

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Early in the Nineteenth Century there appeared in Portland, Me., a mental healer, Dr. Quimby by name, who experimented in healing by mesmerism and hypnotism. From 1862 to 1865 he had a now noted patient—Mrs. Eddy—who in early womanhood attracted some attention as a mesmeric subject. Claiming to be healed by Dr. Quimby she became a student and advocate of his teachings. Dr. Quimby died in 1865 and in 1866 Mrs. Eddy had a timely revelation in which she claimed to have discovered the teachings of Christian Science. These teachings she incorporated in a book called Science and Health, and after copywriting it, sold it through many editions at a handsome revenue. A close comparison of Mrs. Eddy's Science and Health and Dr. Quimby's Science of Man will startle any reader by their similitude.

The first edition of the book appeared in 1875 and has gone through many changes and transpositions and with each change a rich harvest has been reaped from the sale of new editions. In 1876 Mrs. Eddy organized the first Christian Science Association with six pupils. In 1879 she organized the first Science Church in Boston with twenty-six members and herself as pastor. This became the Mother Church. All other churches organized are branches of the mother church. The membership of Christian Science Churches runs in ratio of about three women to every man.

Mrs. Eddy was married three times, once divorced and in many ways her career was a checkered one. She reaped handsomely from the revenue obtained from healings, lessons on healing, sale of Christian Science spoons, books and other remunerative methods. She died reported to be worth over three million dollars.

THE BIBLE

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

I. That the Bible is impure.

"A moral and material sense stole into the divine record, with its own hue darkening to

some extent the inspired pages." (S. and H., 139: 20-22.)

THE BIBLE:

(Prov. 30: 5; Rom. 3: 4; II Tim. 3: 16; II Peter 1: 21).

II. That some parts of the Bible are lies.

(Regarding Gen. 2: 7) "Is it the truth, or is it a lie concerning man and God? It must be a lie." (S. and H. 524: 25-27.)

THE BIBLE:

(Isa. 8: 20; Rom. 3: 4).

III. That the Bible does not contain all revelation.

"God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation." (S. and H. 107: 3-5.)

THE BIBLE:

(Prov. 30: 6; Rev. 22: 18, 19.)

GOD

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

I. That God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite mind, soul, spirit, principle, truth love, (S. and H. 465: 8-10.)

"I knew the principle of all harmonious mind-action to be God." (S. and H. 109: 16, 17.)

THE BIBLE:

(Gen. 1: 1-31; Heb. 1: 3.) God is a personality.

JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

I. That Christ is not God.

"Jesus Christ is NOT God, as Jesus Himself declared, but is the Son of God. This declaration of Jesus, understood, conflicts not at all with another of His sayings: 'I and my Father are one,' that is, one in quality, not in quantity.

As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and Son, are one in being." (S. and H. 36: 12-8.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Christ is called God (Isa. 9: 6; John 20: 28; Phil. 2: 5, 6; Heb. 1: 8).

II. That Jesus was not incarnated in the flesh.

"Those instructed in Christian Science have reached the glorious perception that God isn't the only author of man. The Virgin Mother conceived this idea of God, and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus." (S. and H. 29: 14-18.)

"Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God." (S. and H. 29: 32; 30: 1.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Jesus was incarnated in the flesh (Luke 1: 30, 31, 34, 35; John 1: 14).

III. That every spiritual idea is a child.

"When a new spiritual idea is born to earth the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled, 'unto us a child is born.'" (S. and H. 109: 24-27.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Jesus coming fulfilling (Isa. 9: 6) said He had flesh and bones (Luke 24: 39).

NOTE: Ideas do not have flesh and bones.

IV. That Christ is not a man, but an ideal truth.

"Christ is the ideal truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God. Jesus is the name of the man, who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and sinning and destroying the power of death. Jesus is the human man and Christ

is the divine idea; hence the duality of Jesus the Christ." (S. and H. 475: 10-17.)

"The Christ is incorporeal, spiritual." (332: 11, 12.)

THE BIBLE:

1. That Jesus and Christ are the same person and had a fleshly body (John 20: 31; Rom. 5: 8; I Cor. 15: 3; I Peter 1: 19; Eph. 2: 13-16).
2. That a man is a liar who denies Jesus and Christ are the same (I John 2: 22).
3. That he is a DECEIVER who does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (II John 7).

V. That Christ did not actually die.

"They saw Him after His crucifixion and learned that He had not died." (46: 2, 3.)

"His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while He was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas He was alive." (44: 28, 29.)

"The (seeming) death of His Son." (45: 11, 12.)

THE BIBLE:

1. He actually died (John 19: 33; Rom. 5: 8; 14: 9; 15: 3).

VI. That the blood of Christ does not cleanse the sinner of sin.

"The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed on the accursed tree than when it was flowing in His veins as He went daily about His Father's business." (25: 6-9.)

