



Switzerland

Speaking on my own behalf...

**Message from
Max Kappeler**

**concerning
Kappeler Institutes, Worldwide**

November 1997

Dear friends,

In the early 1970's, when I founded my institutes in Germany, Switzerland and the USA, I did it with the purpose of having the necessary help with the administrative tasks and all other activities involved with my work worldwide. This endeavor has been successful for more than two decades, and I am grateful for it. From the beginning, with the establishment of these institutes I never had in view a human organization in which the workers would have to obey certain by-laws in order to spread the idea of the Science of Christian Science.

The healing work. Right from the original founding of these institutes I made it clear that the healing practice could not be humanly institutionalized, but must be handled individually.

The teaching work. For many years the teaching work had been done mostly by myself. As a result, the teaching was associated with my writings and recordings. The subject concerning the Science of Christian Science, presented by the Kappeler Institute (based on the pioneering work of Mary Baker Eddy and John W. Doorly) was closely connected with my research work. As a human teacher, I cannot and should not try to determine the future. In the future, the possibility exists of someone trying to teach under the name of the Kappeler Institute. As I do not want this to occur, *I am therefore stating that no further teaching will be done under the name of the Kappeler Institute or Max Kappeler.*

It is not that I define the teaching of others as incorrect in making this decision. Rather the reason that I am doing this is that I am convinced that each person has the same right as I do, which is to be free individually to present the idea of the Science of Christian Science in their own way according to their own understanding of the subject. I feel that above all else it is necessary today to prevent the *future* danger that surrounds any attempt to 'institutionalize' teaching. Human beings, even though they try to do their best, still



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remain different people with different concepts about the subject. In the future I do not want these different subjects to be identified with the Kappeler Institute and with my name.

Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that the institutes/foundations carrying my name should from now on represent only *my work*, that means my writings, my recordings, etc. Everyone who would like to spread the idea of Christian Science, be it by the spoken or written work, must do it under their own name, with the usual scientific fairness. Each one must learn to stand on their own feet, alone with the divine Principle. Again I stress that institutes/foundations carrying my name are the instruments for my work, my individual demonstrations; they are not means to help realize the individual tasks of others.

For this reason, from now on, I withdraw the teaching from my institutes, as I have removed from it the practice work. This means that I encourage 'study groups' or classes on a totally individual basis and under the name of the respective teacher. Naturally, those who now work independently, under their own name and responsibility can make use of my writings and recordings which are available through the various agents of the Kappeler Institute.

This was also the attitude of John W. Doorly. In 1945 we put the activities of the Christian Science Church organization behind us, because we could see that a spiritual idea cannot be humanly organized or put under human rules.

My decision concerns all of the institutes, foundations and funds worldwide. This decision has been developing within me for a long time. During such a period of maturing there are naturally considerations pro and con, many questions, uncertainties and perhaps even doubts. The method of spiritual obstetrics needs often a long time until we can see where the self-evolving spiritual idea is leading us. During this time the 'old' forms linger, and we humanly let them be, we do not interfere because we do not want to disturb the development of a new thought. We do this until the signs along the way become distinct.

The institute's book and tape agents remain the same worldwide.

With warm regards,

Max Kappeler



Message continued

Dr. Max Kappeler

In addition to my letter: November 1997

John W. Doorly on True Government

*(From: Talks on The Science of the Bible, Vol. VI.
I and II Kings, Talk No. 52, pages 121-124)*

In our world today there is nothing more important than the question of right government, and so it is essential to realize that without prophecy there will be no right government, and that without right government there will be no true manhood ... There will never be government in the world that is worthy of the name until there is prophecy in the individual ... In proportion as the sense of government is found in Principle, there will be a true sense of relationship, and the outcome will be real manhood...

Individuality versus Organization

If ever we fail to see the Christ-idea individually, we shall sooner or later find ourselves just involved in mere human organization ... It is therefore imperative that we face the issue clearly. The attempt to organize Science permanently is doomed to failure. Each one of us has got to operate individually.

In line with that ... I am going to conduct my Summer School ... on an entirely individual basis. We have also decided, after much prayerful consideration, that in future The Foundational Book Company will not buy or sell anything but the matter we ourselves produce. The reason for that is that the moment you find yourself having to decide arbitrarily whose services you will select for teaching, or whose work you will publish and sell and whose you will not, you are in danger of becoming a headquarters ... I want to make it perfectly clear that I shall never take any part whatever in any kind of organization. I am going to make my individual contribution to the picture, and it is up to each one of you to make your own individual contribution—to think and act as you are individually impelled by Principle—and then we shall demonstrate a measure of true manhood and right government. No one individual person has the right to control the outlook of another individual, because being is infinitely individual.

It may seem to some of you that our decision about The Foundational Book Company is an attempt at monopoly, but it's the very opposite, because we have made it with the specific idea of escaping that danger ...

If we are truly individual, we shall respect, love, and understand each other. If we try to organize, we shall only end by hating each other; we shall all be watching what the other fellow is doing, instead of watching what we ourselves are doing, and that is bound to end in mutual jealousy and rivalry. If you are not being truly individual, then you are being personal, and that is a hopeless basis to build on. So I do ask you to watch most carefully that your outlook is truly individual.



Writings/Recordings

Max Kappeler
on
The Spiritual Principle of
PRAYER

What constitutes true prayer? What is the Principle which is fundamental to every prayer? For centuries prayer has been the major focus of humankind's desire to attain spiritual awareness and help in our every day life experiences. Jesus, because he understood the spiritual Principle of prayer, could prove it with scientific certainty. Max Kappeler points out that if the Principle of prayer can be understood in its simplicity, a source of power will be tapped which will surpass all material and human forces.

Kappeler emphasizes that research into the question concerning "what constitutes true prayer?" should *not be one involving complicated intellectual methods*, but should be one that relies on our pure understanding of the simple Principle of prayer.

As students, we can achieve great benefits from the power of true prayer by studying directly *the original writings/recordings of Max Kappeler*. These teachings do not need to be interpreted to be understood, they speak clearly and directly to the simple seeker of truth.

The following works by Max Kappeler are available which deal specifically with the subject of prayer:

Writings:

- "*The Spiritual Principle of Prayer*" (Pamphlet: 28 pgs) \$4.50
- "*The Lord's Prayer—Its Scientific Interpretation*" (Pamphlet: 28 pgs) \$4.50
- "*The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life*" (Cloth: 206 pgs) \$16.00
- "*The Science of the Oneness of Being in the Christian Science Textbook*" (Cloth: 276 pgs) \$24.00
- "*Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook*" (Cloth: 110 pgs, large size) \$50.00

Audio/video recordings:

- "*The Lord's Prayer*" (Tape code: M-27, Recording time: 1 hour) Audio \$11.00/Video \$15.00
- "*The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook*:"
 - "Prayer" (Tape code: C-2PR, Recording time: 26 hours – audio/video)
 - * *Special Price, limited time only* —Audio \$156.00/Video \$260.00