

#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

Most of us assume that the problems that face mankind today are man-made and, hence, solved by man. But if we look to a higher cause, we discover that today's crisis is impelled by God and solved by God, with the goal of moving mankind from a material to a spiritual basis of consciousness. Mrs. Eddy writes:

"Eternal Truth is changing the universe. As mortals drop off their mental swaddling-clothes, thought expands into expression. 'Let there be light,' is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love, changing chaos into order and discord into the music of the spheres"(*S&H* 255:1).

In the following article, *The Global Crisis*, Max Kappeler explains the impact of eternal Truth, God, as it changes the universe to an all-embracing spiritual basis. The substance of this article was presented by Max Kappeler during an evening talk at Elizabethtown College, PA, USA, in 1983. The title of the entire talk was: *The World's Problems Today —and We?* and is reproduced here as an edited excerpt.

### The Global Crisis<sup>1</sup>

Max Kappeler

## The Serious Problems that Face Mankind

LET'S TAKE A LOOK at the world's problems that we face today and try to outline how we can deal with them. I think almost everybody is aware that the world is in bad shape in many ways. For example, most people are afraid that there will be a nuclear war and, that in such a war, the whole Northern Hemisphere and a good part of the Southern Hemisphere could be destroyed—either at once, within a few weeks, or in months. It is a serious problem.

In a world facing extreme problems, mankind usually feels that the worst has "come upon me" (*see Job 3:25*). What is our task?

... if we look to a higher cause, we discover that today's crisis is impelled by God and solved by God, with the goal of moving mankind from a material to a spiritual basis of consciousness. What is our responsibility in such a situation?

Naturally, whatever we can do to prevent nuclear war, we should do it—that's quite clear! But this is not the central problem of our age. The problem facing the world today is one of a "peaceful" destruction. A peaceful destruction sneaks up on us. We are hardly aware of it until, one day, we awaken to the unleashed problems. By that time, it may appear to be too late to handle the cause, as everything seems to be getting rapidly out of hand. What are the problems facing mankind today of which we are presently aware?

I will enumerate quickly the problems for which there appears no obvious solution. There is the *population explosion*. We are aware that centuries back, Malthus<sup>2</sup> warned us about the population explosion. We are now aware of this situation, but, as of yet, we have not been able to do anything about it. Then there is the problem of *hunger and starvation*. Today, millions of children and adults are

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HE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THAT MARY BAKER EDDY discovered and stated in her Textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, is seen to be the universal Science of all sciences. The denominational aspect of Christian Science is fading away, and its vital role as a proto-science is emerging.

Science cannot be organized, and its investigation cannot be outlined or controlled humanly without endangering its unfoldment. Dr. Max Kappeler (Switzerland) based his research entirely on the Bible and the teachings of Mary Baker Eddy as the complete revelation of Christian Science, as well as the teachings of John W. Doorly, who detected the scientific system of reference in the Christian Science textbook. The Kappeler Institute USA claims no exclusive rights to the Science of Christian Science, nor does it present itself as an authority to endorse, control or regulate work in the subject of Science. Dr. Kappeler founded the Kappeler Institute for the Science of Being in 1973 to maintain, protect, publish, promote and archive his English language works.

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starving to death every year. We have the problem of air pollution and water pollution. Then there is the problem that the food chain can be poisoned. We have the problem of *deforestation* of the tropics, depleting the earth of much needed oxygen. This is happening even though we know that the tropical forests can no longer be replanted, because the soil has eroded away. There is the problem of acid rain, especially in the industrialized countries, where we witness our forests getting sick with the possible result that in fifty or sixty years there will be no more forests in affected countries. We have the change of climate that seems mostly out of our control. We have the constant depletion of the natural resources, from which we may not be able to recuperate totally. We are facing the extinction of many hundreds of thousands of animals and plants. More and more of our agricultural land is giving way to desert—like in Africa and the Sahel.<sup>3</sup> Or there is the great problem of *urban sprawl* where people are moving from the agricultural lands to the city. Cities just become bigger and bigger, and with this comes urban blight: bigger slums until finally the slums become the main part of the city. We have an escalation in crime that is increasingly difficult to handle. We have *terrorism* that tries to take over and disrupt world peace. We have *drug* addiction. We have an increase in the gulf between the rich countries and the poor countries instead of a healthy balance. It is estimated today that already many countries are bankrupt; that their growth in national debt is still growing with the possibility that this trend will not be broken or turned backward. We have the great problem of unemployment, and with the computerization of everything, this problem will

