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## ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

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
ontology	= the branch of metaphysics that studies the nature of existence or being as such. [ <i>Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.0.1)</i> , Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2006].
metaphysics	= The branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality, including the relationship between mind and matter, substance and attribute, fact and value [ <i>Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.0.1)</i> , <i>The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition</i> , Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004].

### Abbreviations

used to reference the work of Mary Baker Eddy

S&H	<i>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</i>
Mis.	<i>Miscellaneous Writings</i>
Ret.	<i>Retrospection and Introspection</i>
Pan.	<i>Christian Science versus Pantheism</i>
Mess.'01	<i>Message to The Mother Church, June 1901</i>
Hea.	<i>Christian Healing</i>
Peo.	<i>The People's Idea of God</i>
My.	<i>The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany</i>

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The Structure of the Christian Science Textbook—Our Way of Life  
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**(Science reflecting the Word)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Standpoint:</b>	Science reflecting the Word: Science from the absolute standpoint: Principle and idea is one Word from the relative standpoint: accepting our oneness with Principle Science reflecting the Word: By accepting our oneness with Principle we are Principle-idea
<b>Scriptural Note:</b>	Only like can understand like
<b>General subjects of the chapter:</b>	a) the ethics of Christian Science b) strict adherence to the divine Principle of Christian Science

**(Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to the divine Principle)**

<b>MIND:</b>	<b>Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to the wise leadings of Mind; this involves pure motives in teaching and healing (S&amp;H 443:1–447:11).</b> This demands:
as Mind:	to be tolerant with adherents of medicine while having confidence in the wise leadings of omnipotent Mind (S&H 443:1–444:12);
as Spirit:	to be charitable to opponents and parting with them without strife (S&H 444:13–30);
as Soul:	to conform to God’s rules (S&H 444:31–445:18);
as Principle:	casting out human will with the divine Mind so that the unlabored motion of divine energy is brought to light (S&H 445:19–26);
as Life:	teaching without consideration of money (S&H 445:27–446:4);
as Truth:	practicing from right motives which alone bring victory (S&H 446:5–32);

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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 XIII.

as Love: influencing the thoughts of others for the sole purpose of benefiting them (S&H 447:1–11).

**SPIRIT:** **Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to the purity of Spirit; this involves the overcoming of evil and the practicing of good (S&H 447:12–451:18).**

This demands:

as Mind: exposing and denouncing evil without believing in the reality of evil (S&H 447:12–29);

as Spirit: not evading the demonstration of the unreality of evil (S&H 447:30–448:11);

as Soul: forsaking sin by rising above evil (S&H 448:12–25);

as Principle: doing the good which alone insures success (S&H 448:26–449:18);

as Life: practicing the good, which has an improving effect (S&H 449:19–32);

as Truth: recognizing Truth and annihilating the claims of evil (S&H 450:1–451:7);

as Love: striving for the spiritual with our whole heart (S&H 451:8–18).

**SOUL:** **Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to the divine rules of Soul; this involves protection from malpractice and malpracticing (S&H 451:19–453:23).**

This demands:

as Mind: recognizing what ignorant and malicious malpractice is (S&H 451:19–30);

as Spirit: barring the door of thought against malpractice (S&H 451:31–452:6);

as Soul: rebuking egotism (S&H 452:7–17);

as Principle: acting rightly, which makes wrong practice impossible (S&H 452:18–27);

as Life: practicing rightly which destroys even the inclination to practice wrongly (S&H 452:28–453:5);

as Truth: Right practice is invincible (S&H 453:6–13);

as Love: Sin must be uncovered for the sole purpose of blessing others (S&H 453:14–23).

**PRINCIPLE:** **Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to divine Principle; this involves absolute trust in the omnipotence of Principle (S&H 453:24–456:2).**

This demands:

as Mind: metaphysical treatment rests on the medicine of Mind—not on animal magnetism or hypnotism (S&H 453:24–454:3);

as Spirit: we must understand that God is All-power and that evil or matter have no power (S&H 454:4–13);

as Soul: understanding the divine Principle sorts out the right and the wrong so as to form the perfect concept (S&H 454:14–24);

- as Principle: by bringing thought into accord with Principle, the superiority of spiritual power over sensuous power is gained (S&H 454:25–455:2);
- as Life: by trusting first Truth in our own behalf, we can help others too (S&H 455:3–16).
- as Truth: God bestows His trust only upon a worthy messenger (S&H 455:17–27).
- as Love: The more Science is understood, the less it can be abused (S&H 455:28–456:2).

**LIFE:** **Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to Life; this involves a scientific method of practice and not quackery (S&H 456:3–458:19).**

This demands:

- as Mind: Knowing that there is only one method for demonstrating Christian Science (S&H 456:3–15).
- as Spirit: Making no concessions to other methods (S&H 456:16–24).
- as Soul: The success of the healing method of Christian Science rests on scientific rules (S&H 456:25–457:6).
- Principle: The scientific method of healing cannot be applied in a self-contradictory way, namely for good and for evil (S&H 457:7–18).
- as Life: Christian Science demands complete devotion to the one method (S&H 457:19–32).
- as Truth: The method of Christian Science has not two opposite principles, error and truth, working together simultaneously (S&H 458:1–10).
- as Love: Quackery must be kept out of Christian Science (S&H 458:11–19).

**TRUTH:** **Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to Truth; this involves the consciousness of a Christian and a Scientist (S&H 458:20–462:19).**

What makes a Christian Scientist?

- as Mind: A Christian Scientist, reflecting the divine law, is a law unto himself (S&H 458:20–31).
- as Spirit: A Christian Scientist advances by turning from matter to Spirit (S&H 458:32–459:11).
- as Soul: A Christian Scientist's knowledge must be restrained by Christian Science (S&H 459:12–23).
- Principle: A Christian Scientist rests his demonstration on the sure foundation of Science—on ontology (S&H 459:24–460:13).
- as Life: A Christian Scientist practices with a right apprehension of the truth of being; else he would become a mischief-maker (S&H 460:14–23).
- as Truth: A Christian Scientist practices from his own spiritual consciousness (S&H 460:14–23).

as Love:	Every Christian Scientist can demonstrate Christian Science successfully (S&H 461:31–462:19).
<b>LOVE:</b>	<b>Teaching Christian Science demands strict adherence to the motherhood of Love; this involves accepting divine self-completeness (S&amp;H 462:20–464:29).</b>
as Mind:	Self-completeness rests on mental self-knowledge (S&H 462:20–464:29).
as Spirit:	Self-completeness unfolds through scientific obstetrics (S&H 463:5–20).
as Soul:	Self-completeness demands unhesitating decision as to the proper treatment of error (S&H 463:21–31).
Principle:	Self-completeness operates in an impersonal way for the redemption of mankind (S&H 463:32–464:12).
as Life:	All things may serve the demonstration of self-completeness (S&H 464:13–20).
as Truth:	Self-completeness includes no falsities (S&H 464:21–26).
as Love:	Self-completeness cares for its idea, so that it cannot be overthrown (S&H 464:26–29).