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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	= 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.)
MIND, SPIRIT, etc.	= in all capitals means that tone is the main tone
W/W, W/X, W/Xty, W/Sc	= 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	= <i>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</i> , by Mary Baker Eddy



**The Matrix of Christian Science**  
(in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, Chapters I–XVI)

absolute standpoint (j) relative standpoint (i)	<b>WORD</b> Revelation of God’s nature	<b>CHRIST</b> Translation of God to idea	<b>CHRISTIANITY</b> The realm of ideas	<b>SCIENCE</b> Principle and idea is one
<b>Word</b> Accepting the proposition	CHAPTER I <b>Prayer</b> Tevelation of God’s nature by accepting God’s nature in us	CHAPTER V <b>Animal Magnetism Unmasked</b> As we accept the Christ- translation, the ungodlike is translated back into its native nothingness	CHAPTER IX <b>Creation</b> As we accept the realm of ideas, the ideational universe reveals itself to us	CHAPTER XIII <b>Teaching Christian Science</b> By accepting our oneness with Principle, we are Principle- idea
<b>Christ</b> Power of manifestation in spite of error	CHAPTER II <b>Atonement and Eucharist</b> God’s nature manifests itself in us in spite of the ungodlike in us	CHAPTER VI <b>Science, Theology, Medicine</b> The Christ-translation manifests itself by translating the false constituents into the true constituents of Being	CHAPTER X <b>Science of Being</b> The dynamic power of manifestation of ideas dissolves both latent and concrete error	CHAPTER XIV <b>Recapitulation</b> Principle-idea manifests itself as a calculus of ideas and corrects the calculus of human beliefs
<b>Christianity</b> Exalted being	CHAPTER III <b>Marriage</b> God’s nature demonstrates itself in us as a higher humanhood	CHAPTER VII <b>Physiology</b> The Christ-translation translates mortals into immortals	CHAPTER XI <b>Some Objections Answered</b> The perfect reflection of ideas exalts a theoretical Christianity to a practical Christianity	CHAPTER XV <b>Genesis</b> In the oneness of Principle and idea, creation is exalted in its divine Principle
<b>Science</b> Scientific understanding	CHAPTER IV <b>Christian Science vs. Spiritualism</b> God’s nature can be understood only by scientific methods of understanding	CHAPTER VIII <b>Footsteps of Truth</b> The Christ-translation translates an unscientific consciousness into a scientific consciousness	CHAPTER XII <b>Christian Science Practice</b> A scientific understanding of ideas heals	CHAPTER XVI <b>The Apocalypse</b> Scientific understanding recognizes that on all levels of existence, only the idea of Principle is ever going on

Appendix 1

**“Genesis”**  
**Subtones of the Days of Creation**

1. Light  <b>MIND</b>	1. Let there be light 2. Light was good, divided from darkness 3. Light was called Day, darkness was called Night	as Mind as Spirit as Soul
2. Firmament  <b>SPIRIT</b>	1. Let there be a firmament to divide 2. Firmament divided the waters 3. The firmament is called Heaven	as Mind as Spirit as Soul
3. Dry land  <b>SOUL</b>	1. Let the water be gathered together; let the dry land appear 2. Division of Earth and Sea is good 3. Let the earth bring forth grass, herb, fruit tree, —seed within itself 4. Brought forth after its kind 5. Third day: “resurrection”	as Mind as Spirit as Soul as Principle as Life
4. Lights: sun, moon, stars  <b>PRINCIPLE</b>	1. Let there be lights for signs, seasons, days, years 2. Give light upon the earth 3. God made two great lights to rule, and the stars also 4. Ruling over day and night 5. “Marking periods of progress”	as Mind as Spirit as Soul as Principle as Life
5. Fish and fowl  <b>LIFE</b>	1. Let the waters bring forth abundantly moving creature that has life and fowl that fly above the earth 2. Waters brought forth abundantly every living creature and every winged fowl after their kind 3. God blessed them: be fruitful and multiply 4. “Exalted beings”	as Mind as Spirit as Soul as Principle
6. Animals and Man  <b>TRUTH</b>	1. Let the earth bring forth living creature, cattle, creeping thing, beast of the earth 2. It was good 3. Let us make man in our image after our likeness 4. Male and female created He them 5. Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth 6. Man is given every herb, and fruit-tree; beast is given green herb 7. Everything is good	as Mind as Spirit as Soul as Principle as Life as Truth as Love
7. Creation finished  <b>LOVE</b>	6. Heavens, earth, all the host of them finished 7. God ended His work and rested from all His work	as Truth as Love

