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DEAR READER

Recently I attended a high school wrestling match. Normally I have little interest in this sport, but this time was different – my grandson was wrestling in his first competition. I could tell that my grandson was extremely nervous as he kept shifting from one leg to the other awaiting his contest. The match ended quite abruptly with a pin by his adversary. My grandson looked downcast, but his opponent yelled with delight. I am sure that my grandson will do better next time now that he knows what it means to be prone on the mat, helpless, and in full view by dozens of onlookers.

This event brought a couple of spiritual lessons to mind: 1) Wrestling is a very demanding sport. I observed an array of grimaces and heard the grunts and groans of the contestants. These two young men gave it all they had as they twisted and turned and writhed in their attempts to gain favorable positions for points. My spiritual lesson: As Christians we must contend in all earnestness and vigor for spiritual victory. Satan and his minions are not overcome by namby-pamby declarations and fitful pretenses. Nor are our own weaknesses and the appeal of the world subdued through self-will and resolve. Only God's truth and strength can help us prevail in our confrontation with evil and its wily machinations (2. Corinthians 10:3-5).

2) Techniques and strategies must be wisely and artfully employed in the battle. A wrestler must be willing to “wear” his opponent down and not expect an immediate pin. He must be patient and strive for a point or two before he can expect an eventual pin. Winning even by points is creditable; the “inch by inch is a cinch” method produces good results too. For the Christian the means of grace are always available: the Word of God, prayer, the enabling of the Spirit of God, and the mutual strengthening through fellowship with believers.

The Religion Analysis Service continues (now over 60 years), by God's grace and by dint of patient and persevering work, to wrestle with “principalities and powers” both of Satanic and human derivation. Thank you for your prayers and, as God leads, your financial help in the struggle.

Laurence J. Sutherland

WITH THIS ISSUE

Now and then we can greatly profit from some of the blogs that float around on the internet. This is the case with our lead article by Joseph L. Green, an African-American pastor. Pastor Green advances cogent biblical, traditional, and legal arguments against the blatant and groundless assertions of Lisa Miller in “Newsweek” magazine (Dec. 6, 2008). Lisa Miller openly defies and challenges biblical and traditional moral values especially relating to sexuality. I’m sure that you will concur with me that the article deserves the generous attention it has received by evangelicals. We thank God for men such as Pastor Green who take such forthright and faithful stands against the brazen lies of a secular press.

We submit Part I of Rev. Steve Lagoon’s detailed research on Christian Science, a cult that continues (now well over 100 years old) to confuse many in regard to spiritual healing. Though Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy (she was married three times!) puts her own twist to things, Christian Science smacks strongly of East Asian influence and even ancient Gnosticism.

It is surprising that this false teaching still remains attractive to a materialistic society. Lagoon’s research is comprehensive and well-documented. Part II will be published in our next issue of The Discerner.

And once again we allow ourselves to be challenged by the latest bulletins on global warming. Yes, this theme is “heating up” more and more as true science and scientists refute this ideology, or as some term it, “religion”.

My quiz on persecution draws our attention to the fact that God’s people have been demonized, discredited, and subjected to discrimination, ostracism, violence, and “even to the death” over the centuries.

Your comments, criticisms, and suggestions to the articles and quiz are solicited.

We wish you moments of reflection, inspiration, and “instruction in righteousness” from this issue.

Laurence J. Sutherland

A PREACHER CALLS OUT NEWSWEEK

By Joseph L. Green

Newsweek's "Our Mutual Joy", a Grave Misconstruction

While reading a recent article in Newsweek, written by Lisa Miller, entitled "Our Mutual Joy" (Published Dec 6, 2008 from the Newsweek magazine issue dated Dec 15, 2008), my first reaction was to scream out loud. I then began to sift through a myriad of Lisa's scriptural quotes that were taken out of context in addition to the misrepresented concepts that showed little understanding of the tone and spirit of the scriptures. It has been said of Ms. Miller's article that, "The Newsweek Cover story "Our Mutual Joy" is flawed on so many levels that it is hard to begin to correct it, yet a correction is warranted." And so, I herewith take on this task and offer a true Biblical perspective on the sacred institution of marriage, based upon the Holy Scriptures, and will address some of Lisa's unsound misconceptions and misconstructions:

The correct form of marriage is the purest expression of human love between a man and a woman. God loves marriage and has ordained it. Soon after the creation of mankind, it was God, himself, who set this institution in place. In addition, Jesus was clear that not all people have the gift of celibacy, wherein He describes them as eunuchs from the womb (Matthew 19:12). He reveals that because most people are not created to remain alone, they are to marry. Paul was also very practical to inform the reader that it is better to be married than to burn in lust, and therefore ultimately fall into sin. What Godly wisdom.

Furthermore, when marriage is enacted the correct way, it is the purest expression of human love between a man and a woman. God loves marriage and has ordained it. It was God, himself, who set this institution in place. Therefore only God has the right to define marriage.

I want to address ten of the Newsweek article's misleading misconstructions regarding what the Bible says about marriage:

1) "Shall we look to Abraham, the great patriarch, who slept with his servant when he discovered his beloved wife Sarah was infertile?"

Abraham fathered a child with one of his servants at the request of his wife Sarah. His wife was in her later years and wanted to give her husband a child. Abraham's servant acted as a surrogate in order to give Abraham a child. God did not approve of this relationship. Abraham suffered the consequences of strife in his household due to this union. In

point of fact, the war between Ishmael and Isaac's descendants still rages on some 5,000 to 6,000 years later. It is also important to point out the fact that Abraham and Sarah remained married until she died at the ripe old age of 120 years old.

2) "Jacob, who fathered children with four different women (two sisters and their servants)?"

