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### THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEXTBOOK— OUR WAY OF LIFE

Chapter XVI **The Apocalypse**(Audio Code C-IAP)

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M, Sp, So, P, Li, T, Lo	= Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love
W, X, Xty, Sc	= Word, Christ, Christianity, Science
M-Lo	= means the sequence of Mind through Love
M/M-M/P	= means Mind in its subtones of M, Sp, So, P (Mind as Mind, etc.)
W/W, W/X, W/Xty, W/So	= means the Word in its subtones of Word, Christ, Christianity, Science
Sc, dSC, aCS, CS	= Science, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, Christian Science
S&H	= Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy

Since the key to Max Kappeler's presentation of this subject lies in the relationship between the spiritual structures underlying each text, the following outline seems best adapted to show this correlation.

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Dear Student,

The subject of my 1982 Summer School Class was the chapter "The Apocalypse" in the Christian Science textbook. Even a brief glance at the chapter shows that only a small part of "The Revelation of St. John" given in the Bible is interpreted in the text. One naturally wonders why Mary Baker Eddy selected just those particular verses. According to the method of scientific text interpretation, we cannot find a valid answer except by first gaining an overall view of "Revelation." The enclosed layout of "Revelation" should help you in gaining such an overall view.

In preparation for this class, I suggest that you study "The Revelation of St. John" first and only then the Textbook-chapter, "The Apocalypse," both with the enclosed study material. In this way, it will be easier to comprehend the spiritually scientific message that Mary Baker Eddy conveys in the chapter.

I am very much looking forward to sharing my understanding of this subject with you.

Sincerely,

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#### The Revelation of St. John

The lay-out of "Revelation" is from: John W. Doorly, "Talks at the Oxford Summer School, 1948," Vol. II, pages 117–253.

A list of the most important symbols and their metaphysical meaning is given on pages 12–14 of this workbook.

The text framed in black is treated in Chapter XVI "The Apocalypse" in the Christian Science textbook and in the "Study material of class work on 'The Apocalypse'" (Max Kappeler).

In the C-1AP recordings, Max Kappeler refers to the illustrative material as the "blue papers," "blue study material," "blue pages". This booklet contains all of that material.

### **Introduction** (Revelation: Chapter 1)

The process of revelation

Word: revelation comes from God (Rev. 1:1a)
Christ: manifestation of the revelation (Rev. 1:1b)
Christianity: testimony of the revelation (Rev. 1:2)
Science: understanding of the revelation (Rev. 1:3)

*The source of revelation:* 

Word: the infinite One; the seven synonyms for God (Rev. 1:4)

Christ: Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:5)

*Jesus fulfilled the seven days of creation* (showing what Jesus has done):

(Rev. 1:5 and 1:6)

Mind: faithful servant he had the *wisdom* of Mind

Spirit: the first begotten of *purity* of birth

the dead

Soul: the prince of the Kings the rule of *spiritual understanding* 

of the earth

Principle: he loved us *spiritual power* from obedience;

4<sup>th</sup> statement of the Commandments

Life: he washed us from our *love*, laying down the mortal

sins in his own blood concept

concept

Truth: he made us kings and true manhood, health

priests unto God

Love: to God be glory holiness, glory

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*The modus operandi of translation* (Rev. 1:7)

The seven days of creation are an eternal law (Rev. 1:8)

*The seven days of creation reveal the seven synonyms for God* (Rev. 1:10–12)

- the Lord's day; the first and the last (eternity)
- seven golden candlesticks (the seven days become "seven numerals of infinity")

The demonstration of the "Son of man" through the numerals of infinity (showing what the idea "man" is) (Rev. 1:13–18):

Mind: clothed with a garment (Rev. 1:13)

Spirit: head and hair: white (Rev. 1:14)

Soul: feet like fine brass, burned in a furnace (Rev. 1:15)

Principle: in his hand, he had seven stars (seven "numerals of infinity") (Rev. 1:16)

Life: the first and the last (Rev. 1:17)

Truth: I was dead, but am alive for evermore (Rev. 1:18a)

Love: I have the keys of hell and of death (Rev. 1:18b)

The seven stars = the numerals of infinity

The seven lamps = the seven synonyms for God (Rev. 1:20)