**Appendix 2**

**The Day of Life, Truth, Love  
(in the seven days of creation)  
(Gen. 1:3–2:2)**

<b>Day of Creation</b>	<b>Life = The Creative</b>	<b>Truth = The Factual</b>	<b>Love = The Fulfilled</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Let there be light (1:3)	And God divided the light from the darkness (1:4)	And God called the light Day (1:5)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Let there be a firmament (1:6)	And God made the firmament (1:7)	And God called the firmament Heaven (1:8)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	Let the dry land appear (1:9, 10)	Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself (1:11)	And the earth brought forth grass, and herb, and the tree yielding fruit (1:12, 13)
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Let there be lights...for signs and for seasons and for days, and years...to give light on the earth (1:14, 15)	God made two great lights...to rule the day and the night (1:16)	God set them in the firmament of the heaven...to rule (1:17–19)
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life (1:20)	God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth...and every winged fowl (1:21)	God said, be fruitful and multiply (1:22, 23)
6 <sup>th</sup> Day	Let the earth bring forth the living creature (1:24, 25)	Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. God created man in His own image (1:26, 27)	Be fruitful, and multiply...and have dominion (1:28–31)
7 <sup>th</sup> Day (as Truth)  (as Love)	Heavens... (2:1)  On the seventh day God ended... (2:2)	And earth... (2:1)  ...His work which He had made... (2:2)	and all the hosts of them were finished (2:1) ...And he rested... from all His work (2:2)

**References:**

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*Talks at the Oxford Summer School 1949, Vol. I, pages 34–37*

**Appendix 3**

**Comparison of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Record of Creation**

Symbol in 2 <sup>nd</sup> record	metaphysical meaning	Synonym for God	metaphysical meaning of 1 <sup>st</sup> record
1. mist	ignorance	Mind	intelligence
2. Adam formed out of dust of the ground and breath of life tree of knowledge of good and evil	duality mingling of: ▪ matter and Spirit ▪ good and evil	Spirit	the only separation of opposites understanding
3. Adam put into the garden of Eden (body, pleasure, delight) Adam named every living creature	corporeal identity bodily senses  false identification	Soul	identity immorality  right identification
4. deep sleep Eve made of Adam's rib	animal magnetism division, ▪ atomism	Principle	spiritual power system
5. serpent: Eve eats from the tree of knowledge of good and evil  nakedness hiding	demoralization  lack oblivion	Life	exaltation  fullness multiplication
6. mortal manhood: Eve: ▪ to bring forth in sorrow Adam: ▪ to till the ground in sweat ▪ unto dust shall thou return Cain and Abel: Cain slays Abel	mortal consciousness  sinful manhood slavery condemnation  self-destruction of error	Truth	spiritual consciousness  spiritual manhood dominion
7. Cain: ▪ went out from the presence of the Lord ▪ dwelt in the land of Nod	error excluded ▪ complete annihilation of error restlessness	Love	perfection  fulfillment

