the image of a satanic rock group. The Monitor article suggests that simply listening to music doesn't cause any harm, and that it is silly for people to get upset about it. However, what is animal magnetism? It is a black and bitter hatred of the Christ. It is sadism and the desire to cause pain and suffering. It is the urge to inflict mental and physical cruelty. How does it enter one's thought? Through aggressive mental suggestion. Unfortunately this article is not the first time that the Monitor has slipped badly. On August 9, 1988, the Monitor's chief film critic and reviewer appeared on ABC News Nightline to defend the blasphemous movie, The Last Temptation of Christ, before a national TV audience. Mrs. Eddy's periodicals need to once again reflect the pure Christian values she insisted upon. These incidents should awaken Christian Scientists and lead them to demand an immediate restoration of Mrs. Eddy's deeds of trust and the Church by-laws which have been abandoned in Boston.

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FORBES MAGAZINE

The September 17, 1990, Forbes business magazine contains a three page article titled, "Netty Douglass' impossible task". The subtitle states, "The Christian Science Monitor, not quite 100 years old, and the church's other media assets are in deep financial trouble." What follows is a summary of the article:

Forbes writer, Norm Alster, praises Ms. Douglass for her managerial ability but suggests that she is "racing against time with leg irons on." Among other things, the article reveals that media operations lost \$57 million last year with revenues of just \$30 million. Losses this year are expected to be \$50 million. The church's working fund has dropped from \$270 million in 1987 to \$145 million this year with only \$70 million in unrestricted funds available to shore up the troubled media projects. The new color C.S. Monitor with fewer pages and less hard news has fallen from 167,000 subscribers in January 1989 to just 115,000 today.

Television ventures last year lost \$20 million and The Mother Church's Boston TV station lost \$10 million more. Television programming for 1990 will lose \$30 million with only \$10 million in revenues. Ratings for the World Monitor TV show are 0.9 for both its daily broadcasts or 0.9% of the 51 million potential viewers of the Discovery Channel. Production costs for this program, alone, are \$30 million with only \$4 million in revenues. The other TV programming costs \$10 million to produce with less than \$3 million in revenues.

World Monitor magazine claims 250,000 subscribers. Plans are to send out 18 million pieces of mail soliciting subscriptions this year with the hope of breaking even financially. The C.S. Publishing Society plans a satellite cable network for next May. The transponder and earth station, alone, will cost \$14 million. The article ends by asking, "How long can a nonprofit institution with a public service philosophy afford to ignore the unforgiving laws of the marketplace?"

A separate spotlight article features "Christian Science board chairman Harvey Wood". Asked about the staggering financial losses and declining church membership, Mr. Wood states, "I'm not beleaguered. I'm so excited about where we are I can't stand it. [...] You ought to think through the Gideon story [Judges 7:17]. He's faced with an enemy army with large numbers, and he pared down his army instead of trying to add numbers....To measure our strength in terms of numbers I think would be gross folly." -- End of Forbes article summary. (Subscriptions to Forbes: \$26.50 for 15 issues, \$3.75 single issue newsstand price. Address: Forbes, 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10114-0388)

Besides Mr. Wood's Gideon story, one might also wish to consider Jesus' admonition: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28)

NETTY DOUGLASS' REPLY

In a letter to Forbes magazine dated September 7, 1990, the manager of the C.S. Publishing Society, Netty Douglass, answers the business magazine's article about the Publishing Society's new commercial enterprises. Her letter states, "One of us is wrong, and we're pretty sure it's you! ...[H]undreds of people inside and outside our organization, who have worked for several years to establish our current programs, believe we're in a very strong position to face the 1990s." She then invites the Forbes correspondent and editors to have lunch: "... [T]he menu will be corbeau (crow) under glass. There's no need to write down the date. We'll send you a reminder!"

MONITOR MONTH

The C.S. Publishing Society's newsletter, Monitor Month, states in its August 1990 issue, "WQTV [The Mother Church's station] Channel 68 in Boston has broken ground in the area of religious broadcasting by offering Sunday morning air time, free of charge, to local churches and synagogues for the airing of ecumenical programs." Those denominations invited to submit 30 or 60 minute videotapes include: the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Greek Orthodox Diocese, United Methodist Church, Roman Catholic Archdiocese, American Baptist Church, United Churches of Christ, Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and African Methodist Episcopal Church. With financial losses amounting to \$10 million per year for this church owned TV station, one must ask why the Directors are offering free air time for other religions when they are so reluctant to promote Christian Science in most of their new media ventures.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER AGAIN

Ever since the crisis in Kuwait and Iraq erupted, the words, New World Order, have been used with increasing frequency by political leaders and in the media. These are code words for a one world socialist government used by key members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Trilateral Commission. Interestingly, the words "New World Order" were used by Mikhail Gorbachev in his speech at Stanford University on June 4, 1990. George Shultz said "a New World Order is forming" in his remarks on the same platform immediately after Mr. Gorbachev. The Monitor headlined a commentary in its August 27th issue, "The Gulf and a New World Order." President Bush used New World Order in his speech before the joint session of the U.S. Congress on September 11th. The Monitor highlighted his use of these words on September 13th with a headline, "Bush Speech Calls for New World Order". The same article even compared Mr. Bush to Woodrow Wilson and his quest to establish the League of Nations. President Wilson's chief advisor, Edward Mandell House founded the Council on Foreign Relations and wrote of establishing "socialism as dreamed of by Karl Marx."

The Monitor ran articles on August 28th and September 7th suggesting an increased role for the League of Nations' successor, the United Nations. On September 8th, Tom Brokaw used the words, New World Order, three times during his NBC news broadcast. Peter Jennings ended his ABC news program of September 9th by saying, "So goes the New World Order." Norman Cousins wrote in the September 18, 1990 C.S. Monitor, "The superpowers will have to cross the Rubicon from their present notions of absolute national sovereignty to an acceptance of the world as a single geographic unit that needs the responsible powers of governance. [i.e. world government]"

George Pratt Shultz is a CFR member. The Pratt House, the headquarters of the CFR in New York City, was donated to the CFR by one of Shultz' forebears. Tom Brokaw is also a CFR member. President Bush is a former CFR member who dropped out when chided for his membership by rival presidential candidate Ronald Reagan in the 1980 New Hampshire primary. Clearly, Mr. Bush did not resign philosophically. It should be pointed out that not every CFR member is privy to that organization's underlying purposes. Many good people are invited to join to camouflage the CFR's real intentions. Those good people need to remove themselves from the CFR and expose its sinister purposes.

Christian Scientists are urged to work to know that "there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." (Matt. 11:26) Truly, individual freedom is in the balance, and it will only outweigh the lie if those who know the Truth, do the work which needs to be done.

