

Introduction

What Saith The Scripture

About the group known as

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When I was growing up whenever someone was caught telling a lie we always said "Liar, Liar, pants on fire!". Childish, yes, but very appropriate if you think about it. All cults have several things in common. First, they mimic Christianity, though they are only a pseudo-form of the truth. Several of the cults, like the Mormon Church, have gone so far into mimicry that they are actually considered a separate denomination like the Presbyterian or Methodist Churches. Second, the cults twist the Scripture to suit their platform of belief, rather than conform what they believe to what the Scripture teaches. Many of the cults, though not all, use various forms of brainwashing techniques to gather and retain their converts. They use holy deception, as they call it, to trick a person into their midst, then on tearing down the barriers of the person's old belief system they slowly inculcate the new, cultic doctrines.

"Liar, Liar, pants on fire!" is a true saying, for those deceived by cults are walking a pathway that can only lead to eternal damnation in the next life. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". (John 14:6)**. The cults would have you believe there are other ways to God, but our Lord teaches only one way: Faith in the historic and Biblical Person of Jesus Christ. Anything that distorts that simple Gospel

message is cultic, and leads to anything but Heaven.

In this other studies we will be looking at various cults, and how they twist the Scripture into something outside of the truth. All Scripture quoted is from the King James version, and this research was compiled from various sources. Two of the best sources I used were **The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error by Keith L. Brooks (Moody Press)** and **Larson's Book of Cults by Bob Larson (Tyndale Publishing House, 1982)**. We will also look at research from **CARM** (Christian Apologetics Research Ministries, found at carm.org) and from **Watchman Fellowship Organization** (found at watchman.org).

Be aware, this series of studies is not meant to be a personal attack on any person, for all people are precious and need to hear the Gospel of Christ. These studies are designed to attack the lies that the cults are propagating, leading men and women to damnation and away from peace in Christ. If you know anybody who is involved in these cults, please don't use the material to attack them. Use the material, in conjunction with the leading of the Holy Spirit, to try and lead them out of the lies of the cult and into the Truth of God's Word. Redeem that soul for Jesus!

**Christian Science, or
The "Church of Christ, Scientist"**



Mary Baker Eddy, the self styled "Prophet" of Christian Science, stated:

"There is one way to heaven. Divine Science shows us this way. The second appearing of Jesus is unquestionably the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God, as in Christian Science".

Eddy proclaimed that her teachings were God's final word on the subject. As a result, Christian Scientists isolate themselves, even hide their faith, from interaction with others. The first indication that one has that a person is a Christian Scientist may be when that person refuses medical treatment for himself or his children ... refusing even to the point of death. For you see, sickness is not real, but right thinking Scientists can will away disease, if their faith is strong enough.

The Watchman Fellowship (watchman.org), the organization that tracks and reports cultic activity in the world, has listed *Christian Science* as one of the *three most dangerous* cults in America. This quote is from their site:

"While researching the vast numbers of cults in the United States, one could find it difficult to

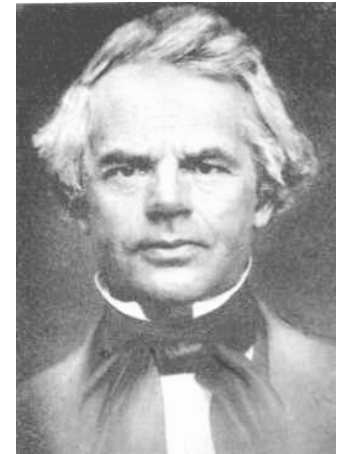
pinpoint and/or agree on which cult actually poses the greater danger. The following evaluation will serve to put things in proper perspective when searching for an answer to this growing problem.

Satanism, of course, is usually first on the list due to the **recent surge of ritualistic sacrifices (both human and animal)**; accompanied with the abnormal practice of bodily self-mutilation with razor blades, knives, and drugs to name only a few (Florida Times-Union/Jacksonville, 2/14/88, p. A-19).

The **Watchtower Bible and Tract Society** warrants strong consideration due to the **numerous deaths resulting from the refusal to take blood transfusions**. Accordingly, since the Jehovah's Witnesses continue to allow their friends and family members to die (adults and children) by refusing a life-giving blood transfusion, **they could be placed first in line as the most dangerous cult** (The Watchtower, 6/15/89; Sun-Sentinel, 7/5/89, front page).

The **Church of Christ, Scientist** (Christian Science) could certainly contend for a close "runner-up" to the Watchtower organization due to their **denial of proper medical care** which has resulted in the deaths of numerous followers (Palatka Daily News, 4/10/89, p. 3A).