**The 2nd Record of Creation**  
(Gen. 2:1–25)

	biblical symbolism	metaphysical meaning
1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a mist went up from the earth</li> <li>2. and watered</li> <li>3. the whole face of the ground</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ignorance:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ignorance evolves a false creative sense</li> <li>2. from a false creative sense arises the belief of material creation</li> <li>3. this involves a false sense of God (idolatry)</li> </ol>
2.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adam formed from dust and breath of life</li> <li>2. the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil</li> <li>3. every tree pleasant to the sight</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mingling of Spirit and matter:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. produces a mortal creation</li> <li>2. material beliefs are dualistic</li> <li>3. these involve sensations in matter</li> </ol>
3.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adam put into the garden of Eden to dress it</li> <li>2. eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil brings death</li> <li>3. Adam need an help meet</li> <li>4. Adam gave names to every living creature</li> <li>5. for Adam there was not found a help meet</li> </ol>	<p><b>The corporeal senses:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the belief of mind in matter constitutes the physical senses</li> <li>2. knowledge from the physical senses constitutes evil; death</li> <li>3. physical sense is unsatisfied within itself</li> <li>4. this develops animal qualities</li> <li>5. but they cannot bring forth a new creature</li> </ol>
4.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. deep sleep: a rib taken out</li> <li>2. woman made from the rib</li> <li>3. man and woman are one flesh</li> <li>4. the serpent misinterprets the Lord’s commandments</li> <li>5. eating from the tree of knowledge brings death</li> </ol>	<p><b>Animal magnetism (a false system):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. animal magnetism operates as isolated beliefs breaking up the system</li> <li>2. it brings forth material fruits</li> <li>3. and disidentifies man from God</li> <li>4. animal magnetism misinterprets God to man.</li> <li>5. misinterpretation increases mortality</li> </ol>
5.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. serpent: ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil</li> <li>2. Eve ate the fruits</li> <li>3. eyes were opened; they knew that they were naked</li> <li>4. aprons from fig leaves; they hid themselves</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mortality:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. mortality rests on dualistic knowledge</li> <li>2. materiality cannot sustain life</li> <li>3. the corporeal senses multiply mortality</li> <li>4. a system of beliefs is doomed to oblivion</li> </ol>

**The 2nd Record of Creation, Appendix 4 continued.**

<p><b>6.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adam blames Eve and God</li> <li>2. the serpent beguiled me  enmity between the serpent and the woman in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children</li> <li>3. Adam cursed to live in sorrow and to return to dust</li> <li>4. Adam driven out from Eden so as not to become like a god condemned to till the ground</li> <li>5. Eve bore Cain and Abel the offspring of Cain and Abel</li> <li>6. Cain slew Abel Cain is cursed</li> <li>7. sevenfold vengeance for slaying Cain</li> </ol> <p><b>7.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Cain went out of the presence of the Lord</li> <li>7. Cain dwelt in the land of Nod</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mortal manhood:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. material consciousness blames God for an evil mind</li> <li>2. carnal consciousness is enmity against the spiritual idea</li> <li>3. corporeal consciousness with its sorrows returns to nothingness</li> <li>4. personal consciousness excludes harmony</li> <li>5. mortal consciousness creates mortal mankind</li> <li>6. erroneous consciousness receives penalty of self-destruction</li> <li>7. imperfect consciousness receives penalty of self-destruction</li> </ol> <p><b>The realm of nothingness:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. mortality falls into complete oblivion</li> <li>7. mortality is not</li> </ol>
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**Metaphysical comparison between  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Records of Creation**