NEW BOOK BY MALACHI MARTIN

"The Keys of This Blood" by Malachi Martin, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1990, \$24.95. Mr. Martin is described as an "eminent theologian, expert on the Catholic Church, and former Jesuit and professor at the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Institute." The dust jacket summarizes the book as follows: "In this timely and provocative new book, best-selling author Malachi Martin reveals the untold story behind the Vatican's role in the collapse of the Iron Curtain, as well as Pope John Paul II's far-reaching assessment of the three-way contest now unfolding among the global powers -- the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev, the capitalist nations of the West, and the Pope's own universal Roman Church -- a winner-take-all race against time and each other to establish, maintain, and control the first one-world government that has ever existed on the face of the earth." Mr. Martin states on page 15, "...once the competition has been decided the world and all that's in it -- our way of life as individuals and as citizens of the nations; our families and our jobs; our trade and commerce and money; our educational systems and our religions and our cultures; even the badges of our national identity, which most of us have always taken for granted -- all will have been powerfully and radically altered forever. No one can be exempted from its effects. No sector of our lives will remain untouched." This book is must reading for alert Christian Scientists.

Mrs. Eddy's words of ninety years ago are more clearly prophetic and urgent than ever before: "To my sense, the most imminent dangers confronting the coming century are: the robbing of people of life and liberty under the warrant of the Scriptures; the claims of politics and of human power, industrial slavery, and insufficient freedom of honest competition; and ritual, creed, and trusts in place of the Golden Rule, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'" (My. 266:3-9)

CLARIFICATION NEEDED

The September 1990 Reading Room News states, "The current edition [of Science and Health] published by The First Church of Christ, Scientist, the authorized edition, is the final edition as Mrs. Eddy left it, with two exceptions. These exceptions concern two testimonies in 'Fruitage'..." The article goes on to say that the testifiers "had ceased their study of Christian Science and were not leading lives representative of Christian Science." "One testimony was replaced and the other was simply removed. We are bringing these historical facts to your attention now because two other publishers [The Bookmark and Mary Baker Eddy Foundation] have recently begun to publish Science

and Health. One of the books includes a frontispiece with a picture of Mrs. Eddy as well as two minor grammatical changes; the other includes the two original testimonies."

The Directors originally tried to explain the changes they made in Science and Health and some of Mrs. Eddy's other writings in the February 1955 C.S. Journal. Apparently the article, "An Important Statement", stirred up more questions than it answered because it was later deleted from the bound volumes offered to reading rooms and replaced by a metaphysical article. Those reading rooms which arranged for their own binding would still have this article.

Concerning the two deleted testimonies, one suspects that they were taken out as part of the purge of loyal students of Christian Science which followed the Great Litigation of 1919-1921. The term "not leading lives representative of Christian Science" is used loosely by the Directors to mean anyone who does not comply with their every dictate. Concerning the changes in Mrs. Eddy's writings, the Directors have never produced one piece of evidence to prove that Mrs. Eddy ordered over her own signature the removal of her picture from Science and Health or that she authorized changes in her Church Manual such as the addition of the words "and branch churches" on pages 120 and 127. In addition footnotes were added to the text and changes were made to the application forms which erased important waymarks. Mrs. Eddy never issued an 89th Edition of her Manual. The last one issued by her was the 88th. Perhaps even worse than the textual changes is the abandonment and annulment of many by-laws by Mother Church officers. By now the Manual is cited only when it suits their purposes and totally ignored when it gets in the way of their secular plans and projects or the impermissible intimidation they mete out to individual members and branch churches.

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*It took a combination of circumstances
that was fast
to harm me.
Mary Baker Eddy*

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THE VISION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

The following article by Wesley Bradshaw was first published in The National Tribune, Volume 4, No. 12, December 1880. That newspaper has since become The Stars and Stripes, a paper circulated among United States armed forces personnel. The Stars and Stripes reprinted the Vision of George Washington on December 21, 1950. It will be noted that the vision was revealed in 1859, two years before the Civil War. Anthony Sherman, the source of this account, was eighteen years old at the time of the vision at Valley Forge in 1777, and is listed on the Revolutionary War army records of Pennsylvania.

The best argument for the dependability of the vision is that two-thirds of it has already been fulfilled. Interestingly the second peril is said to be the most fearful although an initial reading of the third one leaves the impression that it would be the most difficult. A closer examination of the third peril suggests that it is to be handled metaphysically while the first two perils were primarily armed, human conflict. Doesn't the "dark red light" of the third peril symbolize the menace of communism/socialism which seeks to engulf the world today by means of the much touted New World Order with its one world socialist government? (See previous Banners for accounts of the New World Order) Doesn't the account of the third peril have special significance for Christian Scientists and shouldn't they take up this work immediately and work ceaselessly until the dark cloud which envelopes America and the world is pierced and broken into fragments?

One should remember the account of Mrs. Eddy and her household successfully handling the nearly successful 1905 communist revolution in Russia and the fact that the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05 was settled just a few miles from Pleasant View. Mrs. Eddy states, "We, to-day, in this class-room, are enough to convert the world if we are of one Mind; for then the whole world will feel the influence of this Mind..." (Mis. 279:27-29) It is hoped that the above account will alert Christian Scientists to take up this work until it is completed.

(THE WITHHELD VISION DISCLOSED)

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

"Let us go into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you of an incident of Washington's life — one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified.

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortunes, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear

commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dark, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

(From this point on, the words of George Washington, allegedly spoken on that solemn occasion, are quoted.)

I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful female.

So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time, did I repeat the question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself suddenly became paralyzed.

A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify. The mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy, and yet more distinct to my sight than before.

I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensation which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all alike was impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion. *(Here we are given the revelation of the First Peril to hit America.)*

Presently I heard a voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." At the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene.

Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. "Son of the Republic," said the same mysterious voice as before, "look and learn."

At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel standing, or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe.

Immediately a dark cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America

in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people.

A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

(Now we are given the revelation of the Second Peril to hit America, the Civil War.)

A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up, one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, "Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn."

At this the dark, shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other.

As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word "Union" bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided nation and said, "Remember ye are brethren." Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.

(Now we are given the revelation of the Third Great Red Peril to hit America.)

And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." At this the dark shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa.

Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: From each of these countries arose thick, black clouds which were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I had beheld springing up.

As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." When the voice had ceased, the dark, shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

Instantly a light, as of a thousand suns, shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment, the angel upon whose head still shone the word,

"Union," and who bore our national flag in one hand a sword in the other, descended from heaven, attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who, I perceived, were well-nigh overcome, but who, immediately taking courage, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel, for the last time, dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure Standard he had brought into the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: "While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last." And taking from his brow the crown on which was blazoned the word "Union," he placed it

upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said, "Amen."

The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon my mysterious visitor who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, "Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: *Three great perils will come upon the Republic.* The most fearful is *the second*, passing which the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and union." With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me, the birth, progress and destiny of the United States.

(Now Bradshaw concludes with these words.)