be even more difficult to handle in the future. We have an *erosion of the standards of education* in the West, in the industrialized countries. Schools are having problems with discipline and vandalism. There is an increase in the rate of *divorce*, and *disintegration of the traditional family unit*. We have *cultural decay* all over the Western world. There is an *arms race*—we are at the point where everyone can be killed fifteen times over in one day. We have *corruption* not only in government, but in private industry. The *energy crisis* gives us a lot to think about. The entire *world economy* may become out of control. This is quite an impressive list of problems.

One can always find an optimist who says: "Well, we will be able to control these problems, and put them straight." But many experts in their respective fields do not think that there is a way out. They cannot see solutions to our global problems.

#### A Common Denominator for the Unsolved Problems

IF WE SEEK A COMMON DENOMINATOR for all of these unsolved problems, then perhaps we can reduce them to the fact that today's world is interdependently one; the problems are interrelated, giving them a total global character.

Some say: "Don't worry so much. Mankind has always gone through a lot of crises: through wars, epidemics, and plagues. And mankind always recovers and experiences further positive development and unfoldment." Yes, this is true. But we must see that

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the crisis that we are in today is of a different nature. These crises are not localized to certain countries or continents-they are global in scale, and interrelated. Today, the whole of mankind is in danger. Can we, the human race, really afford to ignore issues that now have global effects? For example, if a few hundred years ago something happened that was a terrific catastrophe in China, we in the West would not have even known about it. But today, if something changes in one point of the Earth-be it in the financial world, the political world, or in the military world-it affects systems and people worldwide. The population explosion in one country, for example, impacts the issues of hunger, the economy, and politics around the world; everything is woven into one web. And so we must always see the global nature of our problems.

In earlier times when there was a crisis mankind always could postpone it. Empires could carry their problems along for hundreds of years and still survive. We just had to live long enough and somehow it was solved. Today, the solution to the world's problems can no longer be postponed. The attitude one hears from every angle is that the problems must be solved right now, because if they are not solved now, there is no more a "later on." This situation is absolutely new.

#### What Causes a Crisis?

WE ASK: "IS THIS CRISIS MAN-MADE?" Here, we need to be very careful. Why? Because we need to see that the present global crisis is not man-made, because man is not the creator, the maker. God, Elohim, alone is the creator, creating only good. In spiritual reality, man is the image and likeness of God—the reflection of God, his maker. Ultimately, the global crisis that we are experiencing is not man-made.

Who made it then? It is God-made, not in such a way that God would send us a nuclear war. But this global crisis is God-made insofar that it lies in that God-genesis where the divine idea of God has always pushed mankind forward in a teleological (goaldirected) fashion. This can be seen right from the first 1000-year period in biblical history (4000–3000 B.C.) with the awakening from ignorance (the mist of Eden), to following the light of the spiritual idea (Enoch walks with God), to the second 1000-year period (3000-2000 B.C.) with the Noah story of turning away from material beliefs to build an "ark" of spiritual understanding. Then to the third 1000-year period (2000–1000 B.C.), where we have the journey from sense (Ur, Egypt) to Soul (Canaan, the Promised Land). And to the fourth 1000-year period (1000 B.C.-1 A.D.) with the rejection of personal or material government, and the founding of true spiritual government based on Principle, God's system of ideas. God keeps pushing mankind forward with the fifth 1000-year period (1-1000 A.D.) and the life of Jesus, the apostles, Paul, and the spreading of Christianity with its acceptance of Life in and of Spirit as a gift of grace. Then on to the sixth 1000-year period (1000-2000 A.D.) with the discovery of Christian Science, which brings the discovery of the divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love,<sup>4</sup> and the rise of spiritually scientific consciousness, grounding mankind's understanding of true being and manhood in scientific spiritual methods. Then God impelled the

