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

#### **Chapter V ANIMAL MAGNETISM UNMASKED (Audio Code C-1AN)**

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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 the tone is the main tone.

**Illustrative Material for**  
**“Animal Magnetism Unmasked”**  
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- 1) Chapter V in the Textbook should be studied in relation to Max Kappeler’s books:
  - *Animal Magnetism – Unmasked*, Second Edition, (192 pages);
  - *The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life*, (pages 48–53);
  - *The Science of the Oneness of Being in the Christian Science Textbook*, (pages 107–115);
  - *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook*, (pages 1–11 and also Chapter V, “Animal Magnetism Unmasked” in the Textbook);
  - *Notes on Handling Evil*, (10 pages).
- 2) Get a good over-all picture of the “History of Animal Magnetism” from the book, *Animal Magnetism – Unmasked*, Chapter 1, pages 4–46. This is important in order to understand better:
  - a) how an understanding of this subject unfolds in our own consciousness, and
  - b) how to recognize and evaluate the many new forms of animal magnetism so prevalent in our age.
- 3) Next, study carefully in the book *Animal Magnetism – Unmasked*, Chapter 2: “The Evolution of the Chapter on Animal Magnetism in the Main Editions of the Textbook,” pages 47–84.
  - Acquaint yourself with the tonality of the seven main editions.
  - Can you see that the seven main editions follow the developing order of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love?
  - Can you see that this development is also the development that goes on in our own understanding of the subject?
- 4) Then as you read *Animal Magnetism – Unmasked*, Chapter 3: Analysis of the Chapter “Animal Magnetism Unmasked,” with the purpose of exercising scientific text-interpretation, can you agree tone-wise with the main tone epitomes and the subtone epitomes that are given in the book as well as in the book *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook*, Chapter V, “Animal Magnetism Unmasked”? This exercise cultivates in the student the art of epitomizing a text.

- 5) Please give your full, prayerful attention to Chapter 5: “Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves” (pages 147–192) in the book *Animal Magnetism – Unmasked* by considering:
- a) how we can arrive at divine laws from the text itself, without interjecting humanly subjective views;
  - b) how we can elaborate a law through the seven synonyms for God (as subtones);
  - c) how we can exercise these laws (not literally, but with a prayerful attitude).

**Study Material**  
**on**  
***Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,***  
**by Mary Baker Eddy**

**Chapter V**  
**Animal Magnetism Unmasked**

(Christ reflecting the Word)<sup>1</sup>

**Reference book:** “Animal Magnetism—Unmasked” (Max Kappeler)

**See also:** Mis. 31:1–32:2  
Mis. 47:27–48:22  
Mis. 221:30–223:5  
'01 19:20–21:5  
My 210:1–17 (written in 1899)  
My 210:18–213:26 (written in 1887)

**Standpoint:** Christ reflecting the Word:  
Christ from the absolute standpoint: translation from God to idea.  
Word from the relative standpoint: accepting no other statement.

**Scriptural Notes:** Counterfeit of “the Mind of Christ”

**In Christian Science there is no animal magnetism.**

<b>Mind</b>	<b>The effects of animal magnetism are due to the influence of the imagination—to illusion (S&amp;H 100:1–101:32).</b>
as Mind:	Animal magnetism is regarded as a so-called force, which can be exerted by one living organism on another (S&H 100:1–6).
as Spirit:	The influence of this force is believed to disseminate itself through the substance of the nerves (S&H 100:6–11).
as Soul:	As there is no proof of the existence of an animal magnetic fluid, the violent effects of animal magnetism are due to the excitement of the imagination and the impressions made upon the senses (S&H 100:12–101:7).

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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, 1979), Chapter V.

- as Principle: The assertions of animal magnetism do not stand up to scientific investigation (S&H 101:8–20).
- as Life: The influence of animal magnetism is never constructive; it has a destructive effect upon those who practice it and upon their subjects who do not resist it (S&H 101:31–32).
- as Truth: The seemingly alleviating and healing effects of animal magnetism are deceptive; they are the effects of illusion (S&H 101:26–31).
- as Love: The seeming benefit derived from animal magnetism is in proportion to the belief in esoteric magic (S&H 101:21–32).

**Spirit                      Animal magnetism is a mere negation of the allness of the one God, Spirit (S&H 102:1–15).**

- as Mind: The only basis of reality is Mind; animal magnetism has its basis in the unreality of mortal mind (S&H 102:1–8).
- as Spirit: The only real attraction is that of God, Spirit (S&H 102:9–11).
- as Soul: Spiritual reality controls the material, not the other way round (S&H 102:12–15).

**Soul                        Through spiritual understanding we can free ourselves from the mental despotism of animal magnetism (S&H 102:16–103:11).**

- as Mind: The aggressive features of animal magnetism try to exercise their influence in secret by producing indolence and apathy (S&H 102:16–23).
- as Spirit: Malpractice uses animal magnetism for the purpose of evil (S&H 102:23–29).
- as Soul: Spiritual understanding robs sin of all its claims (S&H 102:30–103:5).
- as Principle: Scientific understanding operates as universal blessing (S&H 103:6–9).
- as Life: Spiritual understanding cognizes only the primeval existence of good (S&H 103:9–11).

**Principle                  Mind-science operates in accordance with the divine Principle; animal magnetism has no divine Principle (S&H 103:12–28).**

- as Mind: Divine Principle demonstrates itself on the basis of Mind-science, whereas animal magnetism is based on half-way impertinent knowledge (S&H 103:12–15).
- as Spirit: Divine Principle works out the maximum of good, the infinite God and His idea (S&H 103:15–17).



- as Soul: Divine Principle defines animal magnetism as false belief (S&H 103:18–22).
- as Principle: Divine Principle handles all categories of animal magnetism as one single belief (S&H 103:22–23).
- as Life: Divine Principle preserves the true and annihilates the false (S&H 103:23–28).

**Life                      The practice of animal magnetism has no place in divine being (S&H 103:29–104:12).**

- as Mind: As being is of God, there is no “mortal” mind (S&H 103:29–32).
- as Spirit: Scientific Life-practice can only do good (S&H 103:32–104:2).
- as Soul: The newness of Life is discerned and acknowledged by spiritual understanding (S&H 104:3–7).
- as Principle: Through the impulsion of Life, the right scientific interpretation of being has a universal impact (S&H 104:8–12).

**Truth                      The divine justice of Truth condemns animal magnetism (S&H 104:13–106:14).**

- as Mind: All action emanating from the divine Mind is right; any other so-called action is wrong (S&H 104:13–18).
- as Spirit: Spiritual qualities alone can bring about true healing; animal qualities only make every case worse (S&H 104:19–28).
- as Soul: Truth identifies mortal mind as the criminal (S&H 104:29–105:2).
- as Principle: Divine metaphysics, not persons, is the true judge of animal magnetism (S&H 105:3–21).
- as Life: Divine justice puts an end to the misuse of mental powers (S&H 105:22–29).
- as Truth: Truth upholds the standards of humanity; the misuse of mental power lets them decline (S&H 105:30–106:5).
- as Love: Man’s God-given rights are inalienable; to violate them is to incur divine retribution (S&H 106:6–14).

**Love                      The law of Love does not sanction animal magnetism (S&H 106:15–29).**

- as Truth: Animal magnetism cannot inherit the kingdom of Love (S&H 106:15–29).
- as Love: In the perfection of Love there is no animal magnetism (S&H 106:26–29).