

# The Comforter

Physics to Metaphysics  
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## Chapter 13 Epilogue to the Life of Mary Baker Eddy

The Note Mrs. Eddy Left Us---Its Interpretation and Implications as Discovered in  
the Great Pyramid of Egypt                      God as Mother

Two days before she passed on, Mrs. Eddy asked for her writing pad and wrote what would be her last message to the world: "God is my life"---[no period at the end]. Obviously, these four words could have been spoken to her helpers, but they were not. Her students knew that whatever Mrs. Eddy *wrote* carried weight; every single word in *Science and Health* and her other writings which have been gathered by her into the book, *Miscellaneous Writings* was given great thought and finalized through divine inspiration. Oral expressions do not register as seriously as written ones and could be forgotten. Mrs. Eddy always emphasized that the truth she gave to the world came direct from God, divine Mind. She left this as her last written statement. She had to have had an ulterior motive for it. Asking for a writing pad certainly showed definite intention. Mary intended this for future generations, not just her household. It was a short, concise message of four words and eleven letters. Christian Scientists familiar with the system of how Christian Science operates with its seven synonymous terms for God and the four ways in which they are used (when dealing with the Word, Christ, Christianity, and Science) refer to them all as "the eleven." The words stood alone on the sheet with nothing to distract from them. There could be no chance that they would be overlooked. (Wright, *Mary Baker Eddy A New Look*, pp. 341-344) What was their purpose?

A physical scientist of international reputation, Fernand d'Humy, knew there had to be an important meaning behind the words. He felt that they had to have a deep meaning and proceeded to decipher it as a serious message to the world. This must be something that would strengthen faith in the Source and purpose of her divine accomplishment. The conclusion he arrived at can be found in his book, *Mary Baker Eddy Fulfills Prophecy* in which he says he was led by divine inspiration to uncover Mrs. Eddy's purpose for the four-word message. Christian Scientists, in studying his answer, cannot help but agree with him. Here is a very short synopsis of his explanation:

That God is the Life of man is woven throughout every page in her textbook. It is the message of the ages and will be seen in centuries to come to be the Comforter, bringing to the world salvation from evil of every name and nature and finally the peace and joy for which we have so long yearned. Mr. d'Humy gave a long explanation of the

meaning of each word showing how carefully Mrs. Eddy had chosen it and no other for this last message. Every word carries weight; even the absence of punctuation is significant. It all must be written as revelation, so regarded, and therefore carefully examined.

For instance, the word "is" implies omni-presence with no beginning and no ending. The Science discovered by Mary Baker Eddy always was, just as the law of mathematics always existed and will always exist in the ever-present **is**. God, Life, always has been and always will be, unchanging. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) Through this two-letter word, Mary denoted the permanency of Science which cannot be separated from Christian Science. "Christianity" is a necessity for the Science of the universe because only through the Christ-like nature of mankind as exemplified by Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy can we finally achieve peace. Good is self-perpetuating; evil is self-destroying. The qualities of manhood and womanhood must be seen as existent and equal in every individual. In no other way can we obey the Ten Commandments and the new commandment given by Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The absence of a period at the end of "God is my life" denotes the eternity of life, without limitations or termination. Where did Mrs. Eddy gain her understanding of God? She said that all she learned came through a deep study of the Holy Scriptures. "In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook. The Scriptures were illumined; reason and revelation were reconciled, and afterwards the truth of Christian Science was demonstrated. No human pen nor tongue taught me the Science contained in this book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH; and neither tongue nor pen can over-throw it." (S&H 110:13-20) Mr. d'Humy saw Mrs. Eddy as an apostle of God and was inspired to look in the "Acts of the Apostles" in the New Testament. He found that by multiplying "the eleven" and "the four" of the cryptogram he arrived at the product of forty-four. This gave the sequential position of the book of Acts as the forty-fourth in the King James version of the Bible. He looked at Chapter four (four words), verse eleven (eleven letters) and found this verse: **"This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."** Thus the decoding of the cryptogram is indisputable.

The "stone which the builders rejected" is found seven times in the Bible and a number of times in Mrs. Eddy's writings. (Ibid., pp.342-344) ("A corner stone or the head stone or chief stone of the corner is that stone put down at the foundation of a building as the principle angle of two walls forming a corner of the building; it is of fundamental importance. Figuratively, it is a trait or fact upon which other facts rest as if forming a superstructure. A superstructure is anything built up upon a foundation." Webster) In this instance, of course, it is used figuratively. Mrs. Eddy was indicating that her great work, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, is the crowning completion of the Holy Scriptures, the "key" which unlocks its profound meaning for the

world.

The quote from Acts 4: 11 to which Mrs. Eddy was alluding was spoken by Peter to the elders and scribes after the marvelous healing of a man born lame. They asked him by what power it was done. He told them, "Be it known unto you all, and to all people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." *The understanding that man is forever "made whole" is an incontrovertible fact or cornerstone of creation.* The belief that the body creates and sustains man can never nullify that fact, no matter what the senses claim to behold.

Mrs. Eddy puts it this way, "In mathematics, we do not multiply when we should subtract, and then say the product is correct. No more can we say in Science that muscles give strength, that nerves give pain or pleasure, or that matter governs, and then expect that the result will be harmony. Not muscles, nerves, nor bones, but mortal mind makes the whole body 'sick, and the whole heart faint;' whereas divine Mind heals.

