



Intel on Mary Baker Eddy

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, introduced doctrines that diverge significantly from biblical Christianity. Here are several key reasons why her teachings are heretical, supported by Scripture:

1. Denial of the Biblical View of God

Eddy redefined God as "Divine Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Substance, Intelligence, and Soul" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, 465:10-15). She rejected the personal, triune nature of God as revealed in Scripture.

- **Biblical Response:**
 - God is **personal**, not just an abstract principle: *"I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God"* (Isaiah 45:5, NASB95).
 - The Trinity is revealed in **Matthew 28:19**, where Jesus commands baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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2. Denial of Jesus Christ's True Nature

Eddy claimed Jesus was not God but only a human who demonstrated the "Christ principle." She stated, *"Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God"* (*Science and Health*, 316:12).

- **Biblical Response:**
 - Jesus is fully God and fully man: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"* (John 1:1, NASB95).
 - *"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form"* (Colossians 2:9, NASB95).
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3. Rejection of the Atonement

Eddy denied that Jesus' death on the cross was a substitutionary atonement for sin. She claimed: *"The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was*

shed upon 'the accursed tree,' than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business" (*Science and Health*, 25:6-8).

- **Biblical Response:**

- "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22, NASB95).
 - Jesus Himself declared, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45, NASB95).
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4. Denial of the Reality of Sin and Evil

Eddy taught that sin, sickness, and even death are illusions of the mind and do not actually exist. She stated: "*Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death*" (*Science and Health*, 475:28).

- **Biblical Response:**

- The Bible states sin is real: "*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23, NASB95).
 - Sin leads to death: "*The wages of sin is death*" (Romans 6:23, NASB95).
 - Jesus warned against sin: "*If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it away*" (Matthew 5:30, NASB95). If sin were just an illusion, why would Jesus command repentance?
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5. Distortion of Healing

Eddy claimed that sickness is not real and that proper understanding of Christian Science would eliminate disease, replacing medicine and traditional healing.

- **Biblical Response:**

- While God does heal, sickness is real, and even Paul had a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).
 - Timothy was advised to take wine for his stomach ailments (1 Timothy 5:23), showing that physical health issues are real, not illusions.
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Conclusion

Mary Baker Eddy's doctrines directly contradict the fundamental truths of Christianity. She:

- ✓ **Denied the Trinity**
- ✓ **Denied Christ's deity**
- ✓ **Denied the atonement**

- ✓ Denied sin and evil
- ✓ Distorted healing

Her teachings are a departure from biblical Christianity and classify her as a heretic in line with **Galatians 1:8**—“*But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!*” (NASB95).



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