Jacob was a liar and a thief before he had a relationship with God. His name literally meant "supplanter" because he tricked his father and stole his brother's birthright. After Jacob made a covenant with God, his name was changed to Israel. At that point, Jacob became an honorable man and turned from his sinful ways. All of his multiple wives happened before he made a covenant with God. Again, the Bible did not approve of multiple wives.

3) "The apostle Paul (also single) regarded marriage as an act of last resort for those unable to contain their animal lust." It is better to marry than to burn with passion," says the apostle, in one of the most luke-warm endorsements of a treasured institution ever uttered."

The Apostle Paul offers a different point of view concerning marriage. He gives Godly council on marriage pertaining to how a man and a woman should interact.

Paul was a man who was singularly minded in his service to Jesus. He was a teacher of the law and therefore was a perfect candidate to bring the new covenant, gentile believers into the family of God. He was also very clear that there was no other way that a person could be saved aside from receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. Paul wrote that he was able to focus fully on the calling that God had given him because he was single. A married man has an obligation to care for, respect and love his wife. There may be times in which his ministry would have to take a back seat to the care and devotion of his wife. Paul did not have that concern because he was not married.

4) "Jesus, himself, was single and preached an indifference to earthly attachments - especially family."

Jesus remained a single man because he came to perform a specific mission. He came to offer himself as a sinless sacrifice, to pay the price of our sins, once and for all. The Bible clearly states that the only acceptable sacrifice was a perfect, sinless man. This is why Jesus was born of Immaculate Conception, and not by typical means. The Bible states that it is because of Adam that we are all born in sin and shaped in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). Not that marital sex is a sin, but both participants are sinners. This is true in every case except one, the life of Jesus Christ! In God's eyes, a man and a woman become one, once they are married. If Jesus had consummated a marriage, He would no longer have been sin-

less because this act would have disqualified Him in the role of redeemer. Actually Jesus was married, the church that Jesus died for is His bride in which He loved so much that He gave His life as a dowry for His wife.

Lisa repeatedly made points that took the statements of Jesus out of the context, according to scripture. Jesus never stated that marriage is wrong. He never discounted the importance of marriage. His ministry made a point of revealing the need for true obedience to God and His Word. Jesus dealt with the issues of the heart. He was a living example of a commitment to God and His Word. He revealed a mindset in which a relationship to God was more important than any other worldly thing.

When Jesus addressed the issue of divorce, He was/is clear that God does not like divorce. He says that Moses granted divorce only through the pressure that he received from the men wanting to put their wives away. Because their hearts were hardened against their wives, Moses reluctantly allowed them to divorce. Jesus explains why it happened; He never said that God was pleased with it.

When asked about the Law of God He states in Matthew 5 that He did not come to abolish the law but to make it more complete. He also states that if you love Him you will keep His commands, a fact that somehow gets overlooked by people that want to live a life contrary to the Biblical Word of God.

5) "...while the Bible and Jesus say many important things about love and family, neither explicitly defines marriage as between one man and one woman."

The Scripture states : Matthew 19:4-6 *And He (Jesus) answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

6) "no sensible modern person wants marriage - theirs or anyone else's - to look in its particulars anything like what the Bible describes."

The Scripture says: Ephesians 5:33 *nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*

Ephesians 5:28 *So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated*

his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Proverbs 18:22 *22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.*

It is clear from a true reading of the Bible that God's plan for marriage is a beautiful thing! It is about love, respect and admiration for a person that you will devote your life to and possibly create and nurture new life with.

7) "In that light, Scripture gives us no good reason why gays and lesbians should not be (civilly and religiously) married - and a number of excellent reasons why they should."

Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1, 1 Corinthians 6, 1 Timothy 1, all demonstrate that the Bible clearly speaks to homosexuality as being unnatural and unacceptable to God. (1Corinthians 6:9-10, The Amplified Bible) reads: *Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.*

8) "...the Anchor Bible Dictionary notes that nowhere in the Bible do its authors refer to sex between women..."

Romans 1:26 reads: *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

This clearly speaks to the issue of lesbianism.

9) "The Torah discouraged the ancient Hebrews from marrying outside the tribe, yet Moses himself is married to a foreigner, Zipporah."

When the Torah told the Jewish people not to mix with other tribes, the reason was not because of their race. The reason was because the tribes they came in contact with were pagans and worshipped many other gods. God allowed Moses to marry Zipporah because she accepted the God that Moses served. I have heard so many people try to use these concepts to discredit the Bible and to say that it justifies racism. The first commandment is, "*you shall have no other gods before me*". God didn't want His people to marry into other tribes because He knew they would be tempted to worship their gods. King Solomon was a prime example of this.

God loves His people and is jealous for them. He did not want His peo-

ple to turn their affection towards false gods. This is why we were created, to have an eternal loving relationship with God. This is why Jesus came to die for us, and this is why the greatest marriage in history is the marriage between Jesus and His bride, the church.

10) "Jesus reaches out to everyone, especially those on the margins, and brings the whole Christian community into his embrace. The Rev. James Martin, a Jesuit priest and author, cites the story of Jesus revealing himself to the woman at the well - no matter that she had five former husbands and a current boyfriend - as evidence of Christ's all-encompassing love."

Yes Jesus came to embrace everyone, but that comes with a price. When talking to the woman at the well he chastised her for living in sin! He first dealt with her sin and then he entered her heart. He accepts the person but the gift of salvation comes as a result of repenting and turning away from practices forbidden by God, not by continuing in it. This is why the Bible repeatedly tells us to repent so that you can receive the Kingdom of God. This is why the mission of John the Baptist was so important. He prepared the way for Jesus' ministry by preaching repentance from sin. Of course, just like Jesus they killed John for telling the world that they could not openly live contrary to God's Word and possess a relationship with God. But no one likes to hear that part.

