

1910 Edition of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

God's messenger¹ left God's book² in the state God intended, having completed her mission successfully.

No one could hide anything from her³, and *Science and Health* states that with Mind one can foretell the future concerning the universal welfare⁴. So it seems reasonable to assume she knew attempts would be made to "improve" the book, such as the removal of two testimonies, the introduction of one not chosen by Mrs Eddy, and the re-positioning of another⁵; also editions without right hand justification of the text, with line numbers moved to the inside margin of the page, marginal headings removed from the text margin to the page margin, and the addition of an index and a foreword⁶.

The instruction, signed "Eddy", to remove the portrait of the author which is the frontispiece of the 1910 edition, has been seen in photocopy by a reliable source, but so far as is known, no such copy has been released from the archives in Boston.

The effect of removing the portrait, whether or not Mrs Eddy authorized its removal, has been to distinguish every post-1910 edition from the 1910 edition.

The application of the phrase "Authorized Literature" on Mrs Eddy's books, which term has only been used since 1915⁷, further marks the cover of post-1915 printings, and this and variations in the publisher and his name, currently "The Works of Mary Baker Eddy" and effectively the Christian Science Board of Directors (CSBD), marks the early pages of these editions⁸.

The expiration of the copyright, which was against the wishes of the CSBD who sought to extend it, means that *Science and Health* can be reproduced freely⁹.

The registering of the Cross and Crown symbol as their trademark by the CSBD¹⁰ has prevented it being embossed on or printed in editions not published by them, because they have refused permission for other publishers to use it¹¹.

This means that the 1910 edition will eventually be seen to have three phases, which coincide with three phases in the government of The Mother Church.

Phase one was the year of publication up to Mrs Eddy's departure, during which time the *Church Manual* was obeyed. *Phase two* is the current phase of disobedience: the *Manual* is not obeyed as it is written¹². *Phase three* is yet to be seen: it will start when the *Church Manual* is obeyed as it is written, which will require all Mrs Eddy's irrevocable Deeds of Trust to be obeyed¹³, and which we can anticipate will enable *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* to be published freely as Mrs Eddy left it: that is, the 1910 edition in exact reproduction, with the cross and crown and also the olive branch design by Mrs Eddy embossed on the cover¹⁴, her portrait as the frontispiece, and the text a full seven hundred pages as she specified¹⁵.

Footnotes

1. See *Concordance to Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, reference to “messenger” on page 611 (i.e. the printed *Concordance*; the electronic version *Concord* does not conform on this reference).
2. See *Miscellany* 114:23, 115:4.
3. See, for example, Grekel, *The Forever Leader*, p. 585.
4. *S&H* 84: 3-18.
5. Comparing the 1910 and 1972 editions, on pp. 604, 605 “Insanity and Epilepsy Healed” from Mrs B.B.C., Stamford, Conn. is deleted and replaced with “Spinal Trouble and Indigestion Healed” from Mrs G.W., Brookline, Mass.; consequently p. 606 has a line squeezed on from p. 605. Also, on pp. 648-649 “A Priceless Book” from N.R.G of Salina, Kans. is deleted and replaced by “A Grateful Testimony” from Mrs H.S.C., Seattle, Wash. The latter is removed from its place as the final testimony so that the book no longer ends “I have been lifted from ... darkness to light.” Returning from these final words of the 1910 edition to the opening of the Preface, one finds the “sustaining infinite” and the “first faint morning beams,” a circular progression typified by the Glossary definition of Earth on p. 585.
6. See for example the paperback “Trade Edition.”
7. Hartsook, *Christian Science After 1910* p. 24 puts the year as 1916; Christian Science Foundation *The Continuity of the Cause of Christian Science* p. 11:2 gives 1915.
8. Variations include The Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker G. Eddy; The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.; The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy.
9. Hartsook *op. cit.* pp. 127-128, 152, 155, 160, 162, 170 gives the history of the attempted copyright extension.
10. Hartsook *op. cit.* p. 152 notes this was done in 1916.
11. www.promisedcomforterpress.com/#King-James-Bible cites one case.
12. See Hartsook *op. cit.* pp. 2-4; Christian Science Foundation *op. cit.* 9:1-9:16.
13. See *Church Manual* pp. 128-138; Hartsook, *op. cit.* pp. 199-201; Christian Science Foundation *op. cit.* 9:4-9.6, Exhibit 9, pp. 10:1-10:2, Exhibit 10A.
14. Christian Science Foundation *The Evolution of the Christian Science Textbook* Second Edition Appendix 10.
15. Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* 1910 edition, p. 700.