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Chapter XI SOME OBJECTIONS ANSWERED (Audio Code C-10B)

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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

Subject(s): The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook

Related books: Max Kappeler, *The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life*; *The Science of Oneness of Being in the Christian Science Textbook*; *Animal Magnetism—Unmasked*

Overview of C-1 Series: For over 60 years, Max Kappeler presented the structure of the Christian Science textbook through books, lectures, and classes, giving the divinely structured layout of each chapter. Kappeler's premise is that *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, is a revealed text and contains the whole of Christian Science. Read humanly, atomistically, or sentence by sentence, the divinely inspired structure is missed. Our challenge is to understand Mrs. Eddy's revelation in its Science, something that can only be achieved through understanding the Textbook's spiritual system and structure. When John W. Doorly pointed out the fundamental categories of the scientific system of Christian Science, it became possible to interpret the Textbook as a divinely structured, coherent story. This story leads the student through an evolution of understanding and consciousness in an uninterrupted, ordered way, from the first page to the last. This spiritual story is our ordered way of Life.

Synopsis: A class by Max Kappeler on Chapter XI, "Some Objections Answered," in the Christian Science textbook, which presents the fundamental objections of the human mind that interfere with scientific, theoretical Christianity demonstrating itself as practical Christianity. This is about all the objections that prevent us from seeing every idea in its perfect spiritual reflection.

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 - Criticism is usually based on isolated statements that rob them of their consistency within the whole
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- ♦ **Mind:** human opinions cannot prevent Truth from being scientifically practical
- ♦ **Spirit:** the distinction between God's man and Adam, between the spiritual and the materials, must be clearly understood
- ♦ **Soul:** only spiritual sense and spiritual apprehension can grasp the spiritual meaning of the working of Truth
- ♦ **Principle:** only a scientific understanding, not religious faith, can demonstrate the divine Principle
- ♦ **Life:** the ghost of materiality must be given up
- ♦ **Truth:** contradictory, inconsistent, absurd, and false reasoning is not of the nature of Truth
- ♦ **Love:** through spiritually scientific understanding, all is gathered into one consistent whole
- ♦ Recapitulation of objections (counterfeits of Mind—Love)
- ♦ Scientific interpretation is system-intrinsic

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

Chapter XI
Some Objections Answered

(Christianity reflecting Christianity)¹

Standpoint: Christianity reflecting Christianity:
Christianity from the absolute standpoint: pure reflection
Christianity from the relative standpoint: demonstration
Christianity as Christianity: practical Christianity = demonstration
through pure reflection

Scriptural Note I: Truth seen in its consistency: understanding.

Scriptural Note II: Spiritual understanding brings demonstration.

Introduction: S&H 341:1–10

- a. How can a theoretical Christianity be elevated to a practical Christianity?
- b. The necessity for an understanding of Truth which is free from contradictions.
- c. The demand for consistency in statements.
- d. Statements free from contradictions lead to proofs.
- e. Proofs lead to true statements.
- f. Compare the beginning (statements separated from context) with the end of the chapter (oneness of being, S&H 361:15–20).

¹ Excerpt from Max Kappeler, *Epitomes for the Spiritually Structured Interpretation of the Christian Science Textbook* (Seattle: Kappeler Institute Publishing USA, 1979), Chapter XI.

The Subjects

Mind **Lack of scientific, logical reasoning (ignorance, mere opinion) would deny Christian Science the power of demonstration (S&H 341:11–343:32).**

What references are there in the text to false mental attitudes?

- as Mind: Mere opinions cannot overthrow demonstrable, tested facts (S&H 341:11–342:4).
- as Spirit: Denunciation of Christian Science conflicts with Jesus' command to heal the sick (S&H 342:5–15).
- as Soul: An invariable law cannot be denied (S&H 342:16–20).
- as Principle: The healing work of Christian Science cannot be denied (S&H 342:21–343:5).
- as Life: It is only ignorance that seeks to hide God's healing methods (S&H 343:6–16).
- as Truth: When error is stripped of its disguise, by being shown to be an illusion, sickness can be destroyed (S&H 343:14–20).
- as Love: Meekness and spirituality enable us to heal through truth (S&H 343:21–32).

Spirit **The inability to distinguish between the spiritual and the material concept would rob Christian Science of its demonstrability (S&H 344:1–348:13).**

How does the text indicate this inability to distinguish?