"When this is understood, we shall never affirm concerning the body what we do not wish to have manifested. We shall not call the body weak, if we would have it strong; for the belief in feebleness must obtain in the human mind before it can be made manifest on the body, and the destruction of the belief will be the removal of its effects. Science includes no rule of discord, but governs harmoniously." (S&H:219)

Except for a few very spiritual thinkers over the millenniums, this foundational fact has been rejected *or not known or remembered*, and we find "the whole body sick, and the whole heart faint;..." This quoted phrase is from I Isaiah to the children of Israel: "Hear O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me... Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord,...Why should ye be stricken anymore? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint...Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams...I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats...Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; ...Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: ...Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well;..." (I Isaiah 1: 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17) Outward show of dedication to God is as nothing to Him. Only the sacrifice of long-held beliefs that are not in keeping with true science and the affirmation and proof of our reformation will do.

This report was given by the Clerk at the Annual Meeting of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in 1906: "...For a Cause that has rooted itself in so many distant lands, and inspired so many different races and tongues into the demonstration of the

knowledge of God, the years have passed since Mrs. Eddy founded her first church seem but a short time. And this little church, God's word in the wilderness of dogma and creed, opened an era of Christian worship founded on the commands of Jesus: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature... And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.' (Mark 16: 18)

"Not until nineteen centuries had passed was there one ready to receive the inspiration, to restore to human consciousness the stone that had been rejected, and which Mrs. Eddy made 'the head of the corner' of The Church of Christ Scientist." (MY 47: 20-48: 8)

The prophet Isaiah uses the allusion of a cornerstone when he talks about what will happen "in that day." "In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue [remnant] of his people...Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men...because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I lay in Zion a stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ...Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?...And *in that day* shall the deaf hear *the words of the book*, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to naught, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:...They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn *doctrine*." (Is. 28: 5, 15-16; 29: 16-20, 24) We are also warned in I Thess., "Despise not prophesyings." (5: 20)

Does the clay command the potter? Does the body command the mind? The prophets knew that at some point in the misty remoteness of time, mankind had "turned things upside down," and been hypnotized into believing that the body ruled the mind, that sensation, the five senses, intelligence, etc., dwelt in the body, and that man was a creator. A false sense of ego, or "I" was given to matter, which in Truth has no substance nor intelligence and is solely dependent upon the unseen Mind or Principle of the universe, which is wholly good. This erroneous reasoning, this turning aside from the Truth of all things, brought sin, sickness, disease, and death into the world. We have been duped by lies, scurrilous falsehoods, "the terrible one" or false ego. "Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions. In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things. That God is corporeal or material, no man should affirm." (S&H 255: 11-15)

Mrs. Eddy's cryptogram was referring to her textbook, *Science and Health with*

*Key to the Scriptures.* Why is this book the promised Comforter? Why is it different from countless other books on ethics or religion? Mrs. Eddy writes, "The cardinal point of difference in my metaphysical system...[is]: that by knowing the unreality of disease, sin, and death, you demonstrate the allness of God. This difference wholly separates my system from all others." (*Unity of Good*, 9:27) This awesome world-shattering revelation tells us what Jesus could not tell the world in his time. In the First Edition of *Science and Health* she says, "Opinions and beliefs regarding God and man, or Soul and body, are the foundations of all error. In the last edition she warns, "The error relating to Soul and body...reverses the order of Science and assigns to matter the power and prerogative of Spirit, so that man becomes the most absolutely weak and inharmonious creation in the universe. (123:6) This reversal of Science is the error of believing that we are the body of which we are aware. (See *Mary Baker Eddy God's Great Scientist*, Vol. 1, Helen Wright, p. xx) Physicists now know the error of this upside down belief and have begun to look into its ramifications.

There can be no doubt that this last message recorded by Mrs. Eddy before departing this mortal sense of life was divinely revealed to her. She asks us if we have planted our "standard on the rock of Christ, the true, the spiritual idea---the chief cornerstone in the house of our God." (*Pulpit and Press*, 10) Our "house" is our consciousness. In exact proportion to the Truth we have taken in and live by have we built on the "rock" that is Christ, Truth. In *Science and Health* she gives us this standard many times. Here is one:

"The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God, good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death...

"Mortal man can never rise from the temporal debris [rubbish] of error, belief in sin, sickness, and death, until he learns that God is the only Life. The belief that life and sensation are in the body should be overcome by the understanding of what constitutes man as the image of God. Then Spirit will have overcome the flesh." (S&H 288-289) Is this a tough standard? It is. But we cannot "get into heaven," experience harmony, without it. And we cannot realize it universally until Mrs. Eddy's textbook is studied universally and religion and science become reconciled.

In Isaiah quoted above, we are told that *in that day*, they that "murmur shall learn *doctrine*." When Mrs. Eddy wrote to the Church in June 1908 about dispensing with the Executive Members' meetings, she said, "...the purpose of my request was sacred. It was to turn your sense of worship from the material to the spiritual, the personal to the impersonal, the denominational to the doctrinal, yea, from the human to the divine." (MY 139: 18-22) If the Christian churches are ever to unite on one spiritual platform, then the denominational must give way to the doctrinal. (Webster gives us the definition of "doctrine:" "that which is taught; a principle, or body of principles, in any branch of knowledge.") She predicts, "The continuity of The Church of Christ,

Scientist is assured. It is growing wonderfully. It will embrace all the churches, one by one, because in it alone is the simplicity of the oneness of God; the oneness of Christ and the perfecting of man stated scientifically." (Ibid., 342: 19-24)

