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ABBREVIATIONS

M, Sp, So, P, Li, T, Lo	= Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love
W, X, Xty, Sc	= Word, Christ, Christianity, Science
M – Lo	= the sequence of Mind through Love
M/M – M/P	= Mind in its subtones of M, Sp, So, P (Mind as Mind, etc.)
MIND, SPIRIT, etc.	= in all capitals means that tone is the main tone



## Christian Science versus Spiritualism

### Part I: Analysis – Soul and Life – Scientific understanding analyzes the fact that God and its ideas constitute the only immortal existence

	MIND	SPIRIT	SOUL	LIFE	TRUTH	LOVE
	The identities of being are ideas of Mind; these are never “in” a finite form.	Spirit can only communicate itself through a spiritual sense of life and not through a its opposite, the material sense of existence.	Because for Spirit there is no matter, there can be no backward transformation from a spiritual into a material sense of existence.	The understanding that Life is incorporeal, that it can neither live nor die in a body, awakens from the belief of death.	An understanding of man’s immortal life destroys the consciousness of man’s mortal existence.	Before the all-embracing Spirit, spiritualism is found to be nothing.
Mind:	Divine Mind maintains all identities of being.	Mortal material sense cannot take cognizance of spiritual existence.	The belief that after death a material body can rise up as a spiritual body with material sensations is incorrect.		When we reach the understanding that Life is infinite, we recognize man as idea—as individual, spiritual consciousness.	It is of no value to try to prolong the illusion of material life when this illusion must inevitably fade out.
Spirit:	God and its idea alone are real; evil is not real.	The material sense cannot take cognizance of spiritual existence.	The material and sensual cannot be made the medium for the spiritual, because there is no communication between Spirit and matter.		As soon as it is understood that mortal beliefs are unreal they have no more power over man.	Even if spiritism were possible we would outgrow material spiritualism through every progressive stage of existence.
Soul:	The idea of reality never exists inside finite forms.	The divine cannot express itself through its opposite.	A spiritualized condition can never return to a material condition.		True man is sinless and immortal.	The unnatural deflections of mortal mind are falsities of the senses and never the natural identities of existence.
Mind: Spirit: Soul:	On the other hand, mortal things are the product of so-called mortal mind, not matter; they are not real, neither are they God’s identities.					
Principle:	Therefore, spiritualism has: a human and not a scientific basis	Scientific good is communicable without restriction; the evil and personal is not communicable.	Science renders any backward transformation impossible.		This spiritual, immortal state of man’s existence is only perceptible through an understanding of divine Science: it cannot be reached through death.	To regard spiritualistic communications as oracles is absurd; they are without proof and pernicious in tendency.
Life:	only limited and finite corporealities	Spiritual man does not live materially nor does he live as Spirit.	In Christian Science there is never a retrograde step.		This understanding comes step-by-step – not suddenly, nor at a single bound.	Spiritualism with its material methods of communication would destroy the omnipresence of Spirit
Truth:	It sets out from the false supposition that the infinite Spirit has a finite form.	A spirit cannot control man, for the only Spirit is God and It alone controls man.	The possibility of a return to a form outgrown is only a mistaken assumption.		Until the spiritual understanding of Life is reached, error brings its own self-destruction.	The majesty of Spirit does not need material means in order to operate.
Love:	This theory is contrary to Christian Science.	In the order of Spirit, God an only communicate Itself through Its own nature, never through any form of matter.	Backward transformation is scientifically impossible because for infinite Spirit there is nothing into which it could be transformed.		When the spiritual understanding of Life is reached, then the “second death” has no more power.	Spirit blesses man invisibly in a universal way.

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### Part II: Mind and Truth – Uncovering – Scientific understanding alone can distinguish rightly between what is real and what is unreal