Christian Science was actually founded by **Phineas Parkhurst Quimby**, a "mind over matter" healer. **Eddy went to see him because of spinal illness in 1862** and, in the course of her "healing", became impressed with his written works. Research scholars have prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that **Eddy heavily plagiarized Quimby's writings to develop her own "holy texts"**. Quimby, who was NOT a Christian, wrote:



We have not a true idea of God. **God is not a man any more than man is a principle. When we speak of God, we are taught to believe in a person.** So we attach our senses to a person called God, and then talk about his laws and the violation of them is our trouble. . . **The Christian's God is a tyrant of the worst kind.** God is the name of man's belief. . . The God of the savages is their belief, the God of the Mohammedans is their belief, and so on, to the Christian's God. Man has invented a God according to his belief, so that God is the embodiment of man's belief. As man's belief changes, so his God changes; but the true God never changes. The wisdom of man condensed into a being called God is set up for the ignorant to worship; . . . and we have revered and worshiped it not from love, but from fear. ... To believe in this God is to know ourselves, and that is the religion of Christ. It is Christ in us, not opinions we are in. Just as we know this truth, we are of and a part of God, . . . and will be guided by the Father of all truth.

A Christian Science service has no clergy, only *lay readers and full time practitioners* that direct the group. No ordinances are observed. **You can only become a Christian Scientist if you swear to sever all ties with any other Church or religious organization. The Bible, God's Word, is considered useless unless interpreted through Eddy's (Quimby's) writings.**

Christian Science is **very similar to Hinduism in that spirit is seen as the only true reality**, all other things are immaterial, without substance. Heaven is a state of mind. Hell, the deity of Christ, the Atonement .. **all mainline Orthodox Christian beliefs are disputed as myths**. Christian Science is neither Christian (in the Biblical sense or the word), nor is it Scientific (as the numerous highly publicized deaths of numerous members attests - all who refused medical treatment). It is only fancy, and dangerous because it not only denies the salvation offered through Christ, but also shortens the life of these poor deluded "Scientists".

Specific Beliefs of Christian Scientists

God not a Person, but a Force

To the Christian Scientist **God is not a Person, but a Force. It is Mind**. The following are quotes from this group's *holy writings*:

God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter (Science and Health, 113: 18)

God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love (Science and Health, 465:9)

God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul. The only intelligence of the universe, including man (Science and Health, 330:11)

Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God - God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; Divine Science or the Holy Comforter (Science and Health, 331:26-31)

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 (Science and Health, 256:9-11)

This thought that God is Mind, not a Person, has driven the cult to disbelieve reality, *especially medical reality*, and has led to many dying or supporting unsafe practices that lead to the death of their loved ones.

What does the Bible teach about God? It teaches that **God created matter in Genesis 1:1**. All things are not *spirit* or *thought* as these people teach. **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”** The Bible teaches that God, Who is a Person, created man in His likeness. Scripture teaches that God is Triune.

Genesis 1:26-27 And **God** said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

God revealed Himself through the Godhead most clearly during Jesus' earthly ministry – though God often revealed Himself in the Old Testament using terms like *us*, *we*, and so forth:

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Matthew 3:16-17 And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God descending** like a dove, and lighting upon him: **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

Genesis 11:7-8 Go to, **let us go down**, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So **the LORD scattered** them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

In a passage that would make a modalist cry (modalist – an ancient cult that believes there is only One God who revealed Himself in three Personae) Isaiah wrote the words of God. God spoke of how He created all things, even the heavens. Then at the end of this passage the Person Who is clearly God makes a startling statement:

Isaiah 48:13-16 **Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.**

and that is God, Creator God, was sent by none other than the “**Lord GOD and His Spirit**”. Here we see a clear illustration of the Trinity of God: One God, Three Persons. Can I explain it? No, but I can believe it, for it is Scriptural.

Jesus Christ Is Neither ²God – Nor Necessary

To Christian Scientists Christ our Savior is *not* an important part of their faith. Mary Baker Eddy wrote:

If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet, it would make no difference to me (First Church of Christ Scientist & Misc., pp. 318-19)

Jesus was not actually *born*, nor did He come in the flesh – but He was a product of the mind of Mary.

The virgin mother conceived this idea of God and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus. Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God (Science and Health, 29:17- 18, 32; 30:1)

Jesus was just a mirrored reflection of God – not actually God Himself. He never resurrected *in the flesh*, but by process of thought *ceased death*. Jesus was really alive in the tomb.

