

The Richard Oakes' book, "Mary Baker Eddy's Six Days of Revelation," we find the following vital information:

"To Mrs. Annie M. Knott, C.S.D., Principle of the Detroit Christian Science Institute, she gave warning that the time might come when medical thought might be so organized that it would make the practice of Christian Science almost impossible. The remedy given was not the counter power of Christian Science churches, but:"

'When (that) time comes I want my students to take every means possible to make Science and Health available to the whole world.' (Quoting Mary Baker Eddy). THE TIME IS NOW, and in response to Mrs. Eddy's direction above, the Mary Baker Eddy Science Institute and the Christian Science Foundation & Research Library, Cambridge, England, are privileged to share a deep study of "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," narrated on cassette disc by Gordon Brown.

This study will constitute the Mary Baker Eddy Science Institute Lessons for the coming year. The cassette disks are available upon request. We will send out sets of two or three chapters at a time.

Each student will be able to listen at his or her own pace and we will send them out as needed. What follows is an introductory commentary by the Christian Science Foundation and Library, Cambridge England.

We are introducing the first part of a remarkable series of recordings made over a period of twenty-five years by W. Gordon Brown. They are part of a collection held by the Christian Science Foundation in England, which have recently been transferred from cassettes to CDs.

The series, consisting of five parts, begins with a study of **Science and Health**, which follows Mrs. Eddy's instruction in this book about how to do it. The wonder of the textbook as its full title, "with Key to the Scriptures", indicates is that it brings to light the spiritual and scientific meaning of the **Bible** as a whole as it unfolds from GENESIS to REVELATION.

In the second epistle of Peter he writes: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (3:8). Many editions of the King James Bible head each page with a date, beginning with 4004 BC for chapter one of Genesis. This book opens with seven *days* of creation which, together with the spiritual exegesis of these days in the Christian Science textbook, sheds light on the *four thousand years* of the Old Testament and with the advent of Christ Jesus which opens the New Testament, beginning the fifth thousand-year period. The history of **World Civilization** itself is assumed to begin around 4000 BC, and the present century opens the seventh thousand-year period. Thus each day of creation presents the symbols that illumine human history and enables it to be translated out of time.

The series continues with **The Nothingness of Animal Magnetism**, a translation of astrology into the woman's crown of "twelve stars" as

featured in Revelation. The final part is **The Open Door** – “behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.” This is part of the message given to the church in Philadelphia, the church of brotherly love, signifying today the Church of Christ, Scientist, as the spiritual embodiment of the whole human race. It is also part of the text Mrs. Eddy has chosen to open “Key to the Scriptures” (p 499), the four final chapters of the textbook.

Part 1: **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

Two years after Mrs. Eddy closed her Church and College organizations, and she herself retired from public office, she sent the following message to the College Association, which included: “You can well afford to give me up, since you have in my last revised edition of Science and Health your teacher and guide” (*Mis. 136:18*). The edition she referred to was the celebrated 50th edition, published in 1891. This edition contained for the first time the statement (*found today on page 146*) that “Divine metaphysics is now reduced to a system, to a form comprehensible by and adapted to the thought of the age in which we live.” It also included at the beginning of the chapter “Recapitulation”, an expanded range of capitalized terms in answer to the question, “What is God?” which are declared to be “synonymous”. (By 1910 this range is: Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.) Also for the first time in the 50th edition came the words at the beginning of “The Apocalypse” chapter, “Read it [this book] from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it.” At the end of the chapter she introduced a second range of four capitalized terms, which became her final simple description of the holy

city: Word, Christ, Christianity, Science (“The city foursquare” and “The city of our God” – *marginal headings on pages 575 and 577*).

Soon after Mrs Eddy gave this instruction and introduced these terms she published in the first edition of the *Church Manual* a By-Law which includes the following imperative command: “The BIBLE, together with SCIENCE AND HEALTH and other works by Mrs. Eddy, shall be [the student’s] only textbooks for *self-instruction* in Christian Science, and for teaching and practising metaphysical healing” (*see Man p 34, emphasis added*).

In the late 1960s a group of students in London, England, met together to study *Science and Health* in accordance with Mrs. Eddy’s instructions. Their desire was to follow the text in its own divine order all the way from “Preface” to “Fruitage”, and so find it to be the divine Science of man “woven into one web of consistency without seam or rent” (242:25). Mindful of the fact that the text is none other than “the voice of your Father speaking to you” and that our Father, divine Principle, is represented fundamentally by these two sets of capitalized terms speaking to us out of every page, the group set to work. At the conclusion of each chapter, a recording was made to summarize the ideas that had brought themselves to light in the course of the study. The series of recordings unfolds as follows:

1a Introduction to the new approach to the study, including a survey of the PREFACE.

1b Summary of the chapters from beginning to end, that is, from PREFACE to FRUITAGE.

2a The first chapter, PRAYER, in its essential relationship with the first section of THE APOCALYPSE, the subject of which is “the little book” in its wholeness from beginning to end.

3 & 4 ATONEMENT AND EUCHARIST.

5 MARRIAGE.

6 & 7 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE versus SPIRITUALISM.

8 ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED.

9 & 10 SCIENCE THEOLOGY, MEDICINE.

11 PHYSIOLOGY.

12 & 13 FOOTSTEPS OF TRUTH.

14 CREATION.

15 SCIENCE OF BEING (to page 306)

16 SCIENCE OF BEING (to page 330) and introducing the platform.

17 Platform and SOME OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

18 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE (to page 385)

19 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE (page 385 - 424).

20 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE concluded, leading to TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

21 TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE leading to RECAPITULATION.

22 & 23 RECAPITULATION.

24 & 25 GENESIS and THE APOCALYPSE in their spiritual and scientific wedlock as KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

26 & 27 GLOSSARY and FRUITAGE.

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