True record of creation	False record of creation
<p><b>1. Creative ability; intelligence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. creates all in ideas</li> <li>2. ideas are only good</li> <li>3. record of ideas</li> </ol> <p><b>2. Understanding</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. separates idea from human conceptions</li> <li>2. reality brought to light</li> <li>3. secures ordered progress</li> </ol> <p><b>3. Identity</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ideas gather identity</li> <li>2. identities have spiritual qualities</li> <li>3. identities are self-reproducing</li> <li>4. identities classified</li> <li>5. identities are immortal</li> </ol> <p><b>4. System of ideas</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. basis: a system of ideas</li> <li>2. reflects itself in demonstration</li> <li>3. the greater ruling the lesser: harmony</li> <li>4. interprets divinely</li> <li>5. brings progressive interpretation</li> </ol> <p><b>5. Fullness</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Life is ideational</li> <li>2. spiritual</li> <li>3. cognizant to spiritual sense</li> <li>4. scientific</li> </ol> <p><b>6. True manhood</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. consists of ideas</li> <li>2. they are spiritual realities</li> <li>3. individual identity</li> <li>4. generic man as God’s ideal</li> <li>5. son of God has dominion</li> <li>6. compound idea man</li> <li>7. perfect womanhood</li> </ol> <p><b>7. Fulfillment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. all-inclusiveness</li> <li>7. holiness</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ignorance:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. false creative sense</li> <li>2. myth of material creation</li> <li>3. idolatry</li> </ol> <p><b>Mingling of Spirit and matter</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. produces an evil creation</li> <li>2. dualistic</li> <li>3. involves sensation in matter</li> </ol> <p><b>Corporeal senses</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. belief creates sensation of body</li> <li>2. material knowledge is evil</li> <li>3. are not self-reproducing</li> <li>4. classify according to animal qualities</li> <li>5. cannot bring forth a new creation</li> </ol> <p><b>Animal magnetism (false system)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. basis: isolated beliefs</li> <li>2. demonstrates material fruits</li> <li>3. disidentification with God disrupts harmony</li> <li>4. misinterprets God to man</li> <li>5. this increases mortality</li> </ol> <p><b>Mortality</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. basis: dualistic knowledge</li> <li>2. brings only mortal life</li> <li>3. is testified by corporeal senses</li> <li>4. unscientific; leads nowhere</li> </ol> <p><b>Mortal manhood</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. material mindedness</li> <li>2. carnal consciousness (enmity against the spiritual)</li> <li>3. corporeal consciousness (sorrows)</li> <li>4. personal consciousness (discord)</li> <li>5. mortal consciousness</li> <li>6. erroneous consciousness (disruptive)</li> <li>7. imperfect consciousness (self-destruction)</li> </ol> <p><b>Realm of nothingness</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. oblivion</li> <li>7. “is not”</li> </ol>

**Study Material**  
**on**  
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**Chapter IX**  
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(Christianity reflecting the Word)<sup>1</sup>

**References:** *The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life*, Max Kappeler, pp.85–90.

**Standpoint:** Christianity as Word: Creation consists of ideas

**Scriptural Note I and II:**

The two Scriptural Notes are two very different statements. What are their points of view and how do they relate to each other?

**Introduction:** S&H 225:1–10  
Compare the introductory paragraph with the last paragraph of the chapter (S&H 267:19–32).

**General subjects of the chapter:**

1. Read the whole text and see how it deals with the question of limitations and of breaking these limitations. Reading the text chronologically, make notes on this subject with short quotations.
2. The chapter deals very much with the infinite and the finite. How does the text deal with the relationship between the infinite and the finite?
3. The text deals very much with terms like, concept, conception, views, both in a positive and a negative sense. Make notes as to how these terms are used chronologically for metaphysical explanations.
4. The chapter deals very much with “thought.” Reading the text chronologically, how is “thought” used in a negative and in a positive sense?
5. Note how “idea’ and “ideas” are used throughout the chapter, when read chronologically.

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpt from Max Kappeler, *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1978), Chapter IX.