Although Christian Science is a denomination, and considers *Science and Health* its denominational textbook, Mrs. Eddy was founding a much higher sense of Christianity, one that does not rely on mystery or faith alone, but understanding and demonstration. The textbook is the fulfillment of the second coming of the Christ, the "voice of Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind." (S&H 456: 25-30)

The "book," spoken of in the Old and the New Testaments, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, brought to mankind by Mary Baker Eddy, is changing the universe, leading us into the land of Christian Science, where shackles fall and we find that our true identity is inseparable from our divine Mind. "...and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Christ Jesus, Matt. 17: 20)

I Peter restates the four-word message and its meaning with these beautiful words: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion [Zion] a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded...But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Peter 2: 1-7, 9) The Christ-like man is sacrificing his old opinions and beliefs, which bring death, for the Truth which is Life, making him a "lively stone." This dedicated, pure, holy sense of Truth and Life is most precious, for it blesses not only himself but all of us, helping to bring into fruition the "city foursquare," the consciousness of Love, the final destination in the journey of mankind.

Mrs. Eddy left her last written message to mankind in order to signify her place in prophecy as the one whom God had appointed to bring the promised Comforter to mankind. But, as if that was not enough, she left another message on her desk on the day of her passing, Dec. 3, 1910. It was a pamphlet entitled "The Latter Days: with Evidence from The Great Pyramid," by F.E.H., published in London, 1895. He was not a Christian Scientist. It is a discourse on the Great Pyramid and the religious meanings of its measurements which had recently been done by pyramidologists such as Sir Petrie who published his book in 1883, *Pyramids and Temples of Gizeh*. The 38 page pamphlet was the property of The Mother Church. This pamphlet, combined with her own handwritten message, points us to the original source for the Bible's use of the symbol of the rejected cornerstone. The two messages were meant to be read together, the one supporting the other. The pamphlet was left open on her desk to

page 32. One of the sentences read, "By the same standard of interpretation, the termination of The Grand Gallery 1,910 inches, gives the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 1910, as the end of the present era, which we accept as an approximation only, though possibly a very close one." On this exact date, the passing of Mrs. Eddy from the human scene was the end of the era---the era which witnessed the founding of the Comforter in human consciousness. It is the city foursquare, Christian Science. It is Science (Second Coming) added to Christian (First Coming).

The Pyramid goes back at least a thousand years before the Bible and so was considered very ancient even then. Its builder is not known, though it might have been the great Thoth himself under his Greek name, Hermes. The Egyptian priest-historian Manetho credits Hermes with writing 36,525 books of ancient wisdom, and this figure is identical with the number of Primitive Inches in the Great Pyramid's designed perimeter. Scholars believe it provides confirmation for many Biblical prophecies and has come to be known as "the Bible in stone." It was never used as a tomb for a Pharaoh, and it was never capped with its chief cornerstone. (Of course, any building can have a cornerstone, most have four or more, but only one type of building can have a "chief cornerstone" and that is a pyramid.) The facts stated about the Pyramid itself in this paragraph and in following pages have been garnered from Peter Lemesurier's book, *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, beginning with the above information, p.18. Lemesurier is a living pyramidologist who researched and wrote about the Great Pyramid whom I will quote in the next several pages.

Fernand d'Humy, realizing that the missing capstone of the great Pyramid was a symbol for "the stone which the builders rejected," felt that this was evidence that Mrs. Eddy accepted the current scientific research of the pyramid's symbolism and that it pointed to her day, herself, and her mission. He believed that in this disclosure from the pamphlet and the decoded cryptogram, we have Biblical evidence that *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* is authentically given by God. All evidence, all history, all scientific research relating to the divine meaning and purpose of the Great Pyramid, compel the acceptance of this Truth. Mrs. Eddy, because of her momentous and holy revelation, did not "reject" the "stone" but knew that it brought to mankind "the way" by which we can have dominion over sin, disease, and death. She realized that it was what "came from on high"---the symbolic capstone---and that it typed the descending "city foursquare" promised by Jesus in Revelation. This city is symbolic of civilization operating with divine Science in the true consciousness of Love. We may seem very far from such a state of affairs as we look around the world today, but the process has begun with the dissemination of the textbook throughout the earth, and prophecy will be fulfilled.

With the coming of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, the capstone of enlightenment was placed on the Bible in that it made the Bible, at last, comprehensible to mankind. Besides St. Peter and Isaiah, Jeremiah, the prophet, wrote of this pyramid (32:19, 20): "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard

for thee...Great in counsel, and mighty in work...which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day...and hast made thee a name, as at this day." Helen Wright, in her book , *Mary Baker Eddy, A New Look*, writes, "The Holy Scriptures came to us as the Word of God. This has been unqualifiedly accepted by all who believe in Deity, in the one God---Mind, who creates and governs all, the same one---God, who caused to be erected a great monument in stone...which would endure through the centuries so future generations would find an enduring confirmation of the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. That is why the Great Pyramid of Gizeh has reverently been named the 'Bible in stone.' " (344)

Mrs. Eddy alluded to the pyramid in some of her writings: "We are in the midst of a revolution; physics are yielding slowly to metaphysics; mortal mind rebels at its own boundaries; weary of matter, it would catch the meaning of Spirit. The only immortal superstructure is built on Truth; her modest tower rises slowly, but it stands and is the miracle of the hour, though it may seem to the age like the great pyramid of Egypt, a miracle in stone." (*Christian Healing*, 11:12) Note that she mentions physics as being the physical science that is yielding to metaphysics in the same paragraph with the great pyramid, a "miracle."