## The Seven Messages to the Seven Churches (Revelation: Chapters 2 and 3)

The Christ-order:	
Principle (Ephesus):	demonstration; labor, doing the works
Life (Smyrna):	the first and the last; was dead and is alive; tribulation, persecution; crown of life given; not hurt by the second death
Truth (Pergamos):	consciousness; faithfulness to the standard of Truth; true manhood
Love (Thyatira):	the motherhood and universality of Love chastens all
Soul (Sardis):	watchfulness and repentance secures that our name is written in the book of Life
Spirit (Philadelphia)	the key: the order of Spirit; new Jerusalem: the calculus of Spirit
Mind (Laodicea):	God clothes man with ideas

### The Seven Visions (in the Christ-order)

#### (Revelation: Chapters 4 and 5)

#### 1. Vision: Principle: The Sealed Book of Life

#### (in the Christianity-order)

Principle: the infinite One as a sevenfold Principle

(a throne, rainbow)

(Rev. 4:1-3)

Mind: scientific metaphysics (24 seats and 24 elders; 24 questions and

answers in S&H, CH. XIV "Recapitulation")

(Rev. 4:4)

Soul: identity of seven days of creation (seven lamps) and seven synonyms

for God (seven spirits of God)

(Rev. 4:5)

Spirit: the infinite calculus of Spirit (sea of glass = pure reflection; four

beasts = four-fold operation; six wings each = 4x6=24)

(Rev. 4:6–11)

Life: the book of Life sealed with seven seals

(Rev. 5:1-4)

Truth: the Christ-idea (the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes) can open

the book (Rev. 5:5–7)

Love: song of praise for universal salvation through the Christ-idea

(Rev. 5:8–14)

#### 2. Vision: Life: Opening the Seven Seals: Divine Analysis

(Revelation: Chapters 6:1 – 8:1)

Opening the seven seals in the Word-order:

Mind: the power of the divine Mind is victorious (Rev. 6:1–2)

Spirit: the sword of Spirit kills error (Rev. 6: 3–4)

Soul: the balance of Soul never hurts the good (Rev. 6: 5–6)

Principle: Principle demonstrates spiritual power over all false personal systems

(Rev. 6:7-8)

Life: the immortality of Life demands the complete laying down of the mortal

concept (Rev. 6: 9–11)

Truth: the Christ, Truth, brings Christian Science to mankind (Rev. 6:12 – 7:17)

"In the opening of the sixth seal, typical of six thousand years since Adam, the distinctive feature has reference to the present age." (*S&H* 560: 2–5)

• a great earthquake; the great day of wrath; who shall be able to stand?

Word/Word: the knowledge of the divine calculus (4

angels, 4 corners of the earth, 4 winds) is the safety against every error (Rev. 7:1)

Christ/Christ: Christ translates itself to each one as the

individual good (Rev. 7:2–3)

Christianity/Christianity: demonstration of universal salvation

(Rev. 7:4–10)

Science/Science: in the omniaction of Principle, Principle

and idea is one and this wipes away all evil

(Rev. 7:11–17)

Love: in the consciousness of Love, error is silenced (Rev. 8:1)

#### 3. Vision: Truth: The Seven Trumpets: Uncovering Error

#### **(Revelation: Chapters 8:2 – 11:19)**

Truth translates the divine to manifestation in the human and thereby stirs up the un-Godlike. (Rev. 8:2–6)

The uncovering of error is presented in the Word-order. (The rendering

"a third part" means false identity.)

Mind: the power of divine Mind uncovers the nothingness of the power of

mortal mind (hail cast on earth) (Rev. 8:7)

Spirit: the calculus of Spirit (a great mountain) uncovers the nothingness of the

flesh (sea became blood) (Rev. 8:8)

Soul: the joy of Soul uncovers the nothingness of the bitterness of human

thinking (rivers were made bitter) (Rev. 8:10–11)

Principle: the divine system of Principle uncovers the nothingness of false systems

(system of sun, moon, stars was darkened) (Rev. 8:12)

the three woes

Life: the immortality of Life uncovers the self-destructiveness of mortal life

(Rev. 9:1-12)

Truth: through scientific thinking, Truth uncovers the powerlessness of

material thinking (Rev. 9:13–11:14)

• the loosing of the four angels bound in the great river Euphrates

• the third part of men slain (Rev. 9:13–21)

(Truth) • Chapter 10 of "Revelation" is interpreted in the Textbook ("The Apocalypse," *S&H* 558:1–559:31) through seven subtones in the

Word-order.