NOTE: Since Jesus and Christ are the same person (see No. 4 above), then here is an admittance that He came in flesh and that blood coursed through His veins, which contradicts the statement that Christ did not come in the flesh.

THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible says we are cleansed of sin by Christ's blood (Rom. 5: 9; Col. 1: 20; Heb. 10: 4-12; I John 1: 7).

- VII. That Christ did not physically rise from the dead.
"To accommodate Himself to immature ideas of spiritual power, for spirituality was possessed only in a limited degree even by His disciples, Jesus called the body, which by spiritual power He raised from the grave, 'flesh and bones.'" (313: 26-30.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Jesus said He physically rose from the dead (Luke 24: 39-43; John 20: 26-29).

- VIII. That Jesus did not ascend in His physical body.
"The eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest in flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared, while the spiritual self, or Christ, continued to exist." (334: 14-17.)

THE BIBLE:

The Bible says Jesus did ascend into heaven (Luke 24: 50, 51; Acts 7: 55; 9: 5; Heb. 4: 14).

- IX. That Jesus will not return in bodily form.
"The second appearing of Jesus is, unquestionably, the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God as in Christian Science." (Retrospection and Introspection 70: 20-22.)

THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible says He will return in the same manner that He went (Acts 1: 11).

THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That the Holy Spirit is divine science.

"In the words of St. John: 'He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you

forever.' This Comforter I understand to be divine science." (55: 27-29.)

"The science of being shows it to be impossible for Infinite Spirit or soul to be in a finite body." (309: 24, 25.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Christ said He would send the Spirit (John 16: 13, 14).
2. Paul says the Spirit dwells in us (I Cor. 3: 16; 6: 19; II Tim. 1: 14).

THE TRINITY

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That there are not three persons in the one God-head.

"The theory of three persons in one God (That is, a personal trinity or tri-unity) suggests polytheism, rather than the one ever-present I Am." (256: 9-11.)

"The name, Elohim, is in the plural, but this plurality of Spirit does not imply more than one God, nor does it imply three persons in one." (515: 17-19.)

THE BIBLE:

1. God said, "Let US make man in our image" (Gen. 1: 26).
2. Christ commanded baptism into three persons of the God-head (Matt. 28: 19).
3. Christ came in the express image of God's person (Heb. 1: 3).

God, then, is a person, showing that the three in the God-head are persons.

THE DEVIL

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That the devil is a lie and an error.

"Devil a lie; error a belief in sin, sickness and death." (584: 17-19.)

"The beliefs of the human mind rob and enslave, and then impute this result to another illusive personification, named Satan." (187: 10-12.)

THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible says there is a devil (Rev. 12: 9, 12; Matt. 4: 11; Luke 22: 31).
2. Christ said the devil is a liar (John 8: 44).

SIN

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That it is impossible for a man to fall in sin.

"Never born and never dying, it was impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal science, to fall from his high estate." (258: 27-30.)

"The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man is, not shall be, perfect and immortal." (428: 22, 23.)

- II. That sin is an illusion.

"Matter and its effects, sin, sickness and death are states of mortal mind which act, react, and then come to a stop . . . they are not ideas. but illusions. (283: 8-11.)

THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible says that there is no man that does not sin (I Kings 8: 46).
2. Christ says men sin (Luke 7: 47).
3. The Holy Spirit is to reprove the world of sin (John 16: 8).
4. Paul says all have sinned and come short of the glory (Rom. 3: 23).
5. John, an apostle, says if we say we have no sin we lie and deceive ourselves (I John 1: 8, 9).

NOTE: Christian science, then, deceives and lies.

- III. That to get rid of sin is to divest sin of any supposed reality.

"To get rid of sin through science, is to divest sin of any supposed mind or reality." (339: 28-30.)

THE BIBLE:

(Matt. 9: 6; Col. 2: 13; Eph. 1: 7).

IV. That man can not sin.

"Man is incapable of sin." (475: 28.)

"Soul is the divine principle of man and never sins." (481: 28.)

THE BIBLE:

1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (I Kings 8: 46; Rom. 3: 23).

V. That there is no such thing as sickness, disease or pain.

"Matter and its effects, sin, sickness, and death, are states of mortal illusions." (285: 8, 9, 11.)

"Man is never sick." (393: 29.)

"There is no disease." (421: 18.)

THE BIBLE:

(Matt. 4: 24; Mark 6: 5; John 4: 46.)

VI. That growing old is an illusion.

"Decrepitude is not according to law nor is it a necessity of nature, but an illusion. (245: 30-31.)

THE BIBLE:

(Gen. 48: 10; Prov. 16: 31.)

VII. That there is no death.

"Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that Lazarus had never died." (75: 13-15.)

"Man is incapable of sin, sickness and death." (475: 28.)

"Death. An illusion." (584: 9.)