I want to be clear. Homosexuality is no worse of a sin than fornication and/or adultery. However, I have an issue when anyone tries to rewrite the Bible and change the mind of God by saying that God is not opposed to same sex marriages.

The Bible states that there will be a great falling away, an apostasy that will take place in the church. This is a time in which people will turn away from sound Biblical teaching. They will accept and recognize the things that God called wrong as right. This is what we are seeing now in the church. Homosexuality is a sin. God despises all sin, whether it is adultery, lying, stealing or homosexuality. We need to acknowledge these things as wrong and not force others to accept or embrace these sins.

As I stated earlier, marriage between a man and a woman is God's most complete way of demonstrating a loving relationship between two people. Soon after mankind was created, He implemented marriage. He created us with an innate need to connect with a spouse and he intended it to be life-long. When marriage is honored and carried out God's way, it makes us stronger and better as individuals. In August 2006, a news article reported the medical statistic that married people live longer. See the link: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Depression/story?id=2298049>

When we have strong marriages, then we have strong families. Strong families make a healthy and productive society. There are overwhelming statistics proving that homes that lack the presence of both the father and mother result in many of the problems that plague society. On August 20, 1998, Reuters News reported the results of a study by Cynthia Harper, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Sara S. McLanahan, of Princeton University:

The study stated, young men who grow up in homes without fathers are twice as likely to end up in jail as those who come from traditional two-parent families...those boys whose fathers were absent from the household had double the odds of being incarcerated — even when other factors such as race, income, parent education and urban residence were held constant.

* 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (Source: U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census)

* 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes (Source: Center for Disease Control)

* 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes (Source: Criminal Justice & Behavior, vol. 14, p. 403-26, 1978.)

* 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes (Source: National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools.)

* 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes (Source: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Special Report, Sept 1988)

* 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home (Source: Fulton Co. Georgia jail populations, Texas Dept. of Corrections 1992).

When we operate outside of God's perfect will, there are consequences that result. We see the effects of the breakdown of the family structure. It is no coincidence that these social ills have come as a result of not following God's instructions for Biblical marriage.

As a follower of Jesus, we are obligated to not only live by the Word of God, but to teach others what the Bible truly says about how we should live. It doesn't make us stupid, intolerant or even out of date to follow the Bible. The Bible is not hate speech. Preaching life, as it is revealed in the Bible, demonstrates a greater love.

Loving someone does not mean that you don't tell them the truth. Actually the opposite is true. Loving someone does not mean that you ignore what you believe to be wrong. When you love someone, you tell him or her the truth, and you do it in a manner to help them and not

harm them. When my parents taught me right from wrong, they did not correct my wrongdoing because they hated me and wanted harm to come to me. They corrected me because they loved me and they wanted the best for me. This is the same purpose behind following the Bible.

Because of Jesus we now can live a life of freedom; freedom from the burden and the curse of sin. Sin separates us from God but repentance brings us closer to Him. Jesus came to redeem anyone that would accept salvation through repentance and faith. We can now spend eternity with the most fulfilling and permanent marriage you will ever be a part of....the marriage of the sinless church with Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in John 10:10 *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly”*.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

PART I

by *Steve Lagoon*

The Illusions and Delusions of Christian Science

Most of us are familiar with the English nursery rhyme *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*:

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Those words are an apt summary of the basic ideas of the Christian Science religion founded by Mary Baker Eddy. Compare the words of the rhyme with a few lines from Mrs. Eddy:

“Life in matter is a dream: sin, sickness, and death are this dream. Life is Spirit; and when we waken from this dream of life in matter, we shall learn this grand truth of being.”¹

The basic ideas of Christian Science require its adherents to deny the reality of the world around them and to believe the twisted ideas of Mary Baker Eddy rather than their own senses. The everyday world in which we all live is likened to a dream from which we shall all eventually awaken.

The religion of Christian Science is filled with oxymorons, contradictions, and ironies. Its beliefs would merely be amusing were their results not so tragic.

In this essay, I intend to compare the beliefs of Christian Science with those of biblical and evangelical Christianity. It should be clear that whatever else Christian Science may be, it is definitely not Christian. Rather, we shall see that Christian Science rejects the essential truths of the Bible and well deserves the appellation of cult.

Mary Baker Eddy and the Beginnings of Christian Science

Before examining the theology and beliefs of Christian Science, it will be helpful to have a brief historical sketch of the life of Mary Baker Eddy and the religion of Christian Science.

Christian Science owes its origins primarily to the efforts of one person, Mary Baker Eddy. She was born in 1821 to a Congregationalist family in New Hampshire.² As a girl of eight years old, it is reported that Mary heard the voice of God calling her, much as had happened to the prophet Samuel in the Bible.³ In 1843, she married her first husband, George Washington Glover. Unfortunately, Mr. Glover died the following year. “Mary’s only child, named George Glover after his father, was born a few months after the father’s death.”⁴ In 1853, Mary married a second time, this time to a dentist named Dr. Daniel

Patterson.⁵ In October of 1862, Mary first met Phineas. P. Quimby of Portland, Maine “who was said to be performing very remarkable cures.”⁶ Many, however, allege that Quimby was the real source of many of the ideas that would later be known as Christian Science.⁷ In January of 1866 Quimby passed away.⁸

A month later, Mary had a fall and experienced a dramatic healing that led her to developing the ideas of Christian Science.⁹ While Mary was busy formulating the ideas of Christian Science, she was having problems in her private life. “In 1866 they [Mary and Dr. Patterson] were separated, and in 1873, she secured a divorce.”¹⁰

1875 was the watershed year in which Mary published her most well-known work *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.¹¹ Things were improving in her private life as well. She was soon to meet a man who came to her for a healing, but the relationship blossomed. “On New Year’s day, 1877, Mary Glover and he [Asa Gilbert Eddy] were married,”¹² and were reported to have a happy marriage.