seventh 1000-year period of today (2000–3000 A.D.), where we are being driven forward by the Christ-idea to accept the reign of divine Science in heaven and on earth, the fulfillment of the Bible's divine design for mankind.

Every 1000-year period is pushing mankind forward, because behind it is God's plan of universal salvation that precipitates itself on mankind and asks mankind to change, to transform, to mutate, to make a paradigm shift. So the present global crisis is not man-made. It

is God-made. It is the Christ-idea that is not allowing mankind to go on with its material ways as it has until now. God wants us to change and accept a higher spiritual aim, a further goal—to accept the allembracing realm of divine Principle, Love—the realm of universal, ever-present spiritual perfection.

Today, as we move from the

sixth to the seventh 1000-year period, we need to understand that *God* is pushing. It is not the politicians that are pushing, it's not the finance people who are pushing, it's not the economy that is pushing, it's not the military leaders who are pushing: It is God that is pushing. God has a divine, saving idea. It has a Christ-idea. It has a Christ of salvation. It wants us to change from a material to a spiritual basis and be saved spiritually.

As we accept that there is only one God, the universal All-in-all, then we must also accept that the present crisis is something that is in line with the divine plan of God. Otherwise, we must accept that there are many gods and many powers—with that standpoint, it is no wonder that mankind feels doomed.

#### We See Today that We Live in a Very Special Period

TODAY, EVEN THE PHYSICISTS are beginning to accept that there is no matter *per se*. We have always had philosophers—idealists—who have said this is so. We have also always had religious people, spiritually minded

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Today, nuclear physicists find proof that matter is not the "stuff" or substance of the universe, yet as soon as they leave the lab they revert to the ordinary view that matter comprises the all-consuming

fact of life. We, too, drive home to a nice place where we want to have a good meal, a nice house, and material wealth. Yet, inwardly, the involvement in material gain for its own sake bothers us, for intuitively we realize that materiality goes contrary to mankind's true nature, which is purely spiritual. The true spiritual nature inherent in man leads us toward the desire to concern ourselves with those things that are spiritual and eternal—to attain a humble attitude and cultivate a spiritual state of consciousness.

So, today we appear to live in a schizophrenic world. Part of each day we believe that everything is Spirit,

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God, and the rest of the day we are building on matter. This is a sign of the crisis: We are at a stage where God is pushing us away from materialism and nearer to the fact that all is Spirit and spiritual.

In the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, James Jeans<sup>5</sup> wrote that the world looks more like a "great thought" than a lot of matter.<sup>6</sup> And little by little, scientists find that, actually, there is no matter. This required a long development in the line of physics; the materialistic point of view and the idealistic point of view, which

were always going along parallel for thousands of years, are merging together, and finally the point of view of idealism has won its case. The materialists are now forced to admit there is no matter. Do we realize what this means

for a materialistic government, for a materialistic ideal, like communism, that rests entirely on the conception that there is only a material evolution, a material history? Or what it means for those who love money so much—love to make more money and cling to money—to see that matter does not exist and that reality is spiritual? It means that spiritual reality is made up of the substance of Spirit, and rests on spiritual ideas and values.

#### Man Does Not Know What Man Is or What Consciousness Is

THE REAL PROBLEM is that man does not know what man is or what true spiritual consciousness is. And yet various thinkers say today that *all is a question*  *of consciousness*. This is true, but without a change of consciousness, without a shift from a material to a spiritual basis of reality, there is no solution to today's global crisis.

