

OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE



KEY PERSON, DATE, LOCATION

MARY BAKER EDDY (1821-1918)

FOUNDED IN 1875 IN MASSACHUSETTS

HEADQUARTERS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

KEY WRITINGS

SCIENCE AND HEALTH, WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES | MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS WHICH INCLUDE, MANUAL OF THE MOTHER CHURCH, AND OTHER BOOKS BY MRS. EDDY

THE BIBLE (NOT AS RELIABLE)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL, AND OTHER OFFICIAL PERIODICALS

WHO IS GOD?

ACCORDING TO MRS. EDDY, GOD IS AN IMPERSONAL PRINCIPLE OF LIFE, TRUTH, LOVE, INTELLIGENCE, AND SPIRIT

GOD IS ALL THAT TRULY EXISTS; MATTER IS AN ILLUSION

WHO IS JESUS?

JESUS WAS NOT THE CHRIST, BUT A MAN WHO DISPLAYED THE CHRIST IDEA | "CHRIST" MEANS PERFECTION, NOT A PERSON

JESUS WAS NOT GOD, AND GOD CAN NEVER BECOME MAN OR FLESH

JESUS DID NOT SUFFER AND COULD NOT SUFFER FOR SINS

JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS

JESUS WAS NOT RESURRECTED PHYSICALLY

JESUS WILL NOT LITERALLY COME BACK

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

HOLY SPIRIT IS DEFINED AS THE TEACHING OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
IMPERSONAL POWER

HOW TO BE SAVED

HUMANITY IS ALREADY SAVED | SIN, EVIL, SICKNESS, AND DEATH ARE NOT REAL

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

DEATH IS NOT REAL

HEAVEN AND HELL ARE STATES OF MIND | THE WAY TO REACH HEAVEN IS BY
ATTAINING HARMONY (ONENESS WITH GOD)

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

MEMBERS USE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE “PRACTITIONERS” (AUTHORIZED PROFESSIONAL
HEALERS WHO “TREAT” SUPPOSED ILLNESSES FOR A FEE) INSTEAD OF DOCTORS

HEALING COMES THROUGH REALIZING ONE CANNOT REALLY BE SICK OR HURT
AND THAT THE BODY CANNOT BE ILL, SUFFER PAIN, OR DIE SINCE MATTER IS AN
ILLUSION

ATTRACTS FOLLOWERS BY CLAIMS OF MIRACULOUS HEALING

PUBLISHES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR NEWSPAPER