Not that the human Jesus was or is eternal ... not one with the Father ... but fleshly.... Christ is "the ideal Truth," "Divine Idea ... reflection of God." The dual personality (Christ Jesus) continued until the ascension, when Jesus disappeared, while Christ continues to exist in the eternal order of Divine Science taking away the sins of the world (Science and Health, 334:10-20)

His disciples believed Jesus to be dead, while he was in the sepulcher, whereas he was alive (Science and Health, 44:28-29)

Resurrection is spiritualization of thought (Science and Health, 593:9)

What do the Scriptures teach? The Scriptures teach that Jesus wasn't something *Mary thought up*, but Jesus Christ was, is, and will always be *Eternally God*. Jesus was co-equal and co-eternal, with God in the beginning of time:

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

and it was Jesus Who *made all things*. Jesus Christ entered humanity, came in the flesh, and was literally *born* of a virgin:

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give
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you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Jesus was not nor will ever be *thought*, a *spirit*, or *mind*. God was manifest in the flesh.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ *died on the Cross* for our sins, and rose from the dead:

Romans 1:4-6 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 15:13-17 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching

vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

If Jesus *has not* risen from the dead then your faith is in vain. The Scripture *adamantly confirms* that Jesus died in a real way, and rose again in a real way. If this is not true you are yet dead in your sins.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

At present Jesus Christ our Lord sits on the right hand of God the Father making *intercession* for us. Who is He interceding with if there is no Triune God? Is He talking to Himself? Absolutely not! God the Son intercedes for us. God the Son prays for us to the Father. He died, rose again, ascended to the

Father, and will one day return to take all those who believe off of this world. He is coming again!

The Holy Spirit ³ Is Not A Person, But “Divine Science”

Holy Ghost is Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love (Science and Health, 588:78)

In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another Comforter" This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science (Science and Health, 55:27-29)

Just as it was easy to disprove the heresy that Jesus is not real nor God, it is extremely easy to show – per the Scripture – that the Holy Spirit is co-equal and co-eternal with both God the Father and God the Son.

John 15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, **whom I will send unto you from the Father**, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:8, 13-14 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ... Howbeit when **he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself;** but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, **whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things,** and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Spirit was sent to the Church by Jesus Christ. The Spirit, clearly *a Person*, came from the Father at the request of the Son. The Spirit came to *teach us the things Christ would have us know*, and so proves Himself to be a Person with intelligence. Further, it is the Holy Spirit of God who *resurrected Jesus from the grave*:

Romans 8:11-15 But if the **Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,** he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

and this same Spirit who now indwells the believer,
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placing us in union with God the Father. We are adopted sons of God because of the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Is the Holy Spirit a *thing*, or is He a Person co-equal with God? If you believe in the Bible as I do you know the answer to that question. God the Holy Spirit is God, and co-equal with God the Father and God the Son.

Sin and Evil **4** Do Not Exist

Here also is found the cardinal point in Christian Science, that matter and evil (including all inharmony, sin, disease, and death) are UNREAL (Misc. Writings, p. 27)

Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death (Science and Health, 475:28)

Sin, sickness, and death are to be classified as effects of error. Christ came to destroy the belief of sin (Science and Health, 473:4-6)

Evil is unreal (Science and Health, 339:9-10)

The only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unreality's seem real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise (Science and Health, 472:27-29)

Someone would have to live a bizarre and unreal life to believe that neither sin nor evil (the outward activity of evil) exist. The Bible is clear that – not only does sin exist – but we are all *dead in our sins* prior to salvation by faith in Christ.

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:21-25 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare

his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

John addressed this *no such thing as sin* heresy when he branded those who taught this as *liars*:

1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

What is sin? It is anything that we do that breaks God's Law (**1 John 3:4-5**). Unrighteousness is sin (**1 John 5:17**). Whatever departs from faith in Christ is sin (**Romans 14:23**). Sin is knowing to do good and refusing to do so (**James 4:17**). No sin? We're so covered up with it in America today its amazing to me we're still here – if you know what I mean!

5 Salvation Is WHAT?

Why am I, and conservatives like myself, *fanatical* about adherence to the Holy Bible? Because I have seen what happens when alleged believers walk away from the truths of God's Holy Scripture. You may think that it doesn't matter – and you may hold human experience above that of what the Scripture teaches. But it does matter what you believe. If you turn from the teachings of Scripture, you will find

yourself in fish muddle like this:

Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love and this redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of the Spirit (Science and Health, 19:6-10)

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father (Science and Health, 18:3-4)

The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical perfection and goodness it demonstrated for mankind (Science and Health, 24:27-28)

Atonement is the exemplification of man's unity with God (Science and Health, 18:1-2)

One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin (Science and Health, 23:3-4)

The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business.; (Science and Health, 25:6-9)

Salvation is Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed (Science and Health, 593:20-22)

Sin, sickness, and death must be deemed as devoid of reality as they are of good, God (Science and Health, 525:28, 29)

To get rid of sin through Science, is to divert sin of any supposed mind or reality, and never to admit that sin can have intelligence or power, pain or pleasure. You conquer error by denying its verity (Science and Health, 339:28-31)

Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration. There is but one way to heaven; harmony and Christ in Divine Science shows us this way (Science and Health, 242:9-10)

You cannot find one ounce of the Biblical Gospel message in any of these statements. Once Mary Baker Eddy and the Scientists made her writings greater than God's, they started on a journey that makes Alice in Wonderland look like a normal day at the park.