Isaiah speaks again about the symbolism of the Pyramid: "See how the Lord comes riding swiftly upon a cloud, he shall descend upon Egypt..." (and then later in the same chapter, there comes the following extraordinary passage): "When that day comes there shall be an altar to the Lord in the heart of Egypt, and a sacred pillar set up for the Lord upon her frontier. It shall stand as a token and a reminder to the Lord of Hosts in Egypt, so that when they appeal to him against their oppressors, he may send a deliverer to champion their cause, and he shall rescue them.' (Is.19: 19-20) (Lemesurier, *Ibid.*, p.215)

Amazingly, it describes the exact site of the Great Pyramid. How can it be both in the heart of Egypt and upon its frontier? "The ancient Nile Delta, in the ancient kingdom of Lower Egypt, forms almost a perfect quadrant of a circle, an angle 90 degrees at its center. The geometrical hub of the quadrant could thus be in the heart of the kingdom, which would also mark the angle of its southern frontier. This was discovered by accident in 1868 by the US Coastal Survey. (*Ibid.*, p.216)

"In speaking of a sacred pillar with an altar, translated into Hebrew it meant a commemorative altar of witness." Peloubet's Bible Dictionary, p.649, defines these stone altars: '...large stones were set up to commemorate any memorable event.' Moses, Jacob, Joshua, Gideon and others built them. Isn't a pyramid the ultimate heap of stones? The pillar referred to means in the original Hebrew 'funeral bier' or "funerary monument" which seems to have been the supposed basis for the Pyramid." ( *Ibid.* pp.216-217)

Here are further "readings" taken from the Great Pyramid's "heap of stones." The readings from the interior passages seem to show its message to be universal, not just for any one religion, sect, or tradition. The original Christian teachings are seen as the development of a world enlightenment. The Pyramid encloses three main

passages: a subterranean one which descends into a chamber with a "pit" in the middle of it and continues to a dead-end. The next one above it, about in the middle of the Pyramid, extends horizontally off an ascending passage. It is called the Queen's Chamber Passage and ends with a niche with a stone roof which seems to be pointing upwards. The third passage is the same ascending one from which the Queen's Passage extends. It is higher and a little longer than the Queen's Passage and includes a "Great Step" which one must take to get into the King's Chamber with an empty, lidless, uninscribed coffin. It also has a "roof," taller than the Queen's chamber, which seems to be pointing upward as well. Mathematical measurements are taken of the height, length, depth, distances from one object to another, angles of slope, types of rock, etc., along each passageway and all that they include which are then translated into significant spiritual symbols.

To the ancient Egyptians, the interior passages were thought to symbolize the post-mortem travels of the souls in the under-world, the way-of-the-dead. However, the readings seem to symbolize the unenlightened ones as well as the enlightened ones, so it must be referring to all of mankind. It also makes clear that the progress does not take place in some mythical underworld, but here on earth. Most religions do, in fact, teach that our spiritual "fate" is determined by our efforts here. So, what does the Great Pyramid tell us about our general state of enlightenment? I'm afraid it's rather gloomy! After all these thousands of years it indicates that mankind in general is still in the subterranean "way of the dead." We here on earth are "the dead!" The spiritually dead! The spiritual life we seem to have lost is the spiritual, harmonious state we must regain. As we make our way through the "lower passage" of the unenlightened, the choices we make determine our progress. (Lemesurier, *Ibid.*, p. 33)

Mr. Lemesurier believes that each of us has our own soul which reincarnates at each "death" into a new and different body. Christian Science differs from that belief. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Error brings its own self-destruction both here and hereafter, for mortal mind creates its own physical conditions. Death will occur on the next plane of existence as on this, until the spiritual understanding of Life is reached. Then, and not until then, will it be demonstrated that 'the second death hath no power.' "The period required for this dream of material life, embracing its so-called pleasures and pains, to vanish from consciousness, "knoweth no man ...neither the Son, but the Father." This period will be of longer or shorter duration according to the tenacity of error." (S&H, p. 77)

"The relinquishment of all faith in death and also of the fear of its sting would raise the standard of health and morals far beyond its present elevation, and would enable us to hold the banner of Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life eternal. Sin brought death, and death will disappear with the disappearance of sin. Man is immortal, and the body cannot die, because matter has no life to surrender. The human concept named matter, death, disease, sickness, and sin are all that can be destroyed.

"Man's individual being can no more die nor disappear in unconsciousness than can Soul, for both are immortal,...The belief that existence is contingent on matter must be met and mastered by Science, before Life can be understood and harmony obtained.

".. Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science. Man is the same after as before a bone is broken or the body guillotined. If man is never to overcome death, why do the Scriptures say, 'The last enemy to be overcome is death?' ...The difficulty lies in ignorance of what God is. God, Life, Truth, and Love make man undying. Immortal Mind, governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the physical realm, so-called, as well as the spiritual...The dream of death must be mastered here or hereafter...Thought will waken from its own material declaration, 'I am dead,' to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, 'There is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor reaction.' (S&H, 426-428)

"Jesus said (John viii. 51), "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." That statement is not confined to spiritual life, but includes all the phenomena of existence. Jesus demonstrated this, healing the dying and raising the dead [as Mrs. Eddy did also, on a number of occasions]." (S&H, p.430)

"Science declares that man is subject to Mind. Mortal mind affirms that mind is subordinate to the body, that the body is dying, that it must be buried and decomposed into dust; but mortal mind's affirmation is not true. Mortals waken from the dream of death with bodies unseen by those who think that they bury the body. (Many people around the world have come back from "death" and tell of having the same body as before, but well, and seeing family members and friends who had passed on. Movies have recently been made from such stories.)

