

# THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRACTICAL  
APPLICATION OF THE THEOLOGY OF  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, ON A GLOBAL  
SCALE, THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF  
JOURNALISM

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# First Church of Christ, Scientist

Motivation

Journalistic content

## I will:

**Explain** the relevance of the theology of Christian Science to the history of the Monitor's establishment, and its object, stated by its founder Mary Baker Eddy, **“to injure no man, but to bless all mankind”** (Eddy, Miscellany p. 353).

**Detail** how the theology of Christian Science and its practice of healing is an expression of the purpose of The Church to **“reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing”** (Eddy, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 17). And how this purpose is based on the identity of Jesus and his denouncement of evil.