"Such, my friends," concluded the venerable narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them." —Wesley Bradshaw

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

The October 1990 letter from the treasurer of The Mother Church requesting an additional \$37 million in donations to help pay for the new Monitor Channel refers to "our responsibilities as Christian Scientists -- to ourselves, to our Church and to mankind." Mrs. Eddy requires that a Mother Church member "not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind." (Church Manual, Art. VIII, Sec. 6) Once again, it would appear that God and our Leader are being pushed aside in the quest for a secular electronic media empire.

EIGHT MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS AND TWO OPENINGS

The following eight churches/societies have closed between September and December 1990: Pine Bluff, Arkansas; St. Helena, California; Griffith, Indiana; Dowagiac, Michigan; Absarokee, Montana; Lewiston, Montana; Liberty, New York; and Tulsa (2nd), Oklahoma. New societies have opened in Diamond Bar, California and Litchfield-Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Since February 1987, 134 churches have closed and 15 new ones have opened.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

A one ounce silver medallion has been commissioned by the editor of The Banner as a loving tribute to our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. The obverse features the bas relief of Mrs. Eddy by the famous Boston sculptor, William Frederick Pope, completed in 1906. Mrs. Eddy registered her approval and thanks for this sculpture which is now on display in her Chestnut Hill home. (See the Christian Science Sentinel of December 8, 1906, Vol IX, No. 15).

The reverse of the medallion pictures the unique triangular symmetry of The Mother Church with The Mother's Room in the foreground. Mrs. Eddy states, "The room of your Leader remains in the beginning of this edifice evidencing the praise of babes and the word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Its

crowning ultimate rises to a mental monument, a superstructure high above the work of men's hands, even the outcome of their hearts, giving to the material a spiritual significance -- the speed, beauty, and achievements of goodness. Methinks this church is the one edifice on earth which most prefigures self-abnegation, hope, faith; love catching a glimpse of glory." (My. 6:19-29)

The medallion has a mirrorlike background while the main devices and the lettering have a frosted appearance. The medallion is in a protective plastic capsule and comes in a beautiful presentation case. The preliminary sketch of this unique medallion appears below. The medallion will be available to readers of The Banner in late January 1991, and may be obtained from the editor of The Banner for a donation of \$35.00 plus \$2.50 postage. The medallion may also be obtained from The Bookmark, P.O. Box 801143, Santa Clarita, CA 91380, at the same terms.



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MARTIN LUTHER 1517 -- FIRST CHURCH OF BREMEN, GERMANY 1990

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to the door of the Castle church. On December 3, 1990, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bremen, Germany sent a letter containing ninety-five questions to Harvey Wood, Chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors. This letter, which ends with the signatures of officers and members of the Bremen church, divides questions into three categories: Money-matters, Behaviour towards employees and members, and Fundamentals of Christian Science.

Most of the questions are familiar to Banner readers as issues raised in the resignation letters of top officers of the Monitor in November 1988, the Elizabeth Pond letter which followed, the Judge Griesa investigation of TMC finances which appeared in the Los Angeles Times, articles in U.S. News and World Report and Forbes business magazine, as well as several articles appearing in the Boston Globe and New York Times. Therefore the questions in the Bremen letter focus on the unwise expenditure of Mother Church funds on the new electronic media projects which threaten bankruptcy; the shoddy treatment of present and former Mother Church employees, practitioners, and members; the deterioration of the practice of Christian Science as expressed by managers and officers of The Mother Church; and the alarming decline in the number of churches and practitioners in the C.S. field.

One aspect revealed in the twelve-page Bremen letter is the illegal meddling by Mother Church officers and emissaries in the internal affairs of the Bremen church in clear violation of Article XXIII, Sections 1 and 10, of the Church Manual. Section 1 states, "The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, shall assume no general official control of other churches, and it shall be controlled by none other." Section 10 states in part: "In Christian Science each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government, and no individual and no other church shall interfere with its affairs." What follows are questions from the Bremen letter translated from German. Syntax, punctuation, and capitalization are unchanged as in the letter received.

Question 61 states, "Do you think it correct when the Clerk of The Mother Church addresses 'the members' of our church recommending them to watch two - removed [from C.S. Journal] - practitioners and [still] members of our church, and if occasion arises, take adequate steps against them? If yes, do you know articles XXIII section 10 of the Church Manual by which every influence on branches of the church is prohibited?" Question 62: "Do you think it correct that practitioners who have got the displeasure of the Board of Directors are forced to read article XI section 1 of the Manual aloud? If yes, do you consider that this kind of challenge could be valued as a threat?" Question 63: "Does this precedence belong to the typical attitudes which are used by church officials like e.g. the Clerk, towards disagreeable [disagreeing] practitioners?"

Question 67 states, "How can you explain the statement of the manager of the Member and Practitioner Services Department on the occasion of a very good attended service in our church that the parish is forced by will power, manipulation and hypnotism to visit the church?" Question 68: "Do you think it is possible that the power of attraction of the divine love is unknown to this official?" Question 95: "Do you know the German reformer Martin Luther? If yes, do you think there are parallels between the attitude of Rome of that time and of Boston today?"

In a separate letter to the C.S. field also dated December 3rd, the Bremen church states, "These few members who have mainly separated themselves have defamed in a very unpleasant manner two of our practitioners, but the manager of the Member and Practitioner Services Department had an open ear for them. She still gave ear to the untrue accusations even after the board of directors of our church, the readers and a large number of other members made definite statements about the integrity and christianity of these two practitioners. This official of The Mother Church had talked with the concerned practitioners in a manner, which was far away from the demands for a Christian mode of procedure of Matthew 18:15-17 and article XI section 2 of the Manual. Is it christian to listen to defamations, to accept them as true without listening to the other parts? Is it honest to lead a talk with the concerned practitioners still at the same time leaving no doubt that judgement had been passed already? Is it fair to compare a true, devoted worker in God's vineyard with the 'Propagandaminister' of the Third Reich, Goebbels? Is it unbiased to believe in a few so-called Christian Scientists who are partly not even members of our church but have personal connections to Boston, and, as a consequence, offend against article VIII section 1 of the Manual? Is it kind to describe the whole parish as dependent, manipulated and hypnotized? Is it adequate for a Berlin teacher of Christian Science to describe in this connection the people of the northern part of Germany as susceptible to superstition? ... When the only answer of the Board of Directors of The Mother Church to constructive criticism has been expressed, so far, in threats, menace or prohibition of publishing letters like this we know that God's truth will succeed." End of quotations from the Bremen letters.

The description of treatment in Bremen at the hands of Mother Church officials has a distinctive pattern which has been repeated over and over again in the C.S. field. The most recent example was Plainfield, New Jersey, where two practitioners were delisted merely on the hearsay testimony of a local member who had personal connections to Boston. The entire Plainfield church was delisted, and now flourishes as an independent church. Other churches in New York, Ohio, Canada, and England from the 1940s onward have received similar treatment. Teachers and practitioners have been delisted without a hearing. Their accusers are never identified. Each of these actions is in total disregard of, and disdain for, Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual. Anyone who dares to breathe a word of dissent is subjected to swift retribution. Such an attitude is light years away from Mrs. Eddy's loving concept of church and individual rights. This tyranny must be stopped. Christian Scientists must bravely stand up and fearlessly demand that Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual be obeyed in Boston.