People from various fields discussing the present situation come to the conclusion that mankind must first change its attitude toward life or there is no way out of the problems we face. Yet, the difficulty we face is that, in general, we do not know how to change our attitude or state of consciousness, because we

The real problem is that man does not know what man is or what true spiritual consciousness is. don't know what to change it into. Should we change our attitude or consciousness to the way the psychologist asks, or the psychiatrist, or the quantum physicists, or even the government? Or perhaps the way the church asks us to change?

But which church, and which denomination? Which political party? The point is that we, in general, do not know what *form* our consciousness should take, because there are so many options to choose from.

#### What is God?

MAN IS NOT THE CREATOR, but is the created—created by God. Mankind, so far, does not know God systematically, scientifically, and in a divinely objective way, but is, instead, satisfied with everyone having their own subjective concept of God. The result of this is, inevitably, chaos. Consequently, everything is brought back to the point that mankind should know the one and only God in a divinely scientific and objective way. That brings us to the pith of mankind's concern, ... everything is brought back to the point that mankind should know the one and only God in a divinely scientific and objective way.

namely: "What is God?" If we know what God is, and if we have a correct answer to this question, then we have the correct standpoint for the consciousness of man. And with the correct standpoint of consciousness, problems can be solved in the world and the global crisis resolved.

At the present time, "mankind" refers to the "man" in the second record of creation in the Bible, found in the Book of Genesis and referred to in "the Adam and Eve story" (Gen. 2:6-5:24). There, in the second record, God is called Jehovah, a national deity, a deity that has created a material man-Adam and then Eve. And so there is, in the second record, the concept that man is a material, corporeal being, created from dust. We know that the first son of Adam, Cain, "went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod"-in chaos and disillusionment (Gen. 4:16). This is what we have been witnessing over the last many thousand years: that mankind went out from the standpoint of the second record of creation and believed in the Jehovistic concept of God, and, consequently, in an atomistic, materialistic concept of man.

But the Bible gives us a higher, spiritual concept of God and man—the true creator and the true creation. This is depicted in the first record of creation, found in the Book of Genesis and referred to in "the seven days of creation" (*Gen. 1:3–2:3*). Here God is called Elohim—a spiritual God that "created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (*Gen. 1:27*). As the image and likeness of Elohim, mankind has likewise a spiritual nature. Today, we must face the important question: Is God Jehovah or Elohim? Is man Adam—a material man—or is man the image and likeness of a monistic, spiritual God? This question is the center of the entire problem of today. The correct spiritual answer to this question will solve the global crisis.

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In the Science of Christian Science, we go to the core of the important questions: What is God, and what is divine Being? For the answer to these questions for a scientific age, we look to the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, where Mrs. Eddy defines God as Elohim (*see S&H 591:4*), the one Spirit or intelligence, and man as the image and likeness of Elohim (*see S&H 591:6*).

In *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy gives us not only a comprehensive, divinely objective, and scientific definition of God, Elohim, but also a divinely scientific

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definition of man as the image and likeness of God. This is explained through the three fundamental divine categories of Being, symbolized through capitalized terms:

- 1. The 7 synonymous terms for God: Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.<sup>7</sup>
- 2. The 4-fold self-operation of God: Word, Christ, Christianity, Science.
- 3. The 4 levels of spiritual consciousness: Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, Christian Science.<sup>8</sup>

These 15 capitalized terms for God, as found in *Science and Health*, were discovered in the Textbook by John W. Doorly,<sup>9</sup> and comprise the key of Science. The key of Science lies in Science's ability to reduce the infinite One, God, to simplicity:

- a. to a few, simple, fundamental yet comprehensive categories of divine Being,
- b. that interrelate and operate with each other on one Principle to form dynamic and coherent structures,
- c. which underlie all being and solve all questions of existence.