The Bible teaches that the only way a person is saved is by faith in the shed Blood of Christ – faith in the Cross.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye

were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Revelation 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 9:22-26 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Colossians 1:20-22 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**

What about the Scientist belief that – if you don't *think it*, its not true? You can think what you want according to the Scripture, but if you answer this question wrong - “What think ye of Christ?” - you will be condemned. The Bible says:

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For **by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:** it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 3:24-27 Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are

past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

None of us can work our way into Heaven. Unless you believe in Jesus for salvation – the Biblical Jesus – you will see an eternity in hell.

You Mean There's Really No Hell?

The Christian Scientists **do not believe in Hell**. I guess that's not a stretch, though, for they really don't believe in Jesus – not the Biblical Jesus. Why should they believe in Hell? To them ...

Hell is "Mortal belief, error, lust, remorse, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, death ... that which worketh abomination or maketh a lie" (Science and Health, 588:1-4)

No final judgment awaits mortals, for the judgment day wisdom comes hourly and continually (Science and Health, 291:28-29)

For the Christian Scientist you *think your way* daily into heaven or hell:

Sin makes its own hell. and goodness its own heaven (Science and Health, 196:18-19)

Death is an illusion, the lie of life in matter; the unreal and untrue (Science and Health, 584:9-10)

The body cannot die, because matter has no life to surrender (Science and Health, 426:30-31)

If man should not progress after death, but should remain in error, he would be inevitably self annihilated (Misc. Writings, p. 2)

Since there really is no death, there's no hell. Think it away and it will go away. Well, *what saith the Scripture?*

Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and **some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is **appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

Revelation 20:12-15 And **I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;** and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake

of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 In **flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God,** and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,** and from the glory of his power;

Mark 9:45-48 And **if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Matthew 13:41-42 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Is there a hell? Yes, just as certainly as there is a Heaven. We do not like to consider it, but we must
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for the Bible teaches it. Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, or depart this life and arrive in a place of eternal torment. You can *not think it* all you want, but you do so at your own peril. Now is the accepted time – now is the day of salvation (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

Conclusion: Questions To Ask Christian Scientists

The **Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry** (found at carm.org) devised a series of pertinent questions to ask the follower of Mary Baker Eddy. These are good questions, and will – if coupled with God's Scripture and God's Spirit – perhaps lead the follower to see Jesus Christ as the only Way to God the Father. Here are the questions CARM offers:

1 If God is all in all, then where did evil come from?

2 If everything is an interpretation of divine mind, then why do people have different understandings of God?

3 If sickness is an illusion, why do you have practitioners who go out to Christian Scientists in attempts to heal them?

4 If sin is not real, then why does the Bible say that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

(Rom. 3:23)? As well as, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us," (1 John 1:8).

5 In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy said, "The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon 'the accursed tree,' than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business." Why would she contradict so plainly the teaching of Scripture that says, "but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

6 Why would Mary Baker Eddy directly contradict the Jesus' own claim of Himself? She said that "Jesus is not God, as Jesus himself declared, but the Son of God." (*Science & Health* 361:12-13). Is she calling Jesus a liar?

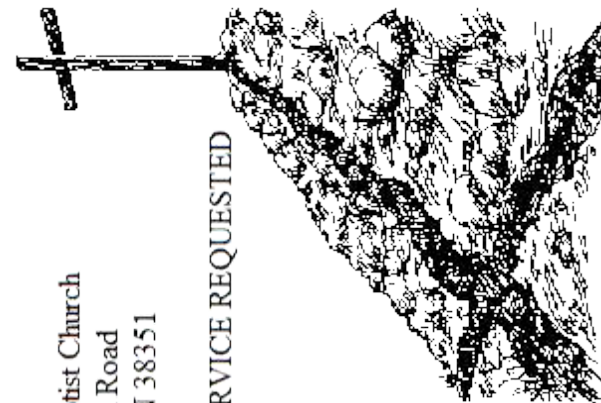
7 If "Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death" as Eddy said in *Science and Health* 475:28, then why do people die? Why does the Bible say that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)?

8 Why would Mrs. Eddy say Jesus did not die (*S&H* 45:32-46:3) when the Bible clearly teaches that He died (Rom. 8:34; 1 Thess. 4:13; 1 Cor. 8:11; 1 Pet. 28

3:18; 1 John 1:7).

9 If our physical senses do not tell us the truth about the material world then how can we trust them when we read the book Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures or hear its message with our ears?

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