Love:

The open "little book," containing the revelation of divine Science,

must be digested by us.

■ Chapter 11:1–14 of "Revelation" shows that the step from faith (3 ½) to understanding has to be made.

■ The two witnesses (Christ Jesus and Christian Science) must be perveded by the "spirit of Life"

pervaded by the "spirit of Life".

• the omnipotence of Love uncovers the nothingness of the un-Godlike (the 24 elders give thanks to God; the temple of God was opened in

heaven) (Rev. 11:15–19)

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# 4. Vision: Love: The God-Crowned Woman: The Divine Method of Handling Evil (Revelation: Chapters 12 – 14)

- "The twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, or Revelation of St. John, has a special suggestiveness in connection with the nineteenth century." (*S&H* 559:32–2)
- "The twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse typifies the divine method of warfare in Science, and the glorious results of this warfare." (S&H 568:5–7)

Christianity/Word (Chapter 12):

Love: the divine method of handling evil through true womanhood

- Chapter 12 is interpreted in the Textbook-chapter; "The Apocalypse", in seven subtones in the Christianity-order.
- "The following chapters depict the fatal effects of trying to meet error with error." (*S&H* 568:7–8)

Christianity/Christ (Rev. Chapter 13): medicine (Rev. 13:1–10) and theology

(Rev. 13:11–18) are no saviors and view

man as mortal (= 666)

Christianity/Christianity (Rev. Chapter 14:1–5): true manhood

Christianity/Science (Rev. Chapter 14:6–20): the scientific annihilation of error

(in the Christianity-order)

Principle: Principle announces the judgment of the everlasting

gospel

(Rev. verses 6–7)

Mind: material knowledge (Babel) is nothing

(Rev. verse 8)

Soul: the fires of Soul burn up sin

(Rev. verses 9–12)

Spirit: the purity of Spirit blesses all through order

(Rev. verses 13–14)

Life: Life reaps fullness in the now

(Rev. verses 15–16)

Truth: Truth is sharp as a sickle

(Rev. verse 17)

Love: Love brings the "wrath of God," i.e. the self-

destruction of error (Rev. verses 18–20)

# 5. Vision: Soul: Pouring out the Seven Vials of Wrath: The Annihilation of Error (Revelation: Chapters 15–18)

The seven angels with the seven golden vials full of the wrath of God (Rev. Chapter 15):

- the seven angels (seven "numerals of infinity" with the seven last plagues (seven fundamental illusions)
- the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened
- one of the four beasts (Christianity) gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God (the complete annihilation of error)
- no man was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled (handling error through the two translations *S&H* 115–116)

Pouring out the seven vials of the wrath of God (Rev. Chapter 16):

• handling error through the *inverted Word-order* 

Love:	Love handles fear, hate (grievous sore)	•	earth
Truth:	Truth handles the belief of mortal manhood (blood of a dead man)	•	sea
Life:	Life handles mortality, persecution	•	rivers and fountains of water
Principle:	Principle handles adherence to false systems	•	sun
Soul:	Soul handles the pains of the physical senses	•	seat of the beast
Spirit:	Spirit handles dualism and crisis (Armageddon)	•	Euphrates

of mortal mind

Mind handles the manifold beliefs

Mind:

Science/Word: material knowledge (Babylon) is enmity against the scientific idea

(Lamb) (Rev. Chapter 17)

Science/Christ: the Christ-idea destroys with great power (a great millstone) mortal

mind with all its manifestations (Rev. Chapter 18)

air

#### 6. Vision: Spirit: The Holy City: The Divine Infinite Calculus

#### (Revelation: Chapters 19–21)

Science/Christianity: universal acknowledgement (a great multitude) of the glory of God

(Alleluia; praise) (Rev. 19:1–9)

Science/ Science: worshipping God and not the person Jesus (Rev. 19:10)

#### absolute Christian Science (Rev. 19:11–21:9)

as Word: Life, Truth, Love (Rev. 19:11–21)

• Heaven is opened. The Word of God: faithful and true.