Therefore, through the tool of the Science of Christian Science, we are able to understand God in its divine system and structure. The result is that Science evolves in mankind a divinely structured consciousness, where the structures of our consciousness reflects and is one with the structure of divine Being.<sup>10</sup>

If we devote ourselves to the concept of God as defined by Christian Science, then the divine catego-

ries of God are entertained in our understanding and, hence, become our living experience. Little-by-little, the structure of the infinite one Being, God, is in consonance with the structure of our consciousness. We then have an isomorphy between the structure of Being itself and the structure of mankind's understanding.

#### **The Solution to the Present Global Crisis**

As we have seen, it is God that is actually pushing mankind forward from a material to a spiritual basis of consciousness, and God will reach its goal of allembracing universal peace and spiritual perfection for all mankind. But we may ask: If God is in charge, if we will reach spiritual perfection regardless, why bother to devote ourselves to finding solutions to our problems? Why not just sit back, do whatever we wish, and wait for God to change our consciousness to a spiritual basis?

When we culture our consciousness in the divine categories of God, we embrace the right attitude that allows us to willingly accept the ultimate spiritual plan of God. Yet, in the face of today's global crisis and upheaval "midnight foretells the dawn" (*S&H* 95:22). Mrs. Eddy writes:

"This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.... "As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accordance with divine Science will endure to the end. As material knowledge diminishes and spiritual understanding increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally instead of materially.

"During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will

hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection" (*S&H* 96:12–97:4).

So, the solution to the present global crisis is with God—as it is God impelled and God solved.

The great fact is that God is the sole maker of good. Only God carries within itself the primordial power of manifestation. It is God's plan, and God is the power that will accomplish its plan.

But, as seen, with a consciousness based in the divine categories of God, we welcome God's ultimate plan of universal salvation. With this welcoming of God's all-encompassing plan, our experience of this spiritual evolutionary process will be one of Science and peace, but if we resist "eternal Truth's" changing of the universe (S & H 255:1), this resistance will take the form of our suffering the loss of materiality. Mrs. Eddy writes; "Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions" (S & H 296:6).

From the standpoint of divine Science, the global crisis cannot be solved from the atomistic or isolated

methods of yesterday. According to Mrs. Eddy, the world crisis is evidence of God's holistic, allembracing solution. What is asked of us is a change in perspective, a paradigm shift, to a consciousness willing to accept the holistic, peaceful, all-embracing solutions of God. We can decide for ourselves whether we will go out from Science and "aid in the ejection of error ... and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection" (S&H97:2-4), or experience the dissolution

> of a material basis of the universe with "discord and dismay" (*S&H* 96:13–14).

> *In conclusion*. The more mankind as a whole goes out from the divine categories of God, and lets one's standpoint of consciousness be molded by these divine categories,

the more one's structure of consciousness will be like the structure of divine Principle, God. In spiritual reality mankind is not a thinker *per se*, but is seen to be the "thought of" God. The divine categories of God think us.

And with this spiritual standpoint we will live and act according to a God-given standard of values that will result in our accepting spiritual solutions to the global crisis. This will ultimately bring peace, harmony, and a sense of integrated being to our global experience.

"Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need."

> Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 494:10

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#### Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Max Kappeler's article, *The Global Crisis*, appears here as edited excerpts from his talk: G-5, *The World's Problems Today—and We?* To order this recording, see our Complimentary Items Order Form at the end of this newsletter.
- <sup>2</sup> Robert Thomas Malthus (1766–1834), An Essay on the Principle of Population, as it Affects the Future: Improvement of Society with Remarks on the Speculations of Mr. Godwin, M. Condorcet, and Other Writers (London, printed for J. Johnson, in St. Paul's Churchyard, 1798).
- <sup>3</sup> The Sahel is the ecological zone "that separates the savanna from the desert. [It] comes from the Arabic word for "edge" or "border" because it is the edge of the desert." In Africa, as in other deserts, the Sahel is transforming into desert at an increasingly rapid rate, due to overgrazing and deforestation. The result is that deserts are expanding. From Mike Dowling, "The Electronic Passport Homework to Deserts and the Sahel," *http://www.mrdowling.com/611-sahel.html*, updated June 17, 2006.
- <sup>4</sup> Mary Baker Eddy writes: "In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 107).
- <sup>5</sup> Sir James Hopwood Jeans (1877–1946), English physicist and mathematician who first proposed that matter is continuously created throughout the universe. He made other innovations in astronomical theory, but is perhaps best known as a writer of popular books about astronomy.
- <sup>6</sup> In his book, *The Mysterious Universe* (Macmillan, New York, 1930), Jeans wrote, "The terrestrial pure mathematician does not concern himself with material substance but with pure thought. His creations are not only created by thought but are pure thought ... And the concepts

which now seem to be fundamental to our understanding of nature ... four dimensional space, a space which expands forever; a sequence of events which follows the laws of probability instead of the laws of causation; all these concepts seem to my mind to be structures of pure thought. To my mind the laws which nature obeys are less suggestive of those which a machine obeys in its motion than those which a musician obeys in writing a fugue, or a poet in composing a sonnet ... If all this is so, then the universe can best be pictured, although still very imperfectly and inadequately, as consisting of pure thought, the thought of what, for want of a wider word, we must describe as a mathematical thinker."

- <sup>7</sup> See Max Kappeler, *The Seven Synonyms for God* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1984).
- <sup>8</sup> See Max Kappeler, *The Four Levels of Spiritual Consciousness: Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, Christian Science* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1970).
- <sup>9</sup> John W. Doorly, London, England (1878–1950), was a well known Christian Science practitioner and teacher. He left the Christian Science Board of Lectureship in 1929 and for the next 20 years studied Mary Baker Eddy's writings and the Bible to find the reason why Mrs. Eddy called her discovery Science. He presented his findings in his classes, books, and extensive *Talks on the Science of the Bible*, published as verbatim reports. Max Kappeler joined Doorly's research group in 1938, and for over 60 years he wrote books and held classes on the Science of Christian Science based on his early work with Doorly. For more information on John W. Doorly, please contact the John W. Doorly Trust at *www.johndoorlytrust.co.uk*.
- <sup>10</sup> See Max Kappeler, *A Study Aid for the Science of Christian Science* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1984), p. 1.

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#### **Toward a Science of Spirit**

The subject of Science (the Science of Christian Science, the Science of Being) is revolutionary. It states that God can be known and understood, and by knowing God, we can understand the nature and essence of spiritual reality. Christian Science is designed to be understood in our age-right now, at this time in history. In reference to this age, Mary Baker Eddy states in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, "The time for thinkers has come" (S&H vii:13). She also states, "Belief in a material basis ... is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect" (S&H 268:6–9), and "The spiritual status is urging its highest demands on mortals, and material history is drawing to a close" (No. 45:25-27). As Max Kappeler said during the introduction to his class on The Gospel of St. John, "[Science] is something completely different ... This is not just going to change your personal life, or the little problem you left at home. This is going to change history. Science will enable us to finally understand Mrs. Eddy's statement that as human history draws to a close, spiritual history will begin" (edited excerpt from Tape Code F-5/M-52, Cazenovia, NY 1991).

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#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

Christianity itself stands at a critical point: Will it continue to be a major spiritual force, or will it be supplanted by other doctrines or belief systems? Dinesh D'Souza in *What's So Great About Christianity* asks: "Is Christianity obsolete? Can an intelligent, educated person really believe the Bible? Or ... has Christianity been disproven by science, debunked ... and discredited as a guide to morality?"<sup>1</sup> Can Christianity remain relevant in a postmodern, scientific world?

