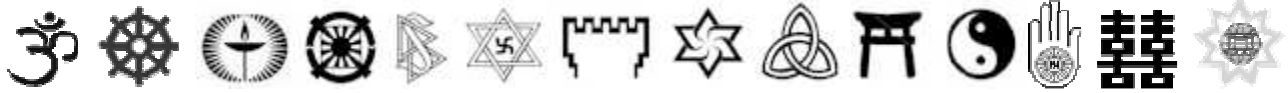


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What is Christian Science?

1. The Christian Science religion is a complex mythical religious cult claiming to have discovered the **lost** teaching of Jesus - mental healing.
2. The Christian Science religion, also known as the Church of Christ, Scientist was founded in 1879 by the **three** times married Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy (1821-1910).
3. The Christian Science religion began primarily as a **faith** healing cult and has since developed a complex theology to justify and explain that same faith healing.
4. Christian Scientists call themselves Christians, but their beliefs **reject** the mainstream view of God, Jesus and salvation.
5. The teachings of the Christian Science religion is based on the personal **experiences** of Mary Baker Eddy and the teachings borrowed from mental healer Phineas Quimby.
6. The Christian Science religion has no ordained **ministers**. Instead of preaching, Christian Science's services consist mainly of prearranged readings from the Bible, followed by interpretive readings from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.
7. The Christian Science religion is one of the more **sophisticated** modern cults, attracting many intellectuals and the social elite.
8. The Christian Science religion also owns and publishes the influential weekly magazine the Christian Science **Monitor**.

What Does Christian Science Teach?

1. What Does the Christian Science Teach About the Bible?
 - ✓ Christian Science doctrine maintains that Bible is the sufficient guide to eternal Life, but **interprets** the Bible in light of Mrs. Eddy's writings.

NOTES:

Christian Scientists prefer not to use doctors, medicine, or immunizations.

Phineas Quimby believed that illness and disease could be cured through positive thoughts and healthy attitudes, by changing one's beliefs about the illness.

"If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet (Jesus), it would make no difference to me".

Quote from Mary Baker Eddy

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- ✓ Christian Science is only supposed to read the Bible if they have Mary Baker Eddy's "**key**" in hand, so as to find out what a passage means.
- ✓ Mary Baker Eddy claimed the Bible was her only authority. Yet she also said the Bible has thousands of **errors** -- 30,000 in the Old Testament and 300,000 in the New Testament.

2. What Does the Christian Science Teach About the God?

- ✓ The Christian Science teach that God is a universal principle, a **power** or source.
- ✓ The Christian Science teach that God is the Father-**Mother**.

3. What Does the Christian Science Teach About Jesus?

- ✓ The Christian Science teach that Jesus did not **die**.
- ✓ The Christian Science teach that Jesus Christ is not **God**, as Jesus himself declared.
- ✓ The Christian Science teach that the **sacrifice** of Jesus was not sufficient to cleanse from sin.

4. What Are Some Other Beliefs of Christian Science?

- ✓ Christian Science believes that there is no **sin**.
- ✓ Christian Science believes that there is no **devil**.
- ✓ Christian Science believes that pain, death and disease are only **illusions**.

Is Christian Science Christian?

1. Christian Science is another **cult** that masquerades under the banner of Christianity and attempts to sabotage the true Christian faith.

The Christian Science church strongly believes that Mary Baker Eddy is the only person who could properly interpret scripture.

The basic teaching of Christian Science is that your illness is all in your mind, and if you can blot it out, it will go away.

Because Mary Baker Eddy believed that death was an illusion she asked to be buried with a telephone in her tomb.

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

***1 Timothy
6:20-21***