THE BIBLE:

1. Man has died from the beginning (Gen. 5: 1-5).

2. Jesus said PLAINLY, "Lazarus is dead" (John 11: 14).
3. It is appointed unto men once to die (Heb. 9: 27).

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That "until it is learned that generation rests on no sexual basis, let marriage continue." (Teaching 1893.)

"Until it is learned that God is the Father of all, let marriage continue." (Teaching in 1906.)

"Until it is learned that God is the Father of all, marriage will continue." 1917 (64: 26, 27.)

"Until time matures human growth, marriage and progeny will continue unprohibited in Christian Science." (Miscellaneous Writings 286: 6-8.)

"God created all through mind, and made all perfect and eternal. Where, then, is the necessity for recreation or procreation?" (205: 12-14.)

THE BIBLE:

1. God commanded man to multiply (Gen. 1: 26-28).
2. The Spirit spoke expressly that in the latter times some, who were seducing spirits, liars, servants of the devil, would depart from the faith and teach against marriage (I Tim. 4: 1-3).

DIVORCE

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That divorce is all right.

"I hereby state, in unmistakable language, the following statute in the morale of Christian Science: A man or woman having voluntarily entered into wedlock and accepted the claims of the marriage covenant, is held in Christian Science as morally bound to fulfill all the claims growing out of this contract, unless such claims

are relinquished by mutual consent of both parties, or this contract is legally dissolved." (Miscellaneous Writings 297: 18-25.)

THE BIBLE:

1. A man putting away his wife, except for fornication, and marrying another, commits adultery (Matt. 5: 31, 32; 19: 8, 9).

CHILDREN

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEACHES:

- I. That children are spiritual thoughts and representations of life, truth and love.

"Children, the spiritual thoughts and representatives of life, truth and love. Sensual and moral beliefs; counterfeits of creation, whose better originals are God's thoughts, not in embryo, but in maturity; material suppositions of life, substance and intelligence, opposed to the science of being. (528: 28; 585: 4.)

THE BIBLE:

(Psa. 127: 3-5.)

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBTRACTIONS AND
SUBSTITUTIONS**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBTRACTS:

- I. Baptism.

THE BIBLE:

1. Christ commands it and promises salvation only to those who obey it (Matt. 28: 19, 20; Mark 16: 15, 16; Matt. 3: 13; Acts 2: 38; 8: 36-39; 22: 16; I Cor. 12: 13; Gal. 3: 27; I Peter 3: 21).

- II. The Lord's Supper.

THE BIBLE:

1. The Bible commands the observance of the Lord's Supper weekly (Acts 2: 42; 20: 7; I Cor. 11: 23-29).
2. No life in us if we do not do this (John 6: 53).

III. The Scriptural plan of salvation.

THE BIBLE:

1. Faith in God and Jesus Christ as His Son (Heb. 11: 6; John 14: 1).
2. Repentance (Luke 13: 3; Acts 17: 30; II Peter 3: 9).
3. Confession of Christ (Matt. 10: 32, 33; Rom. 10: 9, 10).
4. Baptism (Matt. 28: 19, 20; Mark 16: 15, 16; John 3: 5; Rom. 6: 3-5; Gal. 3: 27; I Peter 3: 21).
5. Continuing in the apostles' teaching, and fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers (Acts 2: 42).
6. Adding of all the Christian graces (II Peter 1: 5-11).

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBSTITUTES:

I. A name.

THE BIBLE:

1. Name of Church organization.
 - (1.) Church of God (Acts 20: 28; I Cor. 1: 2).
 - (2.) Church of the Living God (I Tim. 3: 15).
 - (3.) Church of the First-born (Heb. 12: 23).
 - (4.) Body of Christ (Eph. 4: 12; 5: 23; Col. 1: 24).
 - (5.) Church of Christ (Rom. 16: 16; Eph. 5: 23).
2. Name of church members.
 - (1.) Disciples (Acts 11: 26).
 - (2.) Saints (Phil. 1: 1).
 - (3.) Brethren (I Cor. 15: 6).
 - (4.) Christians (Acts 11: 26; 26: 28; I Peter 4: 16).

NOTE: The name Christian is preferable because the names, disciples, brethren, saints, etc., were common among the Jews, but the name,

Christian, is distinctly a new name (Isa. 62: 1, 2; Acts 11: 26). Again the members are married to Christ and should wear the name that shows marriage relationship (Rom. 7: 4).

II. Science and health for the Bible.

NOTE: How many times Science and Health contradicts the Scriptures is evident by all the preceding comparisons.

III. Mrs. Eddy's authority for Christ's authority.

THE BIBLE:

1. Christ said all authority is given unto HIM in heaven and earth. This is all inclusive (Matt. 28: 18).
2. Paul says let God be true and every man a liar (Rom. 3: 4).

NOTE: All quotations from Science and Health are taken from the 1917 edition.