Four years later (1879), the Church of Christ, Scientist was founded.¹³ Unfortunately for Mary Baker Eddy, in 1882, her third husband, Asa Eddy, died. “Mary immediately charged that he had been killed by mental arsenic poisoning, an explanation that conveniently released her from any accountability in regard to her supposed healing powers.”¹⁴

In 1889, the original church was dissolved,¹⁵ and three years later the new Mother Church was formed.¹⁶ In 1895 the Church Manual was published. In 1908, the well-known Christian Science Monitor was formed. Finally, on December 3, 1910 Mary Baker Eddy herself died.

Comparison of Christian Science and the Bible

At this point, it is necessary to compare the teachings of Christian Science with the Bible, beginning with the teachings of Christian Science concerning God. I agree with Anthony Hoekema’s assessment of the Christian Science view of God, “It is very difficult to form a clear idea of God as He is conceived of by Mrs. Eddy.”¹⁷ Nevertheless, despite the protests of Christian Scientists, Hoekema identifies Christian Science with pantheism, “All this adds up to a pantheism which is thoroughgoing and all embracing.”¹⁸

For instance, Eddy stated that, “God is All-in-All”¹⁹ and that, “All that can exist is God and His idea.”²⁰

But what do we make of other claims that seem to indicate an aversion to pantheism such as Eddy’s statement that, “Man is not God, and God is not man,”²¹ and another statement that, “Christian Science maintains a clear and consistent distinction between God as creator, or Father, and man and the universe as His creation.”²²

We respond by noting that the Christian Science idea is that man is to God as the thoughts are to the brain. Man is an expression of the mind of God, but not something separate from God. Though man is described as a creation of God, this is likened to how a mind creates thoughts. As long as God has existed, he has created thoughts, including mankind.

Therefore, man has always been. So Eddy stated, “Continuing our definition of

man, let us remember that harmonious and immortal man has existed forever,”²³ and that, “I believe in the individual man, for I understand that man is as definite and eternal as God, and that man is coexistent with God, as being the eternally divine idea.”²⁴ (See also *Science and Health* 554:3).

Hoekema is quite correct, then, to identify Christian Science with pantheism. It is also interesting that Eddy sought to reject the God of the Bible when she stated, “The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God.”²⁵

The Trinity

Just as Eddy rejected the creator God of the Bible, she also rejected the biblical doctrine of the Trinity. For instance, she stated, “The theory of three persons in one God (that is, a personal trinity or Tri-unity) suggests polytheism.”²⁶ Eddy also said, “But if God is personal, there is but one person, because there is but one God.”²⁷

Like many critics of the Trinity doctrine, Eddy often distorted its definition. For instance, rather than correctly defining it as one God in three persons, she wrote, “According to false philosophy and scholastic theology, God is three persons in one person,”²⁸ and that, “It is no easy matter to believe there are three persons in one person,”²⁹ and finally, “He is the infinite Person, but not three persons in one person.”³⁰ Such statements are either the result of ignorance or of rank dishonesty.

Eddy blasphemously replaced the biblical persons of the Triune God with her own trinity, “Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God . . . They represent a trinity in unity, three in one . . . God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; divine Science or the Holy Comforter . . .”³¹ Again Eddy stated, “Applied to Deity, Father and Mother are synonymous terms; they signify one God. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost mean God, man, and divine Science.”³² (See also Eddy, *Christian Healing* 3:24 and *Message for 1901* 7:4).

The following passages support the biblical doctrine of the Trinity:

Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:1, 14:16, 26, 20:28; Acts 15:28; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6; 2 Corinthians 3:17, 13:14; and 1 Timothy 2:5.

Holy Spirit

As we have seen in the discussion of the Trinity, Mary Baker Eddy not only rejected the Trinity, but also rejected the biblical witness that the Holy Spirit is a distinct person within the nature of the Godhead. In her theological malpractice, she denied the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, and claimed that her system of Christian Science is itself the Holy Spirit.

For instance, she stated, “Holy Ghost, Divine Science”³³ In the same work she stated, “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.”³⁴

The following passages support the biblical doctrines concerning the Holy Spirit: John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-14; Acts 13:2-4, 15:28; and Romans 8:26.

Jesus Christ

McDowell and Stewart summarize the Christian Science view of Jesus, “Mrs. Eddy attempts to make a distinction between ‘Jesus’ and the ‘Christ’ as if they were two separate entities . . . Since Jesus and Christ are two different entities in Christian Science, the doctrine that Jesus Christ is God is rejected.”³⁵

Eddy stated, “Jesus, as material manhood, was not Christ.”³⁶ Whereas the Scriptures and the great creeds of the church teach Jesus united two natures (Human and Divine) in one person, Christian Science is guilty of the Nestorian heresy for dividing the two natures of Jesus into two separate persons.

This resulted in Eddy’s denial of the deity of Jesus Christ. For instance, “Does not the belief that Jesus, the man of Galilee, is God, imply two Gods[?].”³⁷ She also said, “Thus he virtually unites with the Jew’s’ belief in one God, and recognizes that Jesus Christ is not God, as Jesus himself declared, but is the Son of God.”³⁸

The following passages support the biblical teaching concerning Jesus Christ, the God man: John 1:1, 3, 5:18, 10:30, 20:28; Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15-18; and Hebrews 1:8-11.