Max Kappeler knew that Christianity *per se* would come to this critical point if Christians continued to interpret the Bible literally, or as a collection of stories, or as parables subject to personal and theological interpretation. Kappeler, building on the findings of his teacher John W. Doorly,<sup>2</sup> understood that Mary Baker Eddy (discoverer and founder of Christian Science) wanted "to establish Christianity as the Science of divine being, and to explore it scientifically."<sup>3</sup> John Doorly discovered that *the seven* days of creation, the first record of creation, Genesis 1:3–2:3, contains both the statement of the divine nature of God, and the key to the Bible's subsequent order—the order from Genesis to Revelation. Thus, the layout of the Bible gives the ordered scientific analysis of what God is, and how God operates to resolve false mortal beliefs throughout the history of mankind. The deep structure of the Bible leads mankind step-by-step from ignorance about God and man to spiritual understanding.

Today, Christendom must awaken to the *Science* of the Bible and to the Godimpelled solutions that this Science gives. Studying Kappeler's series of books on the Bible will enable you to understand that, when seen in its Science, the Bible and Christianity will continue to remain vital spiritual forces in the world today.

<sup>1</sup> Dinesh D'Souza, What's So Great About Christianity (Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing Inc., 2007), book jacket.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> John W. Doorly, London, England (1878–1950) was a pioneer in the field of Christian Science, being the first to discern what constitutes the Science of Christian Science and what constitutes the Science of the Bible. He presented his findings in *Talks on the Science of the Bible*, published as verbatim reports. Max Kappeler, a student of John Doorly's, went on to elucidate Doorly's findings. For more information on John W. Doorly, please contact the John W. Doorly Trust, *www.johndoorlytrust.co.uk*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Max Kappeler, "Quo vadis? Where are you going, Christian Scientist?" (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 2003), p. 3.

#### **Introductory Level**

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The Minor Prophets in the Light of Christian Science: One of the essential premises for a scientific approach to God is that there are spiritual laws of being, and that these laws are structured and unfold to us in an ordered way. This book shows us that within each prophetic book of the Bible there is a spiritually ordered layout. Each prophet announces the Christ-operation through a different aspect—the 12 Minor Prophets and the 4 Major Prophets describe the 16 different offices of the Christ, which, when presented in a 4x4*Christ-matrix*, form a coherent, divinely structured whole. These scientific orders give rise to spiritual laws, revealing the timeless messages of the prophets, fully practical for our age.

The Epistles in the Light of Christian Science: Using the same scientific method of text interpretation applied in Kappeler's book on the Minor Prophets, which illustrates the Christ-matrix, the Epistles define the Christianity-matrix. The Epistles teach Christianity in its full sense, namely, as the reciprocal relationship of man to the grace of God (Word), the glory of Christ (Christ), the idea of man's perfection (Christianity), and the Science of man (Science). Furthermore, they bring out the great spiritual mutation that must take place in consciousness, bringing salvation through faith in grace and not only through "the works" of the Old Testament laws. This book elucidates the underlying eternal self-evolving laws of Principle, God. It is a clear and logical presentation of the divine laws that lie behind true Christianity.

Why Study Kappeler's Work on the 4 Levels of Science: Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, Christian Science?

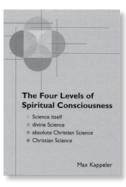
#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

To gain a fuller understanding of the Science that stands behind the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, it is imperative to comprehend the 4 levels of Science. These 4 levels teach the concept of *dimensionalism*. In dimensional ontology, we learn that the infinite One, God, appears simultaneously on different levels of consciousness in different forms according to different divine laws, yet still remains the infinite One, God. This fundamental translatability of God explains how God, which on the one hand doesn't know death, yet, on the other hand, operates to resolve the question of life and death.

A study of the 4 levels of Science builds on a foreknowledge of *the nature of God* (Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love), and *the 4-fold operation of God* (Word, Christ, Christianity, Science).