THE MEMBERS' COALITION, LETTER NUMBER FIVE

The T.M.C. letter of December 1990 states, "The Directors are afraid to call a teachers' meeting because the teachers as a group are furious... So all five Directors are 'rushing around smartly' personally calling on each teacher in the Field. The aim of this PR effort is to divide the teachers, isolate them, and

one at a time force them to accept the world according to the Director's 'current vision.' There is always the masked threat to discipline the teachers who don't go along." Elsewhere it states, "...your hard-earned per capita tax payments are being used -- not to advance the religious teaching of Science, but to propagate political and social newscasts, sports, art, secular story telling for children, gardening, real estate and investments, etc., etc. Not a word for the Comforter in this age!" The letter concludes by saying, "A class-action lawsuit is being carefully planned with some very fresh and interesting action. These steps may take awhile. We want to be thorough when we strike."

A READER WRITES

In reference to the current building of an electronic media empire by The Mother Church, a reader stated recently, "An ancient Hindu religious sect kept cats in their temple. As time went on they became renowned for the wonderful strain of cats which they were breeding. No trace of religion remained. The Boston sect is becoming know for the dogs they are producing. Little trace of religion remains."

EIGHT CHURCHES CLOSE IN ONE MONTH

The following eight churches/societies have closed according to a comparison of the December 1990 and January 1991 C.S. Journals: San Francisco (8th), California; Pontiac, Illinois; Newport, Maine; Saratoga Springs, New York; Athens, Pennsylvania; Watertown, South Dakota; Seattle (2nd), Washington; and Worland, Wyoming. One new society has formed in Seattle (Ballard Society). Since February 1987, 142 churches have closed and 16 new ones have formed.

On January 14, 1990, members of fourteen churches in the Nassau County, New York area were called together to discuss their situation. The problems were summarized as follows: declining attendance, lack of operating funds, no workers, declining Sunday school attendance, not enough people to fill committee posts, no funds to make structural repairs, underutilization of the reading rooms, and lack of community response to fliers distributed throughout the area. Solutions included the intensifying of metaphysical work, share buildings, sell and relocate, merge with other C.S. churches, and convert to societies.

No changes were agreed to, and the meeting ended. Now, one year later, one of those churches with prime real estate and a large parking lot is in the process of closing with all assets earmarked for Boston. Many C.S. churches in the United States continue to operate with For Sale signs in their front lawns. Once a buyer is found, the churches will close. Many churches and societies are barely managing to stay open. For these reasons it seems inappropriate for the Chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors to state, "I'm not worried. I'm not beleaguered. I'm so excited about where we are I can't stand it." (Forbes, 9-17-90, p. 190)

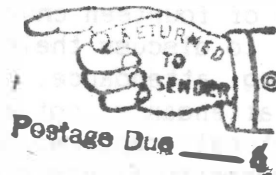
This attitude is similar to that of the citizens of Constantinople who saw their Christian faith extinguished in the hinterland of their Byzantine empire by invading Turks. The magnificence of their Saint Sofia cathedral and the richness of their city blinded them to the impending danger. Only when the Turks reached the gates of Constantinople in 1453 did the unavailing cry for help and reform echo forth. Saint Sofia's magnificent religious mosaics were plastered over, and the church was converted into a Muslim mosque. Christians in modern Istanbul are very few and feeble. What fate awaits the church center in Boston? How long will the wholesale decline of Christian Science in the

field be ignored? When will the heady atmosphere of signing contracts and planning secular ventures be set aside for the humility of the Christ as expressed and operative in Christian Science? The questions are put to Boston, but they must be answered and acted upon in the Christian Science field.

ISLAM IN AFRICA

"The German evangelical weekly Idea Spektrum reports the establishment of a new organization, Islam in Africa (IAO), in which the governments of 24 African states have joined forces to plan and implement the elimination of Christianity from that continent... The goal is to introduce Islamic law everywhere in the 24 countries. In Nigeria, 49% of the population is Christian and only 36% Muslim. But the Muslims in power have been waging an intensive campaign of anti-Christian discrimination for several months. Nigeria has contributed about twenty billion dollars for the propagation of Islam around the world. The member states of the IAO contain between 70 and 100 million Christians." (AFA Journal, January 1991) After the assassination of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, the legislature of that country repealed all of his progressive laws which guaranteed the rights of women. Readers are referred to the Fall 1990 Banner which announced the Islamic Manifesto issued by the Muslim community in England which called for jihad (holy war) against social practices in England and Europe which are inimical to Islamic law.

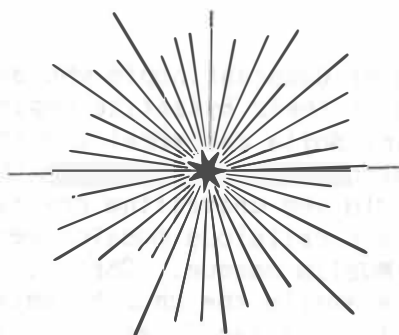
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THE MONITOR CHANNEL

In an effort to increase support for The Monitor Channel, The Mother Church has sent to each branch church a short promotional videotape and an audio cassette featuring John Hoagland's speech to the Cambridge Forum in October 1990. One question put to him was: "Do you have resistance? Do people tell you what you're doing is not important, or it's not what the church should be doing, it costs too much?" In answer, Mr. Hoagland begins by praising Peter Drucker's book, The New Realities. "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. In our case, we felt that we must have a four-pillared approach of the newspaper, radio, the magazine, and television. But, of course, that has created challenges. Of course it is a major investment. But it's worth it."

An examination of "CNN: The Inside Story", a book written on the tenth anniversary of Cable News Network by Hank Whittemore, reveals that CNN lost money during its first four years and finally turned a profit only during its fifth year of operation. CNN was able to survive because of the profitability of Ted Turner's other highly successful enterprise, the TBS Superstation in Atlanta. A rival cable network, Satellite News Channel, was considered such a threat during CNN's start-up period that Ted Turner bought it and disbanded it before it could challenge CNN's position.