Reflecting the Gnostic tendencies of Christian Science, Eddy denied the reality of Christ’s body, and indeed all material matter (see below). She said, “Christ is the spiritual idea of sonship.”³⁹ On the other hand, the Scriptures strongly warn against those who would deny the reality of Christ’s body (1 John 1:7-9, 4:13).

Virgin Birth of Jesus

Though Christian Scientists claim to believe in the virgin birth, they can only do so by redefining its meaning. Indeed, how can Christian Scientists believe in a virgin birth, when they deny the reality of physical flesh in the first place? So, Eddy simply redefined the virgin birth as follows, “Jesus was the offspring of Mary’s self conscious communion with God.”⁴⁰ The Bible clearly teaches the true virgin birth of Jesus Christ: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; and Luke 1:34-35.

Jesus’ Death

Just as Christian Science rejects the reality of Christ’s body due to its denial of all material matter, so also it must reject the reality of Christ’s death on the cross, since neither the cross nor Christ’s body actually exist.

Eddy stated, “His disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hidden in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive, demonstrating within the narrow tomb the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense.”⁴¹ Further, she said, “Until they saw him after his crucifixion and learned that he had not died.”⁴² Finally, Eddy said, “The fleshly Jesus seemed to die, though he did not.”⁴³

On the other hand, the Bible is clear concerning the reality of Christ’s death: Mark 15:39; John 19:30; and Romans 5:8-10.

Jesus Work of Atonement

Not Only does Christian Science deny the reality of Christ Jesus’ body and of His death, but they also deny the real *purpose* of His death. Whereas the Scriptures teach us that Christ died for our sins (the vicarious atonement), Christian Science mocks this truth.

Eddy stated, “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.”⁴⁴ The Bible says otherwise: Romans 3:24-25, 5:9; Ephesians 2:13; and Hebrews 9:22.

She also stated that, “One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin.”⁴⁵ The Bible says otherwise: Romans 5:18 and 1 John 2:2.

Eddy pressed the attack, “That God’s wrath should be vented upon His beloved Son, is divinely unnatural. Such a theory is man-made.”⁴⁶ and again, “The crudest ideals of speculative theology . . . the wrath of God, to be appeased by the sacrifice and torture of His favorite Son,—are some of the false beliefs that have produced sin, sickness, and death.”⁴⁷ (See also Eddy, No and Yes 34:18, 35:11) The Bible says otherwise: 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and Hebrews 9:26-28.

Having rejected the biblical truth of Christ’s atoning death for sinners, Eddy simply redefined Christ’s work. For instance, she stated, “Christ came to destroy the belief in sin.”⁴⁸ Wow, what an amazing sleight of hand trick. Rather than Christ giving His life for our sins, He came only to expose the unreality of sin!

Along the same lines Eddy said, “He atoned for the terrible unreality of a supposed existence apart from God.”⁴⁹ Eddy went further, asserting that Jesus’ mission was to “rescue men from these very illusions to which he seemed to conform: from the illusion which calls sin real, and man a sinner, needing a saviour . . . From such thoughts—mortal inventions, one and all—Christ Jesus came to save men.”⁵⁰

For Eddy, then, the only saving men needed was from the biblical idea that they were sinners in need of a savior! Indeed men need not worry, for, “Man as God’s idea is already saved with an everlasting salvation.”⁵¹ The Bible says otherwise: John 3:16-18 and Hebrews 9:27.

However, according to Mrs. Eddy, it would seem that the only sure way to this salvation is through Christian Science. She stated, “There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way.”⁵² Tragically, Eddy offered her cultic theology as the way of salvation rather than the precious blood of Jesus Christ. She confidently reaffirms this thought, “The proof that Christian Science is the way of salvation given by Christ, I consider well established.”⁵³

She taught that it was vital to spiritual health to, “Adhere to the teachings of the Bible, Science and Health, and our Manual, and you will obey the law and gospel.”⁵⁴ Indeed Eddy was confident that, “Every true Christian in the near future will learn and love the truths of Christian Science that now seem troublesome.”⁵⁵ The Bible says otherwise: John 3:3, 14:6.

Eddy’s belief in the exclusivity of the way of Christian Science can be seen in her refusal to allow members of the Christian denominations of her day to hold membership in the Christian Science Church, as the official Church Manual states, “A member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be a member of any church whose Readers are not Christian Scientists.”⁵⁶ The application for membership in the Christian Science church

states, “One who is not a member of any church, excepting a branch Church of Christ, Scientist . . . is eligible to membership . . . I was formerly a member of the _____ denomination, but have definitely severed my connection therewith.”⁵⁷

Jesus’ Resurrection

Now if Christian Science denies the reality of the physical body and also denies the reality of death, it follows that it would also deny the reality of Christ’s resurrection. However, because the resurrection is such a central doctrine to the Christian faith, Mary Baker Eddy simply reinterpreted the meaning of Christ’s resurrection, rather than abandoning it altogether.

Consider the following statements by Mrs. Eddy, “Our Master reappeared to his students, — to their apprehension he rose from the grave, — on the third day of his ascending thought, and so presented to them the certain sense of eternal Life.”⁵⁸ and, “Resurrection. Spiritualization of thought . . . Material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.”⁵⁹

For Eddy, Christ’s resurrection did not involve the actual raising of His dead body to life, but was merely an act in which people who thought He was dead realized He really was not (since death doesn’t exist!), as the following quotes by Eddy also show:

“In the new religion [Christian Science] the teaching is, ‘He is not here; Truth is not in matter; he is risen.’”⁶⁰ and “Jesus’ students, not sufficiently advanced fully to understand their Master’s triumph, did not perform many wonderful works, until they saw him after his crucifixion and learned that he had not died.”⁶¹

So for Eddy the resurrection miracle is a healing of the false idea that Jesus had died. The following passages support the biblical truth of Jesus Christ’s actual bodily resurrection: Matthew 28:5-7; Luke 24:39; John 2:19-22, 20:24-29; and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 13-14.