	MIND	SPIRIT	SOUL	PRINCIPLE	LIFE	TRUTH	LOVE
	Christian Science bases itself on the Mind of Christ, whereas spiritualism bases itself on human beliefs and hypotheses.	The Science of Mind derives its strength from the apprehension of truth, whereas spiritualism derives its strength from mysticism.	In Science man's immortality is the logical consequence of the immortality of God, whereas in spiritualism the immortality of man is a mere assertion.	In Christian Science divine Mind-reading is based on the divine Principle, whereas in spiritualism mortal mind-reading is based on human beliefs.	Spiritualism brings forth its phenomena thru mortal mentality.	In Christian Science mental images can always be called back to consciousness, whereas spiritualism can never become conscious of true reality. Why? Because:	In Christian Science only divine Mind and its ideas produce wonders: the so-called wonders of spiritualism are only delusions and illusions. Only:
Mind:				Thought-reading is possible and natural.		mental concepts can be taken from pictorial thought	ideas emanate from divine Mind; all else is an illusion.
Spirit:				Different states of consciousness cannot intercommune.		they are formed mentally before becoming material conceptions	ideas produce spiritual phenomena; illusion only excites the physical senses.
Soul:				The human mind cannot imitate the works of divine Mind		the mind-reader can reproduce them	Soul sets ideas free; illusions free us only from limiting beliefs of mortal mind.
Principle:				Immortal Mind-reading reveals the true nature of all things; mortal mind-reading touches only human belief.		they float independent of persons in the general atmosphere of the human mind	The Principle of scientific improvisation rests on Mind, Spirit, Soul.
Life:				Scientific predictions can only be made from a divine standpoint.		they present primal facts to mortal mind	In this Principle lies the source of multiplication of Life; matter is not creative.
Truth:				The Science of Mind enables us to recognize the error which needs to be destroyed; the Science of Mind is the Savior.		The true concept can never be lost	For divine Mind all the factual is possible.
Love:				Divine Mind-reading enables us to be susceptible to mortal mind's call for aid.		memory can reproduce everything that can be discerned by the senses.	whereas the so-called wonders of mortal mentality are only delusions

## Christian Science versus Spiritualism - Part II: Continued.

sub-subtones	Principle as Truth with sub-subtones
	The Science of Mind enables us to recognize the error which needs to be destroyed; the Science of Mind is the Savior.
(Mind)	Through the unlimited divine Mind we can discern man's nature and being.
(Spirit)	If we have properly learned and digested the Science of Mind, Spirit enables us to calculate Truth accurately.
(Soul)	This divine Mind-reading enlightens spiritual understanding with intuitions of Soul.
(Principle)	These intuitions reveal whatever constitutes harmony and the error which has to be destroyed.
(Life)	This method must be applied to all problems.
(Truth)	Thereby every error has to be sternly condemned as such.
(Love)	so that Truth alone can communicate itself.

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### Part III: Spirit and Love – Annihilation of mortality – Scientific understanding leads to the final spiritualization of all things

	MIND	SPIRIT	SOUL	PRINCIPLE	LIFE	TRUTH	LOVE
	Spiritualization begins when we recognize man as God's own likeness.	Spiritualization is furthered by our denying that matter is a part of man.	Spiritualization becomes a present possibility when we reject the knowledge of good and evil.	Spiritualization demands that we reason scientifically, from God, so as to arrive at the spiritual concept of man.	Spiritualization enables us to father the universe spiritually	Through conscious spiritualization the end of error is brought about.	Final spiritualization is possible through the union of Christianity with Science.
Mind:	The fact that man is God's own likeness must be admitted by man himself.	The denial of material selfhood aids the recognition of the spiritual individuality of man.	The knowledge of good and evil represents man as merely an offshoot of the material senses.	In Christian Science we recognize that man is not quantitatively but qualitatively derived from God.	Uniting with the one ever-present divine Mind we can read the thoughts of mankind and direct them aright.	By welcoming new truths we lift consciousness out of its apathy in to truth.	For every new step in Christianity the gift of Love assures a spiritual recompense.
Spirit:	he must free himself from the belief that man is separated from God.	Contrasting spiritual facts with certain erroneous material postulates, we can better comprehend the spiritual facts.	Evil is based on false belief of two opposite powers, of which error seems to be the superior.	As the qualitative likeness of the one God man reflects only the one infinite Spirit.	Through divine Mind-reading we can do only good and never harm.	In the course of spiritualization the material order breaks up until spiritualization of all things is reached.	The reappearance of true Christianity can only be recognized spiritually.
Soul:	even when it is difficult for him to accept his genuine being.	By denying that Mind is in the cranium we free ourselves from the ability to sin.	Today it is recognized that Soul is able to control the body.	Through demonstrating the scientific statement of "man" we make ourselves the son of God.	No error can hide from divine Mind-reading.	During this fermentation material beliefs give place to spiritual understanding.	Superior to creeds, scientific Christianity remains inviolate.
Principle:			Divine logic and revelation coincide in declaring that good can never cause evil.	In this recognition of the right relationship of man to God lies true government.	Scientific Mind-reading depends on spirituality: it is not a personal characteristic like clairvoyance.	During this time those who perceive Christian Science will hold crime in check by being law-abiding.	Christianity must be united with Science.
Life:			The nature of the divine <i>Esse</i> does not contain anything evil or destructive.	The demonstration of Principle goes on and cannot be stopped by persecution.		The closer error simulates Truth the closer it comes to its self-destruction.	The way of salvation in Christianity is not humanly impelled but effect by God.
Truth:						The more broadly Truth is recognized the more error displays its falsities.	Christian Science opens with the key of Truth the door of human understanding.
Love:						All matter disappears before the supremacy of Spirit.	Scientific Christianity loves all mankind, but excludes every other system as false.