According to the Forbes business magazine article of September 17, 1990, The Mother Church's media operations lost \$57 million in 1989 with revenues of \$30 million. Losses for 1990 were expected to be \$50 million. The Church's working fund dropped from \$270 million in 1987 to \$145 million in 1990 with only \$70 million in unrestricted funds available to support the media projects. With The Monitor Channel due to start broadcasting in May of this year, the question arises as to how long it will take before it can turn a profit in an already crowded cable TV market. The newspaper, the news magazine, and the radio operations do not currently make a profit and, therefore, could not be counted upon to support the new TV channel during its start-up period. The question is: Where will the money come from? The Mother Church treasurer has requested \$37 million from Mother Church members three separate times over the past few years. The February 1991 per capita tax letter to Mother Church members stated that the latest request "is far from being met." Assuming that there are 100,000 church members (a figure which has appeared in the press), the share for each member would be \$370 for each appeal or \$1110 if members responded to all three. It would seem unreasonable to expect the members to repeatedly contribute large amounts of money on a continuing basis. The viability of the media projects, therefore, is highly doubtful. As the Forbes article stated, "How long can a nonprofit institution with a public service philosophy afford to ignore the unforgiving laws of the marketplace?"

LEAVING BOSTON

Two reliable sources recently reported that David Sleeper resigned from the Board of Trustees of the C.S. Publishing Society after a heated argument with Harvey Wood concerning the irresponsible spending of Mother Church funds on the media projects. It was also stated that Jill Gooding, member of the Board of Directors, was voted off the board while she was away on a visit to her native England. It is said that the current chairman of the board felt that she had dissented on too many votes while a board member and was not a team player. The "New Appointments" notices in the February 4, 1991, C.S. Sentinel and the March 1991, C.S. Journal took great pains to imply that Mrs. Gooding and Mr. Sleeper had left Boston under amicable circumstances. The Sentinel and Journal notices could be viewed as an effort at damage control.

The Global Lecture Preparatory Meeting of September 24, 1987, included an interesting interchange between Harvey Wood and the then chairman of the lecture board, Beulah Roegge, which illustrates the former's strong desire for like-mindedness. After repeatedly emphasizing the theme that the door to the past was closed as far as stand-up lectures were concerned, Mr. Wood asked: "Where do we go from here?" BR: "Well, we're going, and a door is closing." HW: "Closing or closed?" BR: "OK, closed." HW: "I think that's important."

PRACTITIONER LISTINGS

An examination of the practitioner directory in the March 1991 C.S. Journal reveals large numbers of double listings. The effect is to make the number of practitioners appear much larger than is actually the fact. Of the 43 practitioners listed for New York City, 10 refer the reader to another listing leaving 33 actually in the city. Of the 45 listed for Chicago, 17 refer to another listing leaving 28 actually in the city. Of the 97 practitioners listed for Boston, 48 refer to other listings leaving 49 actually in the city. Of the 60 practitioners listed for Los Angeles, 44 refer to another listing leaving only 16 practitioners actually in that city. Many practitioners recently received four application blanks from Boston for them to use to recruit people who might wish to enter the fulltime practice. Interestingly, some time after 1910, a new rule was established which required all listed practitioners to be class-taught. This was never a requirement in Mrs. Eddy's day when Science and Health was considered to be an adequate teacher, and a successful healing practice was sufficient evidence to warrant a listing in the C.S. Journal. The letter from First Church, Bremen, Germany, (referred to in January 1991 Banner) states that directives from Boston now urge that preference be given to practitioner applicants who have secular college degrees.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

The following is a complete list of all churches and societies which have closed since February 1987 when the mailing list for The Banner was first compiled from that month's C.S. Journal. A comparison of that Journal with the March 1991 issue reveals that 162 churches have closed and only 15 new ones have been formed. It is hoped that these sad statistics will awaken fellow church members to the need for action. The cover story of the December 17, 1990, Newsweek magazine ("And the Children Shall Lead Them") states that "baby boomers", those born between 1946 and 1964, have returned to church in large numbers in the past few years because they want their children to receive religious training. One must question why none of this is reflected in increased attendance in Christian Science churches and Sunday schools.

ALABAMA (3) Bessemer Birmingham (Soc.) Sheffield	IDAHO (4) Burley Hailey Homedale Kellogg-Wallace	St. Louis Park	OKLAHOMA (9) Ada Claremore El Reno Oklahoma City (Soc.) Oklahoma City (2nd) Oklahoma City (3rd) Ponca City Stroud Tulsa (2nd)	WISCONSIN (4) Ashland Chippewa Falls Plymouth Two Rivers
ARKANSAS (2) Crossett Pine Bluff	ILLINOIS (7) Carterville Highland Highland Park (merge Pontiac w/Glencoe) Sterling Vandalia Wheaton	MISSISSIPPI (2) Biloxi Ocean Springs		WYOMING (2) Wheatland Worland
ARIZONA (2) Parker Phoenix (3rd)	INDIANA (7) Bicknell Cannelton Greencastle Griffith Hobart New Castle North Vernon	MISSOURI (5) Kansas City (3rd) Neosho St. Louis (2nd) Trenton Warrensburg	OREGON (7) Dallas Gold Beach John Day Portland (1st) Portland (5th) Prineville Redmond	
CALIFORNIA (25) Banning Coalinga Dunsmuir Fremont (2nd) Fresno (1st) Guerneville Hanford Lincoln Los Angeles (4th) Los Angeles (39th) Los Angeles (42nd) Manteca Martinez Marysville Orland Rolling Hills Estates Rosemead Sacramento (3rd) St. Helena San Francisco (8th) Seal Beach Susanville Three Rivers Westminster Willows	IOWA (5) Boone Dubuque Marshalltown Muscatine Waterloo	MONTANA (2) Absarokee Lewiston	PENNSYLVANIA (5) Athens Chester (merge w/Swarth- Downingtown more) Hazleton Titusville	
COLORADO (4) Estes Park Hayden Rocky Ford Salida	KANSAS (3) Fort Scott Great Bend Larned	NEBRASKA (1) Alliance	SOUTH CAROLINA (1) Beaufort	
FLORIDA (4) Brandon Crystal River Fort Lauderdale (2nd) Green Cove Springs	KENTUCKY (1) Owensboro	NEVADA (1) Fallon	SOUTH DAKOTA (4) Brookings Huron Lead-Deadwood Watertown	15 New Churches/Societies
GEORGIA (1) La Grange	MAINE (2) Dover-Foxcroft Newport	NEW JERSEY (6) Cape May Maplewood Mount Holly Point Pleasant Beach Union Weehawken	TENNESSEE (2) Germantown Memphis (Soc.)	Homer AK Glendale AZ Diamond Bar CA Santa Clarita CA Susan CA Sun Valley ID Effingham IL Calais ME Outer Banks NC Litchfield-Pawleys Is. SC Cookeville TN Carrollton TX Kingwood TX Seattle (Ballard Soc.) WA Beckley WV
	MASSACHUSETTS (2) North Adams Winthrop	NEW MEXICO (1) Carlsbad	TEXAS (6) Aransas Pass Borger Eastland Katy Orange Seguin	
	MICHIGAN (5) Bronson Detroit (8th) Dowagiac Grand Rapids (2nd) West Branch	NEW YORK (12) Attica Buffalo (2nd) Hornell Liberty Long Beach New York City (13th) New York City (15th) Norwich Pelham Saratoga Springs Seneca Falls Wellsville	WASHINGTON (7) Cashmere Des Moines Federal Way Lynnwood Pullman Seattle (2nd) Seattle (11th)	
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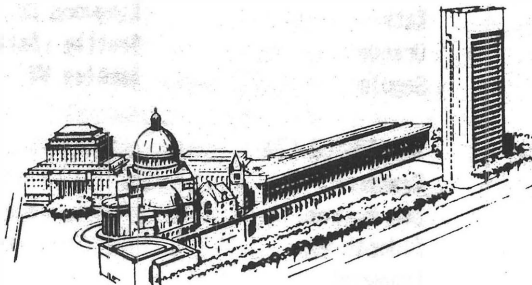
It has also been reported that Lee Johnson, archivist of The Mother Church for many years, has been removed from his position. Reportedly, Mr. Johnson was concerned that members of the C.S. Board of Directors were borrowing materials from the archives and never returning them. Mr. Johnson started keeping a list of the missing items. This practice displeased the board, and he was terminated.