- as Mind: Objections to the claim that man is God's idea can be refuted on the authority of the Scriptures, which imply that God's likeness cannot be found in matter (S&H 344:1–10).
- as Spirit: The merits and demerits of Christian Science should first be investigated and tested, before the value of spiritual methods can be rightly judged (S&H 344:11–345:9).
- as Soul: When the incongruity between God's man and Adam's race is perceived, all apparent contradictions are resolved (S&H 345:10–346:5).
- as Principle: The understanding of Truth and of the nothingness of nothing is essential for demonstrating the somethingness of Truth (S&H 346:6–347:2).
- as Life: In the one Life there is nothing left to be cured (S&H 347:3–11).

as Truth:	The reality of man delivers us from so-called mortal manhood (S&H 347:12–22).
as Love:	In a material age it is difficult to apprehend spiritual Truth (S&H 350:16–23).
Soul	Without spiritual sense the demonstrability of Christian Science cannot be perceived (S&H 348:14–350:23). How is this lack of spiritual sense illustrated in the text?
as Mind:	Belief in sickness and the suffering it brings must be eliminated from mortal mind (S&H 348:14–25).
as Spirit:	The fruits of Christian Science are already evident, even though sickness will be believed for an indefinite time (S&H 348:26–349:2).
as Soul:	Material law must be subordinated to spiritual law (S&H 349:3–12).
as Principle:	The elucidation of Christian Science lies in its spiritual sense, and thought must therefore be educated up to spiritual apprehension (S&H 349:13–30).
as Life:	The spiritual is something, the material is nothing (S&H 349:31–350:5).
as Truth:	Only the Christ-consciousness can interpret the spiritual meaning of Jesus’ works (S&H 350:6–15).
as Love:	In a material age it is difficult to apprehend spiritual Truth (S&H 350:16–23).
Principle	With insufficient trust in divine Principle it is impossible to demonstrate Christian Science (S&H 350:24–352:4). False premises can never produce practical proofs of God’s healing power. What false premises are death with in the text?
as Mind:	The practicality of Christian Science must first be understood scientifically, before it can be demonstrated (S&H 350:24–30).
as Spirit:	Only by placing ourselves firmly on a spiritual basis can we heal the sick (S&H 350:31–351:7).
as Soul:	A spiritual sense of the Science of Christianity is a present help (S&H 351:8–15).
as Principle:	God’s power to heal cannot be demonstrated from a material or personal starting-point (S&H 351:16–352:4).

Life	Lack of understanding that materialism must be given up, for the love of spiritual life, impedes our demonstration of the reality of Life (S&H 352:5–353:32).
	The ghostly (unreal) belief of spiritual bodies and corporeal spirit
as Mind:	Regarding the material body as spirit springs from mortal belief (S&H 352:12–25).
as Spirit:	Ghosts are not realities (S&H 352:12–25).
as Soul:	Ghosts vanish into nothingness (S&H 352:26–32).
as Principle:	The testimony of the material senses yields to scientific reality (S&H 353:1–6).
as Life:	The stronger evidence of Truth is thus the way, the life, that destroys error (S&H 353:13–24).
as Truth:	The spectral is being given up at all points and will continue to disappear, until it is finally forgotten (S&H 353:13–24).
as Love:	The ghost of materiality is banned by limitless Mind (S&H 353:25–32).

Truth	Lack of consistent thought and action obstructs the demonstration of Christian Science (S&H 354:1–359:10).
	What references to inconsistency are to be found in the text?
as Mind:	Christian Science proves its words by its deeds (S&H 354:1–25).
as Spirit:	All ambiguity vanishes when the spiritual meaning of Christian Science is gained (S&H 354:26–355:2).
as Soul:	Proof of the consistency of Christian Science is furnished through spiritual sense and spiritual understanding (S&H 355:3–31).
as Principle:	A copartnership of opposites is illogical (S&H 355:32–357:6).
as Life:	Not God, but rather our false conception of God, is the father of all evil (S&H 357:7–32).
as Truth:	In Christian Science, as in the Bible, Truth is logical and not contradictory (S&H 358:1–23).
as Love:	Healing takes place through the Holy Spirit and not through faith in a person (S&H 358:24–359:10).

Love	Lack of consistency in our understanding that there is only <i>one</i> being would prevent our demonstration of the one Christianity (S&H 359:11–361:32).
as Word:	Only spiritual scientific knowledge leads finally to the goal of the one Christianity (S&H 359:11–361:32).

- as Christ: When material ideals are subordinated to the one spiritual ideal, nothing is lost and all is won (S&H 359:29–360:27).
- as Christianity: In the omnipresence of God all disagreements are cancelled, and we are all one in God (S&H 360:28–361:20).
- as Science: To give the clear and full expression of the original meaning of the textbook, its one coherent interpretation must be textually correct (S&H 361:21–32).