

# Joel S. Goldsmith Biography

Father healed of pneumonia:

In 1915, Joel's father became critically ill with pneumonia while in England and word was sent to the Goldsmith family to come for the body. However, according to Joel, his father was healed by a Christian Science practitioner in London. When his father unexpectedly recovered, Joel began to ask questions about the existence and nature of God and to begin to educate himself about Christian Science.

After serving in the United States Marines during World War I, Joel returned to the family business, which soon failed owing to competition from the post-war ready-made garment industry. He then became a salesman.

Healing of tuberculosis:

At this time Joel became ill with tuberculosis. When given a medical prognosis of three months to live, he consulted a Christian Science practitioner. He recovered within three months.

Healed of pneumonia:

While on a return sales business trip from Europe, he developed pneumonia and again was healed by a Christian Science Practitioner.

Christian Science Practitioner by popular demand:

After the last healing noted above, he continued his study of Christian Science. By his own account, business clients and strangers began to seek him out unsolicited, asking him to pray for their recovery. Gradually, he abandoned his livelihood as a salesman and became a full-time Christian Science Practitioner.

Joel practices Christian Science healing for inmates:

He joined a Christian Science church in New York, served as a spiritual adviser and Practitioner at Rikers Island Prison, and established himself as a general practitioner of Christian Science healing.

Relies on God, offers healing for free:

He soon adopted a policy of never charging for his healing services and depending solely upon God to provide for his needs through unsolicited sources of income.

Moves to Boston and starts new healing practice:

He then moved to Boston and established himself again as a Christian Science Practitioner for a period of 10 years.

## Instantaneous Healings

Joel became known in Boston for the instantaneous healing work which occurred time and again with a large number of one-time visitors to his office every day. He was resented by those who did not have that level of success.

Time to move out from under an “organization”:

By this time (10 years in Boston), he realized an “organization” controlling its members was not what Mary Baker Eddy had in mind when she wrote the Manual for the First Christ of Christ Scientist in Boston, Ma. Many provisions in the Manual were self-expiring as continuation of many functions required her personal signature. She had passed on some 30 years previously. Therefore, he left the “organization” and also moved from Boston.

Book published:

He published a book called Letters to my Christian Science patients and students. He was informed that he was forbidden to use the name of Christian Science or Mary Baker Eddy in any of his endeavors as the Board of Directors claimed exclusivity. Therefore, eventually the title was changed from Christian Science to The Infinite Way.

The Infinite Way Statement:

“The Infinite Way reveals the nature of God to be one infinite, eternal power, presence, intelligence, and love; the nature of the individual being to be one with God's qualities and character, expressed in infinite forms and variety; and the nature of the discords of this world to be a misconception of God's expression of Himself in His universe.

Christian Science:

Of course, this is exactly what Mary Baker Eddy stated clearly in her Textbook, Science & Health in the first edition in 1875 and in all 431 editions thereafter.