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MORE FACTS EMERGE ABOUT THE MONITOR CHANNEL

The Boston Globe of March 24, 1991, ran an article entitled "The Christian Science Monitor's Big Cable Gamble". The article by staff writer Paul Hemp stated, "Top church officials have been barnstorming the country nearly every weekend, urging members to double their contributions... [Although [John] Hoagland [chairman of Monitor Television, Inc.] responds to skeptics by citing the venture's sound business plan, he won't disclose it -- even to church members being asked to fund the operation.. And Monitor Television is seeking outside investors, a move that dissident members say runs counter to church founder Mary Baker Eddy's mandate that the Monitor's aim be essentially -- if indirectly -- religious... Although [John] Hoagland says members' long-term support of the newspaper over the years shows the church's staying power, they may be less willing to support an undertaking where potential outside investors receive financial information denied them. One group of dissident church members is planning to sue the church to learn how funds are being spent. [Netty] Douglass sharply states that under church doctrine, 'members are out of order if they ask for more information' -- an interpretation contested by dissidents... To counter their [Hoagland's and Douglass'] lack of experience, they have hired numerous outside consultants, Hoagland says. Some of these say they were fired for trying to curb and channel Hoagland's ambitious plans." One of those fired states, "Seldom have two people who knew less about the electronic media made more far-reaching decisions about product and finance than these people did."

Concerning the prospects for The Monitor Channel, the Globe article states, "Although local cable operators reach more than half of America's 93 million television-equipped homes, most don't have the capacity to offer any more programs because channel capacity has been reached... This means that even if cable operators want to buy the Monitor Channel they probably don't have room for it unless they remove other programs... Given this environment, the Monitor Channel is shooting for 2 million subscribers by its May launch, far below the 7 million that most cable networks require before they debut... Based upon proposed subscriber fees, the [24 hour] channel would receive annual revenue of about \$10 million at this level, still far below estimated television production costs. [The half-hour] World Monitor [on the Discovery Channel] alone costs an estimated \$30 million a year to produce... Local ratings for Channel 68 [TMC's Boston TV station] indicate that the in-depth news coverage of the Monitor Channel may not be an immediate hit nationwide. Last month, an average of 9,000 households in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire watched nightly what has become the Monitor Channel's main newscast, according to Nielsen. An average of 42,000 watched McNeill/Lehrer New Hour. Overall, Channel 68 received so-called hash marks, meaning that on average less than .5 percent of the households receiving the channel watched it."

The Washington Post of April 4, 1991, ran an article by staff writer Howard Kurtz entitled, "Mission or Mistake? TV Splits Church". It reported, "A

Christian Science source with access to official figures said the value of the church's unrestricted fund, which was \$167 million in 1987, is now less than \$50 million. Media operations losses, according to published figures undisputed by the church, have totaled more than \$100 million over the last two years... At the same time that the church's media operations have grown, employees who deal with Sunday schools, colleges and branch churches have been laid off... A recurring theme among disaffected church members is what they describe as an atmosphere of intimidation directed against those who criticize actions of the board of trustees, a self-perpetuating body that appoints its successors. Several members said their public criticism had cost them church-connected jobs or brought warnings about possible excommunication. 'Anyone who disagrees is branded as a heretic, labeled as not a real Christian Scientist,' said [Diane] Manuel [a church member and free-lance writer]."

"Hoagland, a former CIA intelligence officer, said the church is seeking outside investors for 30 percent of the Monitor Channel... The cable market currently is saturated, and no big city system has signed a contract with the Monitor Channel... Bob Klein, a television consultant dismissed by the church in 1988, said the church's approach to television 'made you scratch your head all the time. I think their chances in the short run are next to nil. I don't think they're dealing with reality.'"

DAVID SLEEPER DENIES REPORT

In a letter to the editor of The Banner, David Sleeper, former trustee of the Christian Science Publishing Society, denied the report in the spring 1991 Banner that he resigned as trustee "after a heated argument with Harvey Wood concerning the irresponsible spending of Mother Church funds..." In his letter, Mr. Sleeper stated, "There was no argument with Harvey Wood, or any other Director or Trustee; nor did I express dissatisfaction over 'spending of Mother Church funds on media projects.'"

WEEKEND PARTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

An extended weekend party took place on March 23-24, 1991, to honor longtime Monitor correspondent Godfrey "Budge" Sperling, Jr. In attendance were four of the five members of the C.S. Board of Directors, Olga Chafee, John Selover, Harvey Wood, and Virginia Harris, as well as their spouses. Altogether about twenty-four key members of the Christian Science hierarchy attended including church treasurer Donald Bowersock, Monitor editor Richard Cattani, World Monitor TV editor David Cook, and manager of the C.S. Publishing Society, Netty Douglass. The party is estimated to have cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The Directors presented Mr. Sperling with a Steuben-style crystal eagle and an all-expense-paid vacation trip for him and his wife to Caneel Bay Plantation in the Virgin Islands. The eagle is estimated to have cost between \$1000 and \$2200, and the vacation between \$3000 and \$4000. It is said that all officials were flown down from Boston to Washington and housed in the classy Capital Hilton at the church's expense.

The lavish dinner was held in the Marco Polo Room of Trader Vic's at the Hilton hotel. Attendees dined on ragout of wild mushrooms with thyme herb in golden crusted puff pastry, darne of grilled salmon provencal and a dessert of profiteroles with fresh fruit and warm Swiss chocolate sauce. To top it off, each of the eighty-two guests received a party favor of a handmade chocolate box with the Monitor's logo in white chocolate on the top, and inside -- four truffles. Other entertainment included a Gridiron Club Roast and a night of

Swan Lake ballet at the Kennedy Center.

ANNUAL MEETING 1991

The Christian Science Journals for April and May 1991 include a notice concerning the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church to be held on June 3rd. The notice states in part, "In light of the Treasurer's letters [requesting money to pay for the electronic media projects], members may want to forgo a trip to Boston this year in order to contribute more to Mother Church activities at this time." In view of the highly questionable spending patterns of Mother Church officials, members might wish to consider going to the Annual Meeting this year to demand answers and a complete accounting of Mother Church funds.