"If man did not exist before the material organization began, he could not exist after the body is disintegrated. If we live after death and are immortal, we must have lived before birth, for if Life ever had a beginning, it must also have an ending, even according to the calculations of natural science...We must have faith in all the sayings of our Master, though they are not included in the teachings of the schools, and are not understood generally by our ethical instructors.

"The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal...It is a sin to believe that aught can overpower omnipotent and eternal Life, and this Life must be brought to light by the understanding that there is no death, as well as by other graces of Spirit. We must begin, however, with the more simple demonstrations of control, and the sooner we begin the better. The final demonstration takes time for its accomplishment...Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear." (S&H, 428-430)

The Great Pyramid is mentioned in the Bible by the prophet, Jeremiah, (quoted above), considered by many to be one of the greatest prophets. David expresses great joy in the Lord and His salvation with these words: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord...Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord: This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The

stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psalm 118) What are the "gates" of the Lord? What do they have to do with the headstone or cornerstone, of the pyramid? Why was it "marvelous" in David's eyes?

The word "gate(s)" has a tremendous meaning in Christian Science. "The *Key to the Scriptures*, which is the *Key to the Universe*, is called in the book of Revelation the "*Key of David*." It unlocks the gates of the city of Jerusalem, the city of the great king, the capital city of all Israel, typical of a peaceful and united human race. David, King of the old Jerusalem in the Old Testament, prefigures Christ, the King of the New Jerusalem in the New Testament." (Brown, *Civilization Lieth Foursquare*, p.285) David is such a transcendent figure because under his reign Israel, consisting of the houses of Judah and Joseph, is undivided. Christ, the king, the head, rules over his *foursquare city*, or, his *body*, who is "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God..." (Hebrews 7:2) These are Paul's words describing the divinely anointed king as represented by the priestly Melchisedec in the Old Testament." (Brown, *Ibid.*)

"God makes a covenant with His beloved David, and with the Davidic dynasty that is to culminate in the kingship of Jesus. This reads: 'Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.' " (II Samuel 7:16) (*Ibid.*) "The Key of David thus opens the door to the birthless, deathless reality of man, who inherits nothing genetically from the male and female of mortality, but all things spiritually from God." (*Ibid.*) This prefigures the kingship of Christ, the Son of God, the idea of the divine Principle, Love, ruling over the universe. The heavenly kingdom and the earthly kingdom are one. Earth is the reflection of heaven. Body is the reflection of Mind which governs it. "Divine Science deals its chief blow at the supposed material foundations of life and intelligence. It dooms idolatry. A belief in other gods, other creators, and other creations must go down before Christian Science. It unveils the results of sin [bowing down to matter as all-powerful] as shown in sickness and death. When will man pass through the open gate of Christian Science into the heaven of Soul [spiritual understanding], into the heritage of the first born among men? Truth is indeed 'the way.' " (S&H 535:10-18)

"This spiritual, holy habitation ["the heaven of Soul"] has no boundary nor limit, but its four cardinal points are: first, the Word of Life, Truth, and Love; second, the Christ, the spiritual idea of God; third, Christianity, which is the outcome of the divine Principle of the Christ-idea in Christian history; fourth, Christian Science, which today and forever interprets this great example and the great Exemplar [Christ Jesus]. This city of our God [Christian Science] has no need of sun or satellite, for Love is the light of it, and divine Mind is its own interpreter. [It is not a physical place, but a spiritualized sense of man and the universe.] All who are saved must walk in this light. Mighty potentates and dynasties will lay down their honors within the heavenly city. Its gates open towards light and glory both within and without, for all is good, and nothing can enter that city, which 'defileth,...or maketh a lie.' (*Ibid.*, 577: 12-27)

"Science, bestowed in its oneness and undividedness as divine Science ["our city"], is the gift to us all of our everlasting individuality as man. Through Christian Science, we give this individuality back where it belongs. We acknowledge that it constitutes the indivisibility of "our God...The forever unfoldment of man's present perfection as the city (body) of our God [Mind] solves every human problem. That is to say, nothing can ever enter this body which 'defileth or maketh a lie.' " Why not? Because it would have to enter Mind, the Infinite One, first---an impossibility. (Brown, *From Genesis to Revelation*, p.373) The "divine Science which ushered Jesus into human presence" is "the spiritual origin of man." (Ibid., p.373) The great revelation brought to earth by Mrs. Eddy is that we all have that same spiritual origin---that same divine Principle, that same divine Mind, that same divine Love. That infinity of origin or source precludes any other creator or creation. We can say with Jesus, our exemplar, "I and my Father are one." (John 10: 30)

The " gates" spoken of in a number of places in the Bible and in Mrs. Eddy's writings were originally symbolized by the twelve gates of the city of Jerusalem. The Glossary tells us that "Jerusalem" symbolizes "Home, heaven." (S&H, p. 589) It also tells us that "Heaven" means "Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul [spiritual understanding on an individual basis]. (S&H, p.587) On p. 266 of S&H she writes, "Perfect and infinite Mind enthroned is heaven." Each of us, making up one united body, recognizing at last our inheritance from God as the Christ man, the Son of God, passes through the gate, [achieves higher spiritual understanding] into the foursquare city, the consciousness of omnipresent, omnipotent Love; the human race as a whole thus attains the goal of a spiritually oriented, truly civilized society.