After reviewing how Christian Science has denied and distorted the biblical truths concerning Jesus Christ, it is shocking to hear Christian Scientists make the following claim, “No other Christian could possibly take the gospel record of Christ Jesus’ life including his virgin birth, crucifixion, and bodily resurrection more literally and more seriously than the Christian Scientist. These are historical events in the fullest sense of the term.”⁶² Only by the most twisted mental gymnastics can one take this statement seriously.

Major Distinctive Claims of Christian Science

We have examined what the specific teachings of Christian Science are in relation to our Lord Jesus Christ. At this point, we will look at the unique claims and distinctives of Christian Science, including their denial of the reality of matter, evil, sin, sickness, and death.

Is Matter Real?

“Question.—What is the scientific statement of being? Answer.—There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.”⁶³

We simply must stop and take in the ramifications of Mrs. Eddy’s amazing

claim. As you consider the world around you, everything that you take in with your senses simply doesn't exist. Houses, trees, grass, the moon, your own fingers; all of it is simply an illusion!

Eddy says, "What is termed matter is unknown to Spirit"⁶⁴ This is an important statement. What Eddy means is that though the material world of matter seems to exist to us, in reality, it does not. If I ask a Christian Scientist, does God see me in a body, they would say no. Again, if I ask a Christian Scientist if God believes that there are trees and rocks, they would say no.

And so, "Matter. Mythology . . . Another name for mortal mind; illusion . . . that of which immortal Mind takes no cognizance."⁶⁵

Because the nature of the Christian Science claim that the material world of matter does not actually exist, I am providing several more statements by Eddy for confirmation:

"There is no matter . . . If God is Spirit, and God is all, surely there can be no matter . . . According to Christian Science, the *first* idolatrous claim of sin is, that matter exists; the *second*, that matter is substance . . . Hence my conscientious position, in the denial of matter, rests on the fact that matter usurps the authority of God."⁶⁶

"All these vagaries are at variance with my system of metaphysics, which rest on God as One and All, and denies the actual existence of both matter and evil."⁶⁷

"Do you believe in matter? I believe in matter only as I believe in evil, that it is something to be denied and destroyed to human consciousness, and is unknown to the Divine."⁶⁸

"Matter has no life, hence it has no real existence."⁶⁹

"Christian Science repudiates the evidences of the senses and rests upon the supremacy of God."⁷⁰

(See also Eddy, Science and Health 113:15, 286:21, 478:14, 489:12, 24, 503:9 and Unity of Good 41:24)

For biblical passages that support the reality of the physical material world of God's creation: Genesis 1; Isaiah 44:24; John 1:3; and Colossians 1:15-18.

Do People Exist in Real Bodies?

Mrs. Eddy is clear in rejecting the reality of human bodies. For instance, "Question.-What is man? Answer.-Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements."⁷¹ and, "Hence man is not mortal nor material."⁷²

For Eddy, that we have the idea of existence in material physical bodies is an illusion, "That man is material, and that matter suffers,-these propositions can only seem real and natural in illusion. Any sense of soul in matter is not the reality of being."⁷³

She states it concisely, "Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual."⁷⁴

What is difficult to understand is why Christian Scientists will go through extreme efforts to deny any illness, injury, or imperfection in their bodies, but

make little effort to deny the reality of their body itself, though both are equally true teachings of Mary Baker Eddy. So, a Christian Scientist will suffer greatly rather than see a doctor yet make no effort to deny the reality of the body's need or desire for food or clothing.

Evil Is Not Real

Mrs. Eddy also denied the reality of evil. This follows from the idea that all is God, and therefore all is good. Yet, it flies in face of the reality of everyday life in which we have all seen the face of evil.

Mrs. Eddy stated, "Hence, evil is but an illusion, and it has not real basis. Evil is a false belief."⁷⁵ and, "Evil has no reality . . . an illusion of material sense."⁷⁶

So, according to Mrs. Eddy, believing in the existence of evil is both illusional and delusional. Hence, "The notion that both evil and good are real is a delusion of material sense, which Science annihilates. Evil is nothing . . . Nothing claiming to be something."⁷⁷ and, "It shows that evil is both liar and lie, a delusion and illusion."⁷⁸

(See also Eddy, *Science and Health* 339:8, 494:21; *Christian Science Versus Pantheism* 6:5; *Miscellaneous Writings* 27:9, 45:21; and *No and Yes* 24:24)

Satan

For Christian Scientists, angels are not considered a unique category of creation by God, as the Bible teaches, but are depersonalized as simply, "God's thoughts passing to man."⁷⁹ Satan or the Devil is also depersonalized. He is not considered an actual person, but rather is the "Devil. Evil; a lie; error"⁸⁰

For Christian Scientists, when Jesus was tempted by the Devil, it was really just His own thoughts He was wrestling with,

One of my favorite Bible stories is the account of Jesus' three temptations . . . After 40 days in the wilderness, the devil (temptation coming to Jesus as his own thoughts) suggested that he was without provisions, that he was without protection, and that materiality could give him true pleasure . . . Then came the thought (devil, mortal mind, error) saying that if he is really God's chosen, he should be able to jump off the top of the temple in Jerusalem and not be harmed . . . Lastly, the thought came that if he would just team up with the devil (i.e., give in to a material concept of his own nature and of all reality), he could have the entire world for his pleasure. All Jesus would need to do was agree with this thought . . . One by one, Jesus destroyed each new temptation as it was presented, making it obvious that he wasn't curious about anything the devil-erroneous, matter-based thinking-had to offer."⁸¹

So, it is claimed that the Devil is merely a personification of Jesus own thoughts as He faced temptations from within. However, Satan also appeared before God, and the book of Job describes their conversation (Job 1:6-12). Are we to consider this an example of God wrestling with temptations? Such an idea is preposterous. The Bible specifically says, "God cannot be tempted" (James 1:13).