• Life: the Word of God is individualized (Rev. 19:11–14)

• Truth: the consciousness of dominion: the Lord of Lords

(Rev. 19:15-16)

• Love: the idea of Love (the supper of the great God)

exterminates every vestige of error

(Rev. 19:17–21)

as Christ: Truth, Life, Love (Rev. 20:1–3)

• An angel came down from heaven: a law of annihilation for error

• Truth: Truth is the key for error

(Rev. 20:1a)

• Life: Life is the chain of scientific being

(Rev. 20:1b)

Love: Love seals error

(Rev. 20:2–3)

as Christianity: Life and Love (Rev. 20:4–15)

• First and second resurrection; eternal life

• Life: first resurrection: overcoming death

(Rev. 20:4–10)

Love: second death: free from the belief that death exists

(Rev. 20:11–15)

as Science: Truth and Love (Rev. 21:1–9)

A new heaven and a new earth; there was no more sea

Spiritual consciousness

See Textbook-chapter "The Apocalypse"

(*S&H* 572:19–574:24)

#### divine Science (Rev. 21:10-14)

as Science:	Principle, Love				
	<ul> <li>The city foursquare (divine Science)</li> </ul>				
	■ See Textbook-chapter "The Apocalypse" (S&H 574:25–576:7)				
	<ul> <li>Principle: the great city, the holy Jerusalem (Rev. 21:10)</li> </ul>				
	■ Love: having the glory of God (Rev. 21:11)				
as Word:	has a wall great and high (Rev. 21:12a)				
as Christ:	has 12 gates, 12 angels, names of the 12 tribes of Israel (Rev. 21:12a, 13)				
as Christianity:	12 foundations with the names of the 12 Apostles (Rev. 21:14)				
	absolute Christian Science (Rev. 21:15–27)				
	The Holy City is measured:				
as Word:	Life (wall), Truth (the measure of a man), Love (the measure of an angel) (Rev. 21:17)				
as Christ:	Truth (building), Life (wall), Love (city is of pure gold) (Rev. 21:18)				
as Christianity:	Life (12 precious stones), Love (street of pure gold as if it were transparent glass) (Rev. 21:19–21)				
as Science:	Truth (God and the Lamb are the temple), Love (nothing can enter that defileth) (Rev. 21:22–27				
	<ul> <li>The city of our God</li> </ul>				
	<ul><li>See Textbook-chapter "The Apocalypse"</li></ul>				

(*S&H* 576:8–577:27)

#### 7. Vision: Mind: The Eternal Manifestation of God

(Revelation: Chapter 22)

#### **Christian Science**

*The manifestation of the divine idea* (Rev. 22:1–5)

Word-order: the river of life (Rev. 22:1)

Christ-order: the healing Christ-idea (Rev. 22:2)

Christianity-order: the complete salvation of all (Rev. 22:3–4)

Science-order: nothing is ever going on but the omni-action of the idea of God

(Rev. 22:5)

*The Word of God must be kept* (Rev. 22:6–9)

as Word: the Word is faithful and true (Rev. 22:6a) as Christ: it is the divine message to men (Rev. 22:6b)

as Christianity: the Word must be kept (Rev. 22:7)

as Science: the Word of God is impersonal (Rev. 22:8–9)

*The Word of God demonstrates itself as divine creation* (Rev. 22:10–17)

Mind: divine Mind is the creator of all (Rev. 22:13)
Spirit: Spirit blesses every situation (Rev. 22:14a)

Soul: The rule of Soul gives us freedom for true identification(Rev. 22:14b)

Principle: Principle makes Principle and idea one (Rev. 22:14c)

Life: Life demands laying down the mortal concept (Rev. 22:15

Truth: Christ, Truth, forms the ideal man (Rev. 22:16)
Love: Love and its perfection is open to all (Rev. 22:17)

*Being is an indivisible whole* (Rev. 22:18–21)

Word: nothing can be added to it (Rev. 22:18)

Christ: nothing can be taken away (no subtraction) (Rev. 22:19)

Christianity: it comes to all and all can take it (multiplication) (Rev. 22:20)

Science: it is indivisibly at hand (divine division) (Rev. 22:21)

#### **Symbols**

The "Revelation of St. John" uses numerous symbols that today's Bible reader cannot easily decode and interpret. For this reason the Textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, has added the chapter, "Glossary," giving "the metaphysical interpretation of Bible terms" and "their spiritual sense" (*S&H* 579:4–6). The following list selects from the "Glossary" those important symbols used in the "Revelation of St. John" and presents the spiritual meaning of those terms given in the "Glossary." For a brief analysis of the right use of symbols, see: Max Kappeler, "Introduction to the Science of Christian Science," pp. 148–151.