Here are more compelling facts about the Pyramid: It is probably the oldest structure on earth, and the most massive. Egyptologists are agreed that it was the first building of its kind and all of the others are copies of it to a greater or lesser extent. It cannot be denied that its architect had a wonderful knowledge of astronomy, geology, and pure mathematics, far beyond what was known in his day. Perhaps it would not be far-fetched to assume that God was the inspiration behind it. In fact, in Job 38:4-7 the Almighty asks Job, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who determined the measures thereof. If thou knowest? Or, who stretched the line upon it? [Who measured it?] Whereupon were the sockets thereof made to sink. Or, who laid the corner-stone thereof? When the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy." Truly, the Great Pyramid has been said by those who have studied it to epitomize the whole earth. (F.E.H., pp. 19-20)

The Pyramid is accurately aligned to the true cardinal points of the compass; its four sides face due north, south, east, and west, its orientation nearly perfect. It is so perfectly constructed that even today's technology to replicate it would be strained to the breaking point. There is no modern building with masonry so finely jointed. The facing stones, some weighing up to seventy tons, are so finely cut and polished that

there is less than a fiftieth of an inch in thickness between them. They were levelled and honed to the standard of modern optical work. Its measurements are near perfect, though done before the invention of the compass. In fact, "the unit of linear measure employed in the construction of the Pyramid is identical with that believed to have been made use of by Moses and Solomon, in the erection of the tabernacle and the temple, and is known as the sacred cubit, equal to 25 Pyramid inches or 25.025 British inches, or one-millionth of the earth's semi-axis of rotation." (F.E.H., p.21) The chosen site lies on the longest land-contact meridian on the earth's surface and at the geographical center of its whole land mass, including America and Antarctica.

This Great Pyramid of Gizeh certainly could not have been constructed by a king, supposedly the Pharaoh Cheops or Khufu, at the edge of pre-history. It was purported by its builder to be a tomb for the pharaoh, yet its sarcophagus was never utilized, found by the first men who entered the tomb, to see it with its lid open and its interior pristine.

There are clear mathematical links between the Pyramid's dimensions and the earth's basic geographical data and orbital astronomy. The unit of measure used by the builder is the exact ten millionth of the earth's mean polar radius. The Pyramid's base-square has a side measurement just 365.242 of these same units, a figure identical to the number of days in the solar tropical year. It is also claimed that the height of the Pyramid's summit-platform denotes the earth's mean level of land and sea. The Pyramid's weight, generally quoted at some 5,955,000 tons, is a billionth of the weight of the earth. The slightly indented shape of the base of the core masonry alternative measurements of 365.256 and 365.259 turn out to be the length of days of the sidereal year ( the actual time the earth takes to complete a circuit of the sun) and the anomalistic year (the time taken by the earth to return to the same point in its elliptical orbit, which is itself revolving slowly about the sun.) Further measurements appear to give exact figures for the eccentricity of that orbit, for the mean distance of the earth from the sun, and for the period of the earth's full precessional cycle, a period of over 25,000 years. Once again, it seems that the Great Pyramid is an architectural symbol for the planet Earth!

Although the original beautiful white, glistening limestone casing-stones are nearly all gone, the sockets marking out its foundations remain and the angle of slope of its faces can be deduced from the casing-stones still remaining. "The Pyramid builder included in the design of each face a triangular indentation representing a one-fifth scale model of the Pyramid's cross-section. Therefore, the length of the Pyramid's base-side can be known, and its designed height can be calculated accurately. As it turns out, the ratio of base-perimeter to height is none other than twice the quantity of  $\pi$ . The Pyramid's height is to its base-perimeter as a circle's radius is to its circumference." (Lemesurier, 21) " It follows that since the length of the four sides of the base typifies the number of days in a year, while the height gives the radius of the circle, the circumference of which is equal to those four sides, the radius symbolizes

the earth's mean distance from the sun, which distance, worked out from this basis, is ascertained to be 91,840,000 miles. This quantity was thus recorded upwards of 4,000 years ago, while it was only of recent years that the scientific world of the nineteenth century had any suspicion that its accepted quantity of 95 million odd was incorrect, neither is there any finality about the number, between 92 and 93 millions of miles, now accepted as the sun's distance, since the observations of the transit of Venus in 1874 and 1882." (F.E.H., 22)

"Using the unit of measure of the Sacred Cubit, every one of the Pyramid's basic external and internal measurements can thus be expressed as a function of the quantities of  $\pi$  and 365.242 to the fifth power. The Pyramid's geometry, in other words, not only combines all of the above data into a single, elegant identification of the planet upon which we live; it also gives these quantities durable expression in terms of each other. These measurements reflect an extraordinarily advanced level of knowledge in its designer, a level rivalled only by the technology of its builders. " (Lemesurier, *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, 6,7,9) The Great Pyramid's measurements have been established beyond all reasonable doubt and are now considered definitive.