Furthermore, it seems strange to suggest that Jesus refused the temptation to eat food because He knew it didn't really exist, when it is clear that He did in fact eat food (Matthew 26:17-18; Mark 2:16; and Luke 7:34, 24:41-43). There

is absolutely no indication in Scripture that Jesus was giving in to the Devil by His eating of food. But the question remains, why do Christian Scientist place non-existent food into their non-existent mouths?

Error Is Also Unreal

Here is where it really gets difficult to understand Christian Science beliefs. If you ask a Christian Scientist why, if there is no real material existence, no matter, no evil, no sickness, no death, then why do we think that such things do exist? The answer is that such beliefs are errors of mortal mind, false beliefs, and illusions. But the problem is that Mrs. Eddy also denied the existence of errors, mortal mind, and false beliefs!

Consider the following quotes:

“Error is false, mortal belief; it is illusion . . . it has no real existence.”⁸²

“To admit the existence of error would be to admit the truth of a lie.”⁸³

“Mortal mind. Nothing claiming to be something . . . error creating other errors.”⁸⁴

“But really there is no such thing as *mortal mind*.”⁸⁵

“Yet, strictly speaking, there is no mortal mind”⁸⁶

(See also Eddy, *Science and Health* 291:30, 592:8; *Retrospection and Introspection* 68:23; and *Unity of Good* 23:18, 33:15).

So, the idea that the material universe, the human body, food, dirt and the like are real are explained as errors and mistakes of mortal mind, and then Mrs. Eddy turns right around and denies the reality of errors and mortal mind. Well, then, what explains the universal idea we all have of material existence? One facilitator of a Christian Science reading room, in response to this question, answered by saying, “That’s the big question!” I would rather call it Mrs. Eddy’s Achilles heel.

There Is No Sin

Since Mrs. Eddy denied the existence of evil, it followed that she would also reject the existence of sin. If only good exists, there is no place for sin. The following statements show the Christian Science rejection of the concept of sin:

“Question.—Is there no sin? Answer.—All reality is in God . . . Therefore the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not true, because they are not of God.”⁸⁷

“God knows no such thing as sin.”⁸⁸

“Christ came to destroy the belief of sin.”⁸⁹

(See also Eddy, *Science and Health* 286:31, 302:19, 339:27, 580:12, and *Unity* 49:6, 58:18). The Bible clearly affirms the existence of sin: Romans 3:10-12, 23 and 1 John 1:10.

Sickness Is Not Real

If there is no body, then there can be no sickness either. This is just the position of Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science as the following quotes show:

“Therefore the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unre-

alities seem real to humans erring, belief . . . They are not true.”⁹⁰

“Man is never sick, for Mind is not sick and matter cannot be.”⁹¹

“Expose and denounce the claims of evil and disease in all their forms, but realize no reality in them . . . The sick are not healed merely by declaring there is no sickness, but by knowing that there is none.”⁹²

“Realize that the evidence of the senses is not to be accepted in the case of sickness.”⁹³

“The cause of all so-called disease is mental, a mortal fear, a mistaken belief.”⁹⁴

“Making the disease appear to be—what it really is—an illusion.”⁹⁵

“In a moment you may awake from a night-dream; just so you can awake from the dream of sickness.”⁹⁶

“I’ve experienced many healings through prayer in my life, and have come to understand that disease of any kind has an entirely mental cause, which is generally based in fear.”⁹⁷

“Deformed joints are actually a dream-an illusion. They are images in mortal thought, not a spiritual reality.”⁹⁸

So the message comes through loud and clear for Christian Scientists. You have never been, are not now, or never will be, sick. The struggle then is to ignore any symptom or suggestion to the contrary, since they are only attacks of doubt.

The Bible is clear that sicknesses and infirmities are real. Consider the following passages: Exodus 3:11; 1 Corinthians 11:30; Galatians 4:13; Philippians 2:26; 2 Timothy 4:20 and James 5:14.

Not only is sickness denied, but so are accidents and injuries as well:

“Also I remembered that in the same book Mrs. Eddy tells us that accidents are not known to God.”⁹⁹

The hardest test for faith healers of all types is to explain why their methods do not seem to work on people who are crippled and or wheel chair bound. Sadly, because they are often viewed as a threat to the false theology of the faith healer, they are often the targets of some of the most ruthless and heartless attacks.

Mrs. Eddy said, “Some invalids are unwilling to know the facts or to hear about the fallacy of matter and its supposed laws . . . Impatient at your explanation, unwilling to investigate the Science of Mind which would rid them of their complaints, they hug false beliefs and suffer the delusive consequences.”¹⁰⁰

“Error brings its own self-destruction both here and hereafter, for mortal mind creates its own physical conditions.”¹⁰¹

“Truth never falters nor fails; it is our faith that fails.”¹⁰²

In other words, if Christian Science still leaves you bound in your wheel chair it is your own fault! You simply are unwilling, impatient, lazy, or just generally lacking in faith.