#### Intermediate Level

Book: The Four Levels of Spiritual Consciousness: Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, Christian Science Savings: \$12 (regular price \$16)



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stood. With each level of Science, the form of consciousness changes, different questions are dealt with, varying phenomena appear, and fundamental problems such as evil, matter, and healing are resolved. The book and recording cover the same core material, with the recording containing more information about the evolution of consciousness and the development of the healing practice.

# Why Study Kappeler's Work on Divine Cybernetics?

#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

The term *cybernetics* comes from the Greek *kybernetes*, meaning steersman —the same root word as government. The term was coined by Norbert Wiener (1894–1964) to mean the study of teleological systems that have corrective feedback. Max Kappeler built on the concept of cybernetics by coining the term

"divine cybernetics" to refer to the selfoperating, self-organizing, self-regulating, error-preventing, and error-correcting system of the divine laws of God. By studying this subject we find that our spiritual understanding responds to the self-operation of Being, allowing us to accept God's allembracing plan of universal perfection.

#### **Intermediate Level**

D-2: Divine Cybernetics: The proto-science, the integral Science (20 hours)
 Savings: Audiotape: \$90 (regular price \$120)
 CD-mp3: \$35 (regular price \$50)

This class provides an introduction to "divine cybernetics," the dimensional self-operating, self-organizing, self-regulating, divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love (*see S&H 107:1*) as they operate on the levels of divine Science, absolute Christian Science, and Christian Science. These dimensional laws are the

inherent force behind the self-regulating error-preventing and error-correcting feedback circuit of divine Being. Our job is to culture a spiritual consciousness, which allows us to accept, and not reject, the selfoperation of God, the divine Principle of all being.

Prerequisite for D-2: The Four Levels book and/or D-1 recording.

# Why Study Kappeler's Work on the Laws of Being?

#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

Mary Baker Eddy writes: "In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love" (*S&H 107:1*). Kappeler asked himself: What are these divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love? The result of his investigation into the structure of Being and its universal laws constitute the pith of his life's work in the field of the Science of Christian Science. By studying this subject we gain the understanding that: God's laws constitute our individuality (*No. 11:3–7*). We witness that Science and consciousness are at work, according to the laws of God, resolving the present global crisis (*see S&H 423:24–26*).

#### Advanced Level E-1: The Structure of Being and its Universal Laws (39 hours) Savings: Audiotape: \$150 (regular price \$234) CD-mp3: \$55 (regular price \$75) C

D-4: Divine Cybernetics and the
Self-operating "Dimensional Laws" of the One Being, God (24 hours)
Savings: Audiotape: \$100 (regular price \$144) CD-mp3: \$45 (regular price \$60)

Extra Savings:\$90 for both E-1 and D-4 in CD-mp3 format (regular price \$135).Note: This price is less than half the cost of borrowing the audiotapes.

E-1: Every science rests on laws, and Christian Science teaches the divine laws of God. What are these laws? How can they be defined? How do they operate? How do they govern our everyday life experience? This class focuses on the laws of the levels of Science itself, divine Science, absolute Christian Science, and Christian Science—what we call the "level laws" or "horizontal laws." D-4: This class is revolutionary as it presents the "divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love" discovered by Mary Baker Eddy (*S&H107:2*). The Model of Being is the framework in which these divine laws are explained. The subject dealt with is divine cybernetics—the divine laws of interdependence ("vertical laws") operating on the levels of divine Science, absolute Christian Science, and Christian Science. These divine laws form the essence of our everyday life experience.

*Prerequisite E-1 and D-4*: The *Four Levels* book and/or D-1 recording, plus the D-2 recording. We recommend that E-1 (the "horizontal laws") be studied prior to D-4 (the "vertical laws").

Then mankind will be led into a new form of awareness, into a consciousness of being inspired and guided not by men's minds but by the one divine Mind.

Max Kappeler

Max Kappeler, Man: The Thinker or the Thought? (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1972), p. 5.



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