MORE LETTERS FROM FIRST CHURCH, BREMEN, GERMANY

In two letters dated January 28, 1991, the members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Bremen, Germany, address C.S. Board chairman, Harvey Wood and Mother Church Treasurer, Donald Bowersock. Syntax, punctuation, and capitalization are unchanged as in the letters received. The letter to Mr. Wood notes that no reply was ever received to their December 3rd letter and that an item in the January 4th Boston Globe quoted Nathan Talbot as saying, "The Dec. 3 open letter will probably go unanswered; these questions have been hashed out over and over again." The Bremen letter states, "It is surprising for us that in the European and American field no answers to these questions are known in spite of the fact that they were hashed out over and over again." The letter includes, "Because you didn't feel compelled to make statements of any kind at all we value your silence as what it is: A proof of guilt. In the future we will value all informations regarding the matters we have asked you about as factual correct. This shocking circumstance can only inevitably result in one step: Resign from your office!"

The Bremen letter comments on the article from the Directors entitled, "Christian Scientists, their lives, their Church, and the world they serve" which appeared in the January 1991 C.S. Journal. The Bremen letter quotes First John 2:15-17 which states, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world..."

The letter continues, "When the Board asserts to the engaged healer [that] the Monitor is far more than a guideline for his prayers, [and that] the Monitor program reminds the healer emphatically on his responsibility and welfare work, serious doubts will raise regarding the moral qualification of a healer whose love to people firstly gets impulses for his healing mission from the Monitor TV-program instead of the text-book."

The Bremen letter also discusses the very much overlooked problem of the branch churches: "The Board of Directors of The Mother Church obviously did not take into considerations that due to these activities [media ventures] the conditions of life of the branch churches are fading... Is it wisdom from above to diminish the strength of the branch churches to support an uncertain project?.. It is the duty of the churches to be a light fire. If the Board intends to transfer the activities from the branch churches to the Monitor, we are facing the danger that the branch activities decrease and dry up, as well as The Christian Science Monitor loses importance rapidly and is drying up after the drastic changes. Is it the vision of the Board of Directors of The Mother

Church to show Christian Science on the TV-screen only?.. Intellect has produced... a pseudo-religiosity which is hidden behind harmonious phrases, so that the spirit of Christ does not rule in The Mother Church any longer."

The letter to Mr. Bowersock asks, "Are you aware that reaching [the] mind of people is not a question of technical equipment but a spiritual one and that people can be reached by mind wherever they may be?.. Is your imagination of development that branch churches become more and more empty as can be watched presently but that all efforts made in Boston are only made in order to establish nothing but a normal TV cable program?"

VISN NETWORK

The Interfaith network, VISN, now includes the Monitor's The Children's Room and their gardening show, The Good Green Earth. It seems ironic that a recent Catholic program on this same network discussed religious healing in great detail while the offerings from Monitor Broadcasting offered entirely secular fare. The juxtaposition reminds one of Mrs. Eddy's analogy in her article "Fidelity" in Miscellaneous Writings: "That law-school is not at fault which sends forth a barrister who never brings out a brief. Why? Because he followed agriculture instead of litigation, forsook Blackstone for gray stone, dug into soils instead of delving into suits, raised potatoes instead of pleas, and drew up logs instead of leases. He has not been faithful over a few things." (340:11-17)

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Beloved Students:

I am not a lawyer, and do not sufficiently comprehend the legal trend of the copy you enclosed to me to suggest any changes therein. Upon one point however I feel competent to advise namely: Never ^{abandon} change the By-laws nor the denominational government of the Mother Church. If I am not personally with you, the Word of God, and my instructions in the By-laws have led you hitherto and will remain to guide you safely on, and the teachings of St. Paul are as useful to-day as when they were first written.

*With love as ever,
Mary Baker Eddy*

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REPUDIATION OF THE SIX POINTS

A letter from the C.S. Board of Directors to all Christian Science Teachers dated January 25, 1991, effectively repudiates the Six Points regarding Mrs. Eddy's place in Bible prophecy first published in the Sentinel and Journal in 1943. The Directors' letter states, "From time to time you may have been asked about the leaflet 'Mrs. Eddy's Place' and whether there are any plans to reprint it. While this statement prepared many years ago may have served a useful purpose at that time, it has not been reprinted for several decades, even though the subject has been thoughtfully weighed and considered by succeeding Boards of Directors. It has become increasingly clear that items such as this leaflet could be seen to represent an 'official' statement, or dogma, or even tend to supplant our Leader's own writings as a guide to her place and position."

The Six Points were the result of diligent work of a committee which worked from 1938 to 1943. The committee members included Judge Clifford P. Smith, Albert Gilmore, W. Stuart Booth, Violet Ker Seymer, Duncan Sinclair, and George Shaw Cook. The committee compiled Mrs. Eddy's own published and unpublished statements to reach their conclusions. Opinions were not included. The report consisted of 57 typewritten pages and was presented to the Board in 1943. The Six Points were first published in the June 5th Sentinel and the July Journal of 1943. It was reprinted several times in the periodicals over the years and released in leaflet form for sale in reading rooms in the 1970s. Teachers were reminded to use the Six Points in their classes as late as 1972. Therefore, it would not be accurate to say that "Mrs. Eddy's Place" was not reprinted or referred to for several decades. Interestingly, the new computerized Concord electronic concordance to Science and Health has omitted three key citations under "Eddy, Mrs. Mary Baker" which refer to her as "messenger" and "one" in reference to her place in Bible prophecy (p.455: 21, 24, 25). These citations still appear in the printed concordance.

Other infringements upon Mrs. Eddy's place have appeared in the C.S. periodicals. These destructive pronouncements are subtly couched in a context of lavish praise for Mrs. Eddy. The August 1975 Journal stated, "It is sometimes believed that Christian Scientists consider Mrs. Eddy to be the second witness... But this is not so." (p. 438) The June 1980 Journal stated, "The simple fact is no one before Mrs. Eddy's time discovered the Christ Science -- and no one after her had to. Presumably, if another could have, that person would have." (p. 291) The January 1988 Journal stated, "A few ignoring her [Mrs. Eddy's] own specific written explanations on the subject, have been pulled dangerously close to the edge of mythology insisting in effect that God knowingly chose a mortal to become a nearly divine messenger. They imply that Mrs. Eddy was a latter-day equivalent of Christ Jesus. Yet this contradicts Mrs. Eddy's own statements regarding her place." (p. 30) It is reported that within the last five years, a trustee of the Christian Science Publishing Society stated, "By the year 2000, the name Mary Baker Eddy won't be heard at headquarters any more."