## The Subjects

<b>Mind</b>	<b>Creation is the infinite image, or infinite idea, of the infinite Mind, because all is Mind (S&amp;H 255:11–257:3).</b>
as Mind:	Human conceptions and limited views are no basis for a true idea of the infinite Godhead (S&H 255:11–18).
as Spirit:	Advancing from a material sense to the spiritual sense, all things are created spiritually by Mind (S&H 256:1–8).
as Soul:	God, the everlasting I AM, is not bounded by corporeality (S&H 256:9–18).
as Principle:	God’s working is incontestable (S&H 256:19–23).
as Life:	An infinite sense of God always brings newness of life (S&H 256:24–27).
as Truth:	Creation is the infinite idea of infinite Mind (S&H 256:28–257:1).
as Love:	All is infinite Mind (S&H 257:1–3).
<b>Spirit</b>	<b>Spirit, not matter, is the substance of an idea and therefore the substance of creation (S&amp;H 257:4–21).</b>
as Mind:	Spirit is the only creator of substance (S&H 257:4–11).
as Spirit:	Substance is not matter, but idea (S&H 257:12–15).
as Soul:	Spiritual ideas cannot be translated into material beliefs (S&H 257:15–21).
<b>Soul</b>	<b>The infinite cannot be expressed in the limited (S&amp;H 257:22–258:18).</b>
as Mind:	Infinite Mind cannot be limited to a finite form (S&H 257:22–258:8).
as Spirit:	Man as true idea reflects infinity (S&H 258:9–12).
as Soul:	Man as the expression of the infinite idea is the image and likeness of God (S&H 258:13–18).
<b>Principle</b>	<b>Man as the true idea of creation is as perfect as its perfect divine Principle (S&amp;H 258:19–259:21).</b>
as Mind:	Humanity is perfected as it gains the true conception of man and God (S&H 258:19–24).
as Spirit:	The perfect concept of man is spiritual (S&H 258:25–30).
as Soul:	Through spiritual sense the generic term man can be comprehended (S&H 258:31–259:5).
as Principle:	Man in divine Science is the perfect idea of the perfect Principle (S&H 259:6–14).
as Life:	Man can never lose his perfection (S&H 259:15–21).

<b>Life</b>	<b>Man reflects the idea of fatherhood by raising thought to the contemplation of creation as ideas (S&amp;H 259:22–262:26).</b>
as Word:	Our models of thought must be immortal ideas (S&H 259:22–260:6).
as Christ:	Mortal thoughts must give way to perfect models (S&H 260:7–30).
as Christianity:	Turning our thoughts away from body to the constant contemplation of realities supernal, we experience the true and the good (S&H 260:31–261:30).
as Science:	Putting off the mortal concepts and rising to the immortal idea, man reaches the absolute center and circumference of his being (S&H 261:31–262:26).
<b>Truth</b>	<b>Man reflects the idea of sonship by claiming the true creation as idea for himself and for others (S&amp;H 262:27–264:31).</b>
as Mind:	The true sense of man begins with divine Mind as the origin of man;—mortal mind is not a cause (S&H 262:27–32).
as Spirit:	Spiritual man, not mortal man, represents the truth of creation;—mortal mind creates materially (S&H 263:1–6).
as Soul:	When thought blends with the spiritual it can taste heaven;—carnal beliefs create deformity (S&H 263:7–19).
as Principle:	A scientific consciousness of creation can discover new ideas;—the multiplication of mortal thoughts is a dense blindness (S&H 263:20–31).
as Life:	Contemplating the permanent facts, the true sense of being is gained;—fleeting concepts bring fading forms (S&H 263:32–264:12).
as Truth:	Correct views of God lead to self-completeness (S&H 264:13–19).
as Love:	Recognizing man’s spiritual being, the glories of God’s creation are understood (S&H 264:20–31).

<b>Love</b>	<b>Man reflects the idea of motherhood by loving the creation of ideas (S&amp;H 264:32–267:32).</b>
as Mind:	The affections and aims of mortals must gravitate Godward (S&H 264:32–265:9).
as Spirit:	Willingness to forsake matter for Spirit confers unfoldment and perennial newness (S&H 265:10–22).
as Soul:	The pains of sense transplant the pleasures from sense to Soul (S&H 265:23–266:5).
as Principle:	The loss of personal friends and joys forces us to win universal Love (S&H 266:20–267:12).
as Life:	Man creates his own heaven by blessing the universe (S&H 266:20–267:12).
as Truth:	God’s man is father, son, and mother to his universe (S&H 267:13–18).
as Love:	Loving God by overcoming all error, the crown of life is received (S&H 267:19–32).