The pamphlet Mrs. Eddy purposefully left open on a table the day she passed on shows that studies of the Great Pyramid by pyramidologists over many decades believe that the Pyramid was built expressly by very advanced scientists for the purpose of leaving mankind a message of supreme import, significantly, a Judeo-Christian message with an overtly Messianic assertion. Example: The King's Gallery represents the ascending path of those who have reached a great degree of enlightenment. However, their journey brings them to a "Great Step," which means that all of their spiritual searching has brought them to a place where they are ready to make the mental "paradigm leap" which will propel them toward the end of their long journey, which smooths out into a horizontal passage after the "leap" has been made. At that point, you are no longer reasoning from the point of matter or mortal mind, but from your actual real Mind, the one and only Mind, and problems that had been stumbling blocks become stepping stones. You see God, good, in every direction.

"The Grand King's Gallery ascends in a continuous line for 1,813 inches, at which point the perpendicular face of the "Great Step" is reached. With the Great Step the Ascending Passages cease; from the crest of the Step onwards, the floors of the passages and chambers are horizontal, and with one small exception, are on the same level. The length of the step is 61 inches, at which point the south wall of the Gallery is reached and the Gallery extends no further. The length of the Great Step is 36 inches by 25 inches, or the lengths of the British yard and sacred cubit added together, (61 inches), implying that the possessors of those units of measure are closely related. Here is their relationship: "In front of Solomon's temple were set up two pillars of brass, Jachin and Boaz, of the height of 18 cubits each, together 36 cubits, or in other words, the combined heights of these pillars amounted to 36 cubits or 25 yards; hence we find the British unit of linear measure prophetically indicated in conjunction with the sacred cubit.

We have already remarked, it has been discovered that the length of these pyramid passages indicate the duration of the periods they signify, at the rate of an inch to a year. The length of the Grand Gallery, measured direct from end to end---that is, through the Great Step in continuation of its ascending floor---equals 1,881.6 inches; but it will be observed, that the Great Step results in giving what may be best described as a second length to the Grand Gallery---namely, up its perpendicular face and along its surface, or 1,813 inches + 36 inches + 61 inches, amounting to 1,910 inches [the year 1910], so that, in effect, the Great Step adds 28.4 inches to the length of the Grand Gallery. *So, the British and the Israelites are related!*

The designed angle of descent and ascent of the Pyramid's interior sloping passages (26 degrees, 18 feet, 9.7 inches) is significant for having once been the exact elevation of the Polar Star, Alpha Draconis in the third millennium B.C., thought to be the millennium in which the Pyramid was constructed. This star actually shown directly down the Descending Passage, symbolic of mankind's descent into "hell", in the Pyramid at its lower culmination, where the "pit" is found. This obviously has a symbolic significance, for this star was called the "Dragon Star" by the ancients for its death-laden significance. [The great red dragon from Revelation?] It has also been associated with the ancient story of Lucifer, the angel who, like man, also "fell from grace." Lemesurier wonders if Lucifer could symbolize man himself who was "like unto the angels" and then underwent a "fall from grace." But could the same angle of the passage of descent and ascent have another important symbolic meaning? That angle laid off from the Pyramid's east-west axis in a north-easterly direction, the rhumb-line so produced, marks the summer sunrise from the latitude of the Pyramid. The same line also passes straight through the town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Lemesurier says "this indicates a remarkable level of knowledge." (Information in this paragraph is from Lemesurier's *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, 19-21)

In my estimation it could signify the salvation from which that "fall" would come--- Christ Jesus the man, and later, the realization brought by Mrs. Eddy's revelation of the Christ as the ideal man which Jesus embodied, man's regained status as the Son of God, like unto the angels. Jesus told us that man *is* like the angels in heaven when the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, posed the question to him about the woman who had seven husbands and which husband would be hers in "the resurrection" when they all had died. "Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven...have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err." (Mark 12: 18-27)

How could all of this be just a coincidence? What makes it even more interesting to Christian Scientists is what Mrs. Eddy wrote about the Polar Star and Bethlehem in *Science and Health*, p. 575: "As the Psalmist saith, 'Beautiful for situation, the joy of

the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.' It is indeed a city of the Spirit, fair, royal, and square..." [Could these words not be symbolized by the Great Pyramid, also a "mount" which symbolizes the "whole earth" and was built to be "fair, royal, and square? "It was beautiful, and royal with two main interior passageways called the "Queen's Chamber Passage" and the "King's Chamber Passage" and it has, of course, a square base!] She writes further: "Northward, its gates open to the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation; eastward, to the star seen by the Wisemen of the Orient, who followed it to the manger of Jesus; southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies,---the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into solemn union; westward, to the grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony."

What is the thinking by pyramidologists about the capstone which was deliberately left off? The other pyramids were capped with gilded cornerstones to represent the sun with the slopes of the pyramids representing the sun's rays descending from it. If the Great Pyramid represents the Earth, could the missing capstone symbolize the Earth as being in darkness? The deliberately reduced dimensions of the original Pyramid also lead to this possibility since the addition of the capstone would symbolize the Pyramid's completion of its message and thus of its full design. There is evidence in ancient texts that the eventual addition of the capstone was seen as light returning to the world through a Messianic coming. The capstone=sunrise=Messiah notion is found in the Old and New Testaments already discussed, including Jesus' assertion, "And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?" (St. Mark: 10-11 where Jesus is quoting David in Psalm 118:22)

Could the architect of the Great Pyramid have seen into the future, for the birth of Jesus occurred some 2,600 years after the Pyramid's construction? And did its architect see even further to the second coming of the Christ some 2,000 years later? Ancient Egyptian manuscripts actually do affirm this, that the Pyramid contains a record of all that is past and of all things that are to come. In Ezekiel 3: 15 we read, "That which has been is now and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past." In other words, as Christian Science teaches, in Truth, the only thing that has ever been going on and the only thing that can ever go on is God and His perfect reflection, the universe.