Angels "God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect;

the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all

evil, sensuality, and mortality" (S&H 581:4–7).

Babel "Self-destroying error; a kingdom divided against itself, which cannot

stand; material knowledge" (S&H 581:17–18).

Bride "Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the idea of God; a sense of

Soul, which has spiritual bliss and enjoys but cannot suffer" (S&H

582:14–16).

Bridegroom "Spiritual understanding; the pure consciousness that God, the divine

Principle, creates man in His own spiritual idea, and that God is the only

creative power" (*S&H* 582:17–20).

Day "The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love"

(S&H 584:1-2).

Dust "Nothingness; the absence of substance, life or intelligence" (S&H)

584:28–29).

Earth "To material sense, earth is matter" (S&H 585:7).

Relates to visible error and audible  $\sin$  (see S&H 559:8)

Euphrates "The atmosphere of human belief before it accepts sin, sickness, or

death; a state of mortal thought, the only error of which is limitation;

finity; the opposite of infinity" (S&H 585:19–22).

Eyes "Spiritual discernment, — not material but mental" (*S&H* 586:3–4).

Fire "Fear; remorse; lust; hatred; destruction; affliction purifying and

elevating man" (*S&H* 586:13–14).

Flesh "An error of physical belief; a supposition that life, substance, and

intelligence are in matter; an illusion; a belief that matter has sensation"

(*S&H* 586:18–20).

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Lamb of God "The spiritual idea of Love; self-immolation; innocence and purity;

sacrifice" (S&H 590:9–10).

New Jerusalem "Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the

kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony" (S&H 592:18–20).

Red Dragon "Error; fear; inflammation; sensuality; subtlety; animal magnetism;

envy; revenge" (*S&H* 593:7–8).

River "Channel of thought.

When smooth and unobstructed, it typifies the course of Truth; but muddy, foaming, and dashing, it is a type of error" (*S&H* 593:14–17).

Rock "Spiritual foundation; Truth" (S&H 593:18).

Salvation "Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over

all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed" (S&H 593:20–22).

Seal "The signet of error revealed by Truth" (*S&H* 593:23).

Serpent "Subtlety; a lie; the opposite of Truth, named error; the first statement of

mythology and idolatry; the belief in more than one God, animal magnetism; the first lie of limitation; finity; the first claim that there is an opposite of Spirit, or good, termed matter, or evil; the first delusion that error exists as fact; the first claim that sin, sickness, and death are the realities of life. The first audible claim that God was not omnipotent and that there was another power, named *evil*, which was as real and

eternal as God, good" (S&H 594:1-11).

Sword "The idea of Truth; justice. Revenge; anger." (*S&H* 595:5–6).

Temple "A material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship"

(*S&H* 595:9–10).

Year "A solar measurement of time; mortality; space for repentance.

'One day is with the Lord as a thousand years.' (II Peter iii:8)

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually, the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness, and death are unknown. Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which is the solar year. Eternity is God's measurement of

Soul-filled years" (*S&H* 598:19–599:2).

#### **Numbers as Symbols**

Often numbers were used in the Bible to symbolize definite spiritual values. The most common number-symbols are:

- 1 the One, the one Principle
- 2 Spirit or duality
- 3 identity or the loss of identity
- three days and half a day; 42 months = 3 ½ years; 1260 days = 3 ½ years a time of trial: Mind, Spirit, and Soul must become our Principle of being
  - 4 the fourfold divine calculus (Word, Christ, Christianity, Science)
  - 5 Life or the five corporeal senses
  - 6 man or false manhood
  - 7 perfection; the seven synonyms for God and their ideas
- the practical application of spiritual facts (hands with 10 fingers)
- demonstration:
  - 3 x 4: the demonstration of Life, Truth, and Love (3) through the fourfold divine calculus (4)
- 24 demonstration:
  - (12 x 2) from the two levels of absolute Christian Science and Christian Science (24 questions and answers in the Textbook-chapter "Recapitulation")
- 42 (see 3 ½)
- 144 12 x 12 = 144: universal demonstration
- 1260 (see  $3\frac{1}{2}$ )
- 100 1000 means that which is manifold, in great number, countless 10000