Carefully consider the following advice for healing by Mrs. Eddy:

The lecturer, teacher, or healer who is indeed a Christian Scientist, never intro-

duces the subject of human anatomy; never depicts the muscular, vascular, or nervous operations of the human frame. He never talks about the structure of the material body. He never lays his hands on the patient, nor manipulates the parts of the body supposed to be ailing.”¹⁰³

Among other things, Mrs. Eddy said that the healer should “never” concern themselves with the structure of the patient’s body. But in another place, she contradicts herself by suggesting the very opposite, “If a member of this church has a patient whom he does not heal, and whose case he cannot fully diagnose, he may consult with an M.D. on the anatomy involved.”¹⁰⁴

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GLOBAL WARMING THEME IS HEATING UP

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HEAT OF THE MOMENT

Global warming dissenters dash scientific 'consensus'
Physicist fired by Gore adds name to Senate list of 650 anti-alarmists

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The Republican minority of the Senate's Environment and Public works Committee released a report with a growing list of over 650 international experts who soundly debunk the claim that there exists a "consensus" in science that human activity is causing a global warming.

The introduction to the 231-page Senate minority report states, "The chorus of skeptical scientific voices grew louder in 2008 as a steady stream of peer-reviewed studies, analyses, real world data and inconvenient developments challenged the U.N.'s and former Vice President Al Gore's claims that the 'science is settled.'"

The report includes links to dozens of news reports, statements and studies, and concludes, "Developments further secured 2008 as the year the 'consensus' collapsed."

The majority of the 231 pages, however, is composed of statements from the 650 scientists, meteorologists and experts who remain skeptical that carbon dioxide – or any other product of human activity – is endangering the earth through generating global warming.

Yesterday, a prominent Princeton physicist and former top government scientist – who says he was fired by Al Gore for resisting the vice president's alarmist agenda – asked to be added to the list of global warming dissenters.

"I am convinced that the current alarm over carbon dioxide is mistaken," said William Happer, who began serving as the director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy under the first President Bush in July of 1991. "Fears about man-made global warming are unwarranted and are not based on good science."

But when Happer testified before Congress under the Clinton administration in 1993, saying, "I think that there probably has been some exaggeration of the dangers of ozone and global climate change," he lost his government position.

"I had the privilege of being fired by Al Gore, since I refused to go along with his alarmism," Happer told Senate leaders yesterday.

Happer had stated of Gore shortly after his firing in 1993, "I was told that science was not going to intrude on policy."

The Senate minority's report includes testimony from several scientists who also claim that sound science is being buried when it conflicts with the global warming political agenda.

For example, the report quotes Ivar Giaever, Nobel Prize winner: "I am a skeptic. ... Global warming has become a new religion."

"Creating an ideology pegged to carbon dioxide is a dangerous nonsense," says environmental scientist Delgado Domingos of Portugal, the founder of the Numerical Weather Forecast group, "The present alarm on climate change is an instrument of social control, a pretext for major businesses and political battle. It became an ideology, which is concerning."

The minority report also quotes several news outlets, however, who contend global warming skeptics are few and untrustworthy.

"The scientific debate is over," said CNN's Miles O'Brien, in 2007. "We're done."

O'Brien, the Senate report also notes, said in 2006 that scientific skeptics of man-made catastrophic global warming "are bought and paid for by the fossil fuel industry, usually."

Andrew Dessler of the eco-publication Grist Magazine is quoted by the report as stating, "While some people claim there are lots of skeptical climate scientists out there, if you actually try to find one, you keep turning up the same two dozen or so. These skeptics are endlessly recycled by the denial machine, so someone not paying close attention might think there are lots of them out there – but that's not the case."

The ranking minority member of the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee, Sen. Tom Inhofe, R-Okla., however, points to the growing list of scientists his office has accumulated.

"The endless claims of a 'consensus' about man-made global warming," Inhofe said in announcing the minority report, "grow less and less credible every day."

Probably in agreement with Inhofe's statement would be the more than 31,000 scientists, including more than 9,000 Ph.D.s, who have signed a massive separate petition project that challenges the belief in global warming.

Art Robinson, a research professor of chemistry and co-founder of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, said the Petition Project's signers simply state their agreement with the statement:

"There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

The Petition Project's website includes both a list of scientists by name as well as a list of scientists by state.

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QUIZ: PERSECUTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE / PAST AND PRESENT

1. Which Herod killed John the Baptist?
 a. Herod the Great
 b. Archelaus
 c. Herod Agrippa
 d. Herod Antipas
2. Antiochus Epiphanes IV persecuted the Jews in the days of
 a. the Maccabees
 b. the Babylonian Captivity
 c. the Assyrian Captivity
 d. the Herods
3. The Agagite leader who attempted to exterminate the Jews in the Persian Empire was
 a. Nebuchadnezzar
 b. Cyrus
 c. Xerxes
 d. Haman
4. Persecutions directed against the Jews in Russia were called
 a. apparatchiks
 b. pogroms
 c. dachas
 d. sputniks
5. Ignatius Loyola led this organization in the persecution of Protestants:
 a. Inquisition
 b. Jewish Defense League
 c. Illuminati
 d. Gestapo
6. Hitler's agent to exterminate the Jews was
 a. Joseph Goebels
 b. Hermann Goering
 c. Heinrich Himmler
 d. Martin Bormann

7. The approximate number of Jews killed during the Holocaust was
___ a. 2,000,000
___ b. 1,000,000
___ c. 4,000,000
___ d. 6,000,000
8. The popular film depicting the Nazi persecution of Jews is
___ a. Schindler's List
___ b. The Hunt for Red October
___ c. From Here to Eternity
___ d. Valkyrie
9. Which Roman emperor is not known as a persecutor of Christians?
___ a. Diocletian
___ b. Augustus
___ c. Nero
___ d. Severus
10. Which of the following books threatens death to Jews and Christians?
___ a. Foxe's Book of Martyrs
___ b. Satanic Verses
___ c. The Koran
___ d. Crime and Punishment

Answers:

1. (d); 2. (a); 3. (a); 4. (d); 5. (b); 6. (a); 7. (c); 8. (d); 9. (a); 10. (c)

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