

# **ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL**

THE MINOR PROPHETS: THE LAWS OF THE CHRIST

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

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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
"prophet-book"	<i>= The Minor Prophets in the Light of Christian Science</i> , by Max Kappeler

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# **Overview of F-1A**

#### Related books: Max Kappeler, The Minor Prophets in the Light of Christian Science

The Bible has been read by millions over thousands of years, and yet, has it been interpreted in its spiritual Science? How does the one Being reveal itself through spiritual laws? This class is a primer in interpreting and understanding the Bible through the Science of Christian Science. Presented 25 years after his first class on *The Minor Prophets* (F-1), this class shows Kappeler's students the underlying method of spiritually scientific Bible text-interpretation using the structure found in both the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.

#### **Contents**:

Introduction

- reading the text from a higher standpoint
- from the Science of physical harmony to the Science of spiritual harmony
- metaphysics vs. Science
- What is Science?

#### Symbol and Reality in the 1000-year Periods of biblical history

- the  $1^{st} 7^{th}$  1000-year periods
- the nature of a paradigm shift

#### What is a Matrix?

- definitions, elements, purposes, and formula of a matrix
- differentiation of a "roof category"
- thinking in categories
- gaining the tonality of the "verticals" and "horizontals" in a matrix

## The Prophets Matrix (the Christ-matrix)

- the Word-vertical (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Isaiah)
- the Christ-vertical (Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Jeremiah)
- the Christianity-vertical (Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Ezekiel)
- the Science-vertical (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Daniel)
- building on John W. Doorly's foundation

## The Inductive Way of Epitomizing a Text

- scientific method of Bible interpretation
- examples from the Prophets
- Doorly's method for checking findings
- from layout to structure
- common denominators in the matrix

## Reading a Matrix

How to Build a Law

• the laws of the Prophets

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## **Study Guide**

#### **Preparation:**

- a) The student should become acquainted with Max Kappeler's book, *The Minor Prophets in the Light of Christian Science*.
- b) Pages 1–12 and 204–214 are of a general nature and may already be familiar to many students, but a brief review might be a good idea.
- c) The student should also be acquainted with pages 13–16 of *The Minor Prophets in the Light of Christian Science*, that covers the Christ-translation and can be studied in conjunction with pages 145–156 of Max Kappeler's book, *The Seven Synonyms for God.*
- d) Review the Christ-matrix, explained on pages 17–27 and 190–203.
- e) The layout of each prophet is presented through the following order in the "prophet-book":
  - historical background (for orientation);
  - the main theme of the prophet;
  - the message in the Word-order (except in "Zachariah");
  - the standpoint within the matrix (the matrix element);
  - the law: a) of the prophet;
    - b) of the scientific law;
    - c) the elaboration of the law.
- f) The four Major Prophets need to be considered only in a general and overall way.

#### The program for study:

- 1. A discussion of the Christ-matrix (pp. 17–27; 190–203);
- 2. Reading the text of one or more prophets, translating the text into its metaphysical meaning and epitomizing it;
- 3. showing how we can define the "standpoint" and "law" of a prophet;
- 4. exercising the "scientific law" of a prophet.