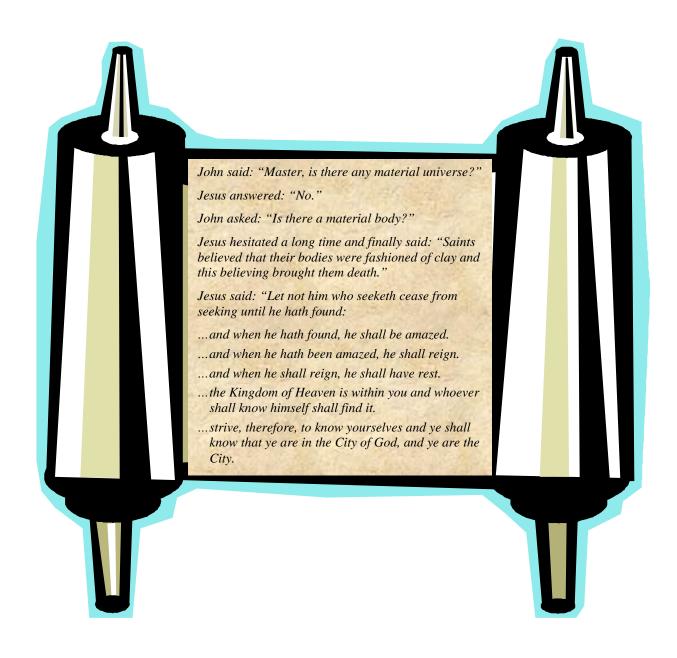
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#### **Oxyrhynchus Scroll**

#### Jesus to John

This dialog is translated from a manuscript in the British Museum. The manuscript, which was found in Oxyrynchus, Egypt on the backside of a land-surveyor list of measurements, is very old. It is stored in a case which is chained to a table. A British officer stands by it all the time. He allows anyone to copy it, but not to touch it.



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#### **Abbreviations**

#### used to reference the work of Mary Baker Eddy

S&H Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

Mis. Miscellaneous Writings

Ret. Retrospection and Introspection

Pan. Christian Science versus Pantheism

Mess.'01 Message to The Mother Church, June 1901

Hea. Christian Healing

Peo. The People's Idea of God

My. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany

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## Chapter XVI The Apocalypse

(Science reflecting Science)<sup>1</sup>

#### Reference books:

The chapter "The Apocalypse" interprets only a relatively few verses out of the 22 chapters of "The Revelation of St. John." In order to understand better the place-value of "The Apocalypse" within the whole Textbook it is helpful to get first an overall picture of "The Revelation of St. John." A rather detailed exegesis of its structure and layout is given by John W. Doorly in *Talks at the Oxford Summer School, 1948, Vol. II*, pages 117–253. A shorter survey is fount in John W. Doorly's book, *The Pure Science of Christian Science*, pages 69–88 (a précis written by Peggy Brook).

A survey on the chapter "The Apocalypse" can be found in: Max Kappeler, *The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life*, pages 177–185.

The climax of the chapter "The Apocalypse," of the whole Bible and of the Christian Science Textbook is the Holy City, i.e. "The city foursquare" (S&H 575: MH) and "The city of our God" (S&H 577: MH), symbolizing "the divine infinite calculus." (See John W. Doorly, *The Pure Science of Christian Science*, pages 20–29, 65–67).

A fuller treatment of the fourfold calculus of Word, Christ, Christianity, and Science on the various levels of Science is given in: Max Kappeler, *The Four Levels of Spiritual Consciousness*, pages 63–198.

#### Standpoint of the Chapter:

Science reflecting Christianity:

- Science from the absolute standpoint: Principle and idea is one.
- Christianity from the relative standpoint: Scientific understanding.
- Science as Science: Scientific understanding of the oneness of being.

**Scriptural Note I:** Scientific Being

**Scriptural Note II:** Being as a fourfold calculus

<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from Max Kappeler, *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1982), Chapter XVI

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### THE ASCENDING WAY OF SCIENCE (UNDERSTANDING) (S&H 558:1–575:21)

#### Christian Science: Accent on Truth and on Love (S&H 558:1–572:18)

"The opening of the sixth seal" (Truth), "typical of six thousand years since Adam, the distinctive feature has reference to the present age." (S&H 560:2; Rev. 6:12–7:17)

Scientific thought (angel) (S&H 558:1–559:31)

(In the "Revelation of St. John" this text appears in the Third Vision [Truth] as the sounding of the sixth trumpet: Truth).

**Truth:** Through scientific thinking Truth uncovers error and destroys it.

as Mind: Angels are God's thoughts passing on to man (S&H 558:9–12).

as Spirit: God's thoughts lend themselves to unfold to the point of

understanding (S&H 558:13).

as Soul: When seen in their true identity, they burn up their counterfeit

beliefs (S&H 558:13–19).

as Principle: An understanding of Science ("a little book") has power over latent

and concrete error (S&H 559:1-8).

as Life: The truth of Scientific thought is ever-present (S&H 559:8–14).

as Truth: The demonstration of the power of Truth is experience in the

destruction of error (S&H 559:14-20; Rev. 10:7-9).

as Love: When scientific thought partakes of the divine nature (by reading,

studying and pondering the book) then it brings us out of bondage into the El Dorado of Christian Science (S&H 559:20–31; Rev.

10:10, 11).

Spiritual idea (true womanhood) (S&H 559:32–572:2)

(In the "Revelation of St. John" this text is part of the Fourth Vision: Love. This chapter "has a special suggestiveness in connection with the nineteenth century" [S&H 560:1]).

**Love:** The divine method of handling evil through true womanhood ("the

divine method of warfare in Science" (S&H 568:6).

as Principle: The spiritual idea is always Principle's own idea in operation

(560:6-562:21).

as Mind: The spiritual idea is the idea of the parent Mind—therefore great

(S&H 562:9–12).

as Soul: A spiritual idea is always safe in the face of animal magnetism (&H

562:29–565:5).

as Spirit: The spiritual idea is the pure reflection of its divine Principle (S&H

565:6–28).

as Life: The spiritual idea irresistibly and irrevocably leads to divine

heights—the way of Life (S&H 565:29-566:24).

as Truth: The spiritual idea is always victorious in the warfare with error

(S&H 566:25-568:12).

as Love: Either through Science or suffering the spiritual idea is brought to

the glory of fulfillment (S&H 568:13–572:2).

Summary of Love's Christianity: In the fulfillment of Love, sin is reduced to its native nothingness (S&H 572:3–18).

### **Absolute Christian Science: Truth and Love** (S&H 572:19–574:24) **Spiritually scientific consciousness**

(In the "Revelation of St. John" this text appears in the Sixth Vision [Spirit] illustrating absolute Christian Science as Science: Truth and Love.

**Truth:** All is a matter of consciousness. The consciousness which God

bestows is a scientific consciousness (S&H 572:19-573:12).

**Love:** With such a scientific consciousness the law of Love offers full

compensation for the sum total of human misery (S&H 573:13-

574:24).

### **Divine Science: divine Principle, Love** (S&H 574:25–575:21) Spiritually scientific oneness

(In the "Revelation of St. John" this text appears in the Sixth Vision [Spirit] illustrating divine Science as Science: divine Principle, Love.

**Love:** The oneness of being: Love wedded to its own spiritual idea (S&H)

574:25-575:6).

**Principle:** This oneness of being is founded on a fourfold calculus (the city

foursquare), on Science and system (S&H 575:7–21).

### THE DESCENDING WAY OF SCIENCE (DEMONSTRATION) (S&H 575:22–578:18)

Divine Science: divine Principle, Love (S&H 575:22–576:7)

**Principle, Love:** Divine Science (Love) operates through a fourfold calculus

(Principle) (S&H 575:22-576:7).

**Absolute Christian Science: Truth and Love** (S&H 576:8–577:27)

**Truth and Love:** (In the "Revelation of St. John" this text appears in the Sixth Vision

[Spirit] illustrating absolute Christian Science as Science: Truth and

Love.

Man as a perfect compounded spiritual idea, is the demonstration of the fourfold calculus (the city of our God) (S&H 576:8–577:27).

Christian Science: accent on Love (S&H 577:28–578:18)

**Love:** The incorporeal or spiritual sense of Deity demonstrates Love's

perfection in human experience (S&H 577:25-578:18).

as Mind: Mind guides (S&H 578:5)

as Spirit: Spirit feeds and clothes (S&H 578:6–7)

as Soul: Soul restores (S&H 578:8 to :)

as Principle: Principle demonstrates itself (S&H 578:8–9) as Life: Life leads to deathless life (S&H 578:10–12) as Truth: Truth's consciousness saves (S&H 578:13–15) as Love: Love bestows infinite good (S&H 578:16–18).