Mrs. Eddy's own statements should be considered: "God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of Scientific mental healing." (S&H 107:3-6) She relates in her autobiography, Retrospection and Introspection, that she like Samuel, heard a voice calling, and she gave the same reply, "Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth." (Ret. 8-9) She writes, "I was a scribe under orders;..." (Mis 311: 26) Elsewhere she says, "The second appearing of Jesus is, unquestionable, the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God, as in Christian Science." (Ret. 70: 20-22) Notice that she says Jesus and not Christ in this reference. She is speaking of the human appearing. She asks, "Do you love that which represents God most, His highest idea as seen today? No! Then you would hate Jesus if you saw him personally and knew your right obligations towards him. He would insist on the rule and demonstration of divine Science even that you first cast out your own dislike and hatred of God's idea, -- the beam in your own eyes. You cannot demonstrate the Principle of Christian Science and not love its idea; we gather not grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles. Where art thou?" (Mis. 336:8-19) The attitude of the current Board of Directors on this subject goes a long way to explaining the decline of Christian Science seen everywhere today.

THIRTEEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS AND ONE OPENING

The following churches have closed between March and June 1991 according to the C.S. Journal: San Mateo, California (2nd); Walnut Creek (Rossmoor Soc.), California; Harvey, Illinois; Riverside-Berwyn, Illinois; Albion, Michigan; Detroit (Northwest Soc.), Michigan; Berlin, New Hampshire; Port Clinton, Ohio; Morristown, Tennessee; Beeville, Texas; Shelton, Washington; Beckley, West Virginia; and Wheeling, West Virginia. One new society has been formed at Wimberley, Texas. Two listings previously deleted from the Journal have reappeared: Susanville, California; and Liberty, New York. The number of churches and societies closed since February 1987 is 173. New churches/societies in that same period total 16. One church in Dover, New Hampshire, has recently advertised in the local paper, "Service upon request".

\$25 MILLION MORE TAKEN OUT OF PENSION FUND

A letter dated April 22, 1991, to all Mother Church retirees states, "Because of the Fund's strong position, we are able to transfer \$25 million from the Retirement Fund to the General Fund during April of 1991." A previous letter to retirees in May of 1989 announced that \$15 million was being transferred from the pension fund to the general fund. By now a total of \$40 million has been taken from the retirees pension fund to spend on Mother Church media projects and enhance the balance-on-hand given at Annual Meeting.

THE MONITOR CHANNEL

USA Today reported on April 18, 1991, "Monitor expected to launch in about 2 million homes. It's making it easy for cable systems to join up, charging no subscriber fees the first year." The May 17th C.S. Monitor included a four-page listing of cable systems presently carrying The Monitor Channel. Not one large city was included among them.

UPDATE ON THE MOTHER CHURCH ARCHIVES

A source knowledgeable about the archives of The Mother Church states that Lee Johnson, the long time archivist, was indeed fired from his position without

warning or justification. The reason for his removal was officially stated as a desire to "restructure the office". The same source states that all items borrowed from the archives were returned according to standard procedures, and that this was not an issue in the dismissal. There has been increasing concern expressed in the C.S. field over the future of the archives. According to all accounts, the archives were being very well managed before the recent shake-up. One wonders what changes are being contemplated for this priceless collection of documents which includes nearly every manuscript and letter ever written by Mrs. Eddy, the papers of early pioneers in Christian Science, as well as the entire Carpenter Foundation collection.

MADONNA IN THE MONITOR

The May 21, 1991, C.S. Monitor ran a three column review of Madonna's new porno film, "Truth or Dare" complete with a photo of the rock star and her filmmaker. The Monitor staff writer takes pains to present a "balanced picture" of the singer, but an undercurrent of admiration keeps coming to the surface in comments such as, "But she's smart and quick, and drops such funny lines that you forgive her -- or at least tolerate her presence... She got there by being an undeniably powerful and persuasive performer... Audiences relate to her as the woman who can say anything... However much we laugh at her antics, there's also an ugly side to Madonna's personality." The review ends with, "The film is rated R. Contains vulgarity, nudity, and homoerotic behavior." Other incidents of this kind include a favorable review of the heavy metal rock group Iron Maiden in the August 20, 1990, Monitor and the appearance of the Monitor's movie critic on the ABC News Nightline program of August 9, 1988, in which he defended the blasphemous movie, "The Last Temptation of Christ." One must ask why these tares and chaff of history find a place in Mrs. Eddy's great newspaper whose motto is "First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." Why do the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society tolerate this?

NEW WORLD ORDER AGAIN

The May 29, 1991, Monitor contained an article fostering the idea of a United Nations with enhanced power and another column suggesting that national sovereignty is outmoded in an era when the UN and other international agencies should be given increased power. These ideas clearly conflict with Mrs. Eddy's position on this subject stated in Miscellany on page 282, lines 3-8.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Scientists attending college around the United States received a letter from the Outreach & Ministry department of The Mother Church recently. The recipients were invited to a dinner to discuss ideas for making C.S. organizations more vital on campus. The letter rightly points out that "the Church Manual doesn't set a whole lot of parameters" for a college C.S. organization. However, the letter states, "Since the real reason for any activity of this Church is to 'elevate the race,' any right activity leading to that goal is appropriate. For instance, if an organization decides to hold a discussion group on a pertinent topic -- such as alcoholism or date rape or the high cost of tuition -- for the campus once every three months and do nothing else, that's a legitimate activity. If it wants to reserve a hall with a video screen and have continuous airings of 'World Monitor' each day, fine. And yes, if it wants to have regular testimony meetings, that's okay too." Elsewhere the letter states, "Over the years, various policies and traditions were built up that have locked college organizations into these activities [testimonies,

election of officers, by-laws, lectures] and, frankly, in some cases have tended to bog them down and maybe make them unattractive to join." One can agree that a college organization should be guided exclusively by the Church Manual, but one would assume that its activities would be focused on the study and advancement of Christian Science and not the purely secular purposes which the letter from The Mother Church suggests.

INTERFAITH RECOMMITMENT TO PEACE

An advertisement in the the April 27, 1991, Boston Globe announced the above named service for the following day at the Boston Church of the New Jerusalem. Besides the participation of mainline Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish congregations, the Hare Krishnas, Rev. Moon's Unification Church, the Church of Scientology, Islamic, Native American Indian, and Swedenborgians also took part. One of the official greeters at the event was a representative of the Outreach & Ministry department of The Mother Church who read short selections from the Bible and Science and Health at one point during the program. According to observers, the Hare Krishnas dominated the show since they outnumbered all other groups represented. They placed pictures of Swami Prabhupada and a dancing Krishna in front of the altar and danced up and down the aisles distributing copies of mantras to everyone in attendance. A collection of prayers for peace were also available which included examples by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the Church of Scientology Background and Ceremonies Book, the Hare Krishnas, St. Francis of Assisi, and hymn number 44 from the Christian Science Hymnal. Other recent efforts at outreach by The Mother Church have included the serving of coffee, tea, and donuts in the State Street Reading Room, and the serving of refreshments in The Extension.

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