The entire Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, are full of symbolism of which you are already aware. Numerals, signifying numbers, are a part of this spiritual symbolism, such as "7," of the seven days of creation and the seven synonyms for God., the seventh day meaning fulfilment, peace, rest, the consciousness of Love. In Christian Science, "4" stands for the four ways in which God operates, through His own Word, Christ, Christianity, and Science. Since the Pyramid is decoded through mathematics, using the numbers' derivatives in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division as trigonometry, geometry, etc., and then seeing their numerical patterns

throughout the Pyramid, the pyramidologists can arrive at fairly to absolutely certain conclusions as to their cryptogrammic meanings. However, their own level of knowledge of the Scriptures and its meanings, including what they don't know, their own belief systems and level of spirituality, and their level of freedom from prejudice skewed to those beliefs can have an effect on their interpretations of the measurements. Therefore, their final readings and conclusions may or may not be entirely sound. They are the first to say that there are some measurements they do not understand, and that they all do not agree with each other on their interpretations. However, they absolutely agree that the messages deal with the Holy Scriptures "in stone" and are generally correct, though dates and the events they purport to symbolize may not be entirely accurate.

I have given here the symbolism that is agreed upon, using the most up-to-date book, that I know of, on the subject, *The Great Pyramid Decoded*, by Lemesurier, copyrighted 1977 and 1996, Element Books Limited, as a definitive study of the measurements. I have also been giving you the unique standpoint of Christian Science, as to the interpretation of the message contained in the Pyramid with its missing capstone.

When Mrs. Eddy called the Pyramid a "miracle in stone" she was not speaking of the fact that its construction seemed miraculous, although that, too, is certain. "If the architect of the Pyramid was to employ 100,000 men on free rations over a period of some 20 years, as claimed by Herodotus,...the schedule would have involved the laying, at the very least, of one block of stone in every two minutes of daylight---a speed totally incompatible with any known technology, let alone with the supreme standards of care and accuracy exhibited by the Pyramid's masonry...It seems that no matter what is measured it has a meaning which is not just fortuitous." (Lemesurier, 27-28)

The great monument without a headstone has stood silently for thousands of years awaiting its own completion. With the impetus of Mrs. Eddy's having pointed to it on the day of her passing, along with the cryptogram alluding to it, Christian Scientists see material history drawing to a close; we see the Truth as spiritual ideas urging its demands on mortals. Mrs. Eddy addresses it, "As a material theoretical life-basis is found to be a mis-apprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to 'where the young child was,' even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error." (S&H, 191:8-15) She tells us, as the spiritual age dawns, "Christian Scientists, you have planted your standard on the rock of Christ, the true, the spiritual idea, the chief corner-stone in the house of our God [healing all error with Mind, divine Love, instead of matter]. And our Master said: 'The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner'...Let us rejoice that chill vicissitudes have not withheld the timely shelter of this house [the revelation of man's real consciousness as Love], which descended like day-spring from on high.' (*Pulpit and Press*, 16-20)

The precious capstone, which proclaims and proves to the world its spiritual, revelatory message, but has been rejected for so long by mankind, is *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Certainly it "descended like day-spring from on high." The "Bible in stone" received its "capstone" when *Science and Health*, with its "Key to the Scriptures" was symbolically placed upon the Holy Scriptures. The great monument was finally completed, the Bible was finally crowned with a textbook that would unify its pages into a comprehensive lesson which would aid man in overcoming his many "vicissitudes." This textbook is the second coming of the Messiah, the Savior promised by Christ Jesus and foretold in the Old and New Testaments *and, as seems the case*, The Great Pyramid. The sacred and true knowledge the textbook contains transforms the material with the ideal, and human thought frees itself from self-imposed materiality and bondage.

"What comes 'from on high'---the capstone---is Love, the descending city foursquare, or consciousness *which starts every thought from God*. Then 'How is man, seen through the lens of Spirit, enlarged, and how counterpoised his origin from dust, and how he presses toward his original, never severed from Spirit! O ye who leap disdainfully from this rock of ages, return and plant [your] steps in Christ, Truth, 'the stone which the builders rejected!' Then will angels [God's messages to man] administer grace, do thy errands, and be thy dearest allies. The divine law gives to man health and life everlasting---gives a soul to Soul, a present harmony wherein the good man's heart takes hold on heaven, and whose feet can never be moved. These are his green pastures beside still waters, where faith mounts upward, expatiates, strengthens, and exults. ' " (My. 129:15-27))

Why has spiritual healing and the message of man's divine origin as including manhood and womanhood in one united spiritual consciousness been rejected by the world at large, especially medicine and religion? Because "in order to understand our incorporeal divinity we must lay down the mortal. Without the cross of giving up the mortal there can be no crown, no capstone. Love, the capstone, is won only through the cross. 'All have the cup of sorrowful effort to drink in proportion to their demonstration of His Love till all are redeemed through divine Love.' (S&H 26:7) This deep note of sorrowful effort sounds again and again beneath the triumphant affirmations of Science. Mrs. Eddy's own 'gracious preparation' was a series of disasters, humanly seen. The 'builders' want to escape the laying down of the mortal." (Wright, *Mary Baker Eddy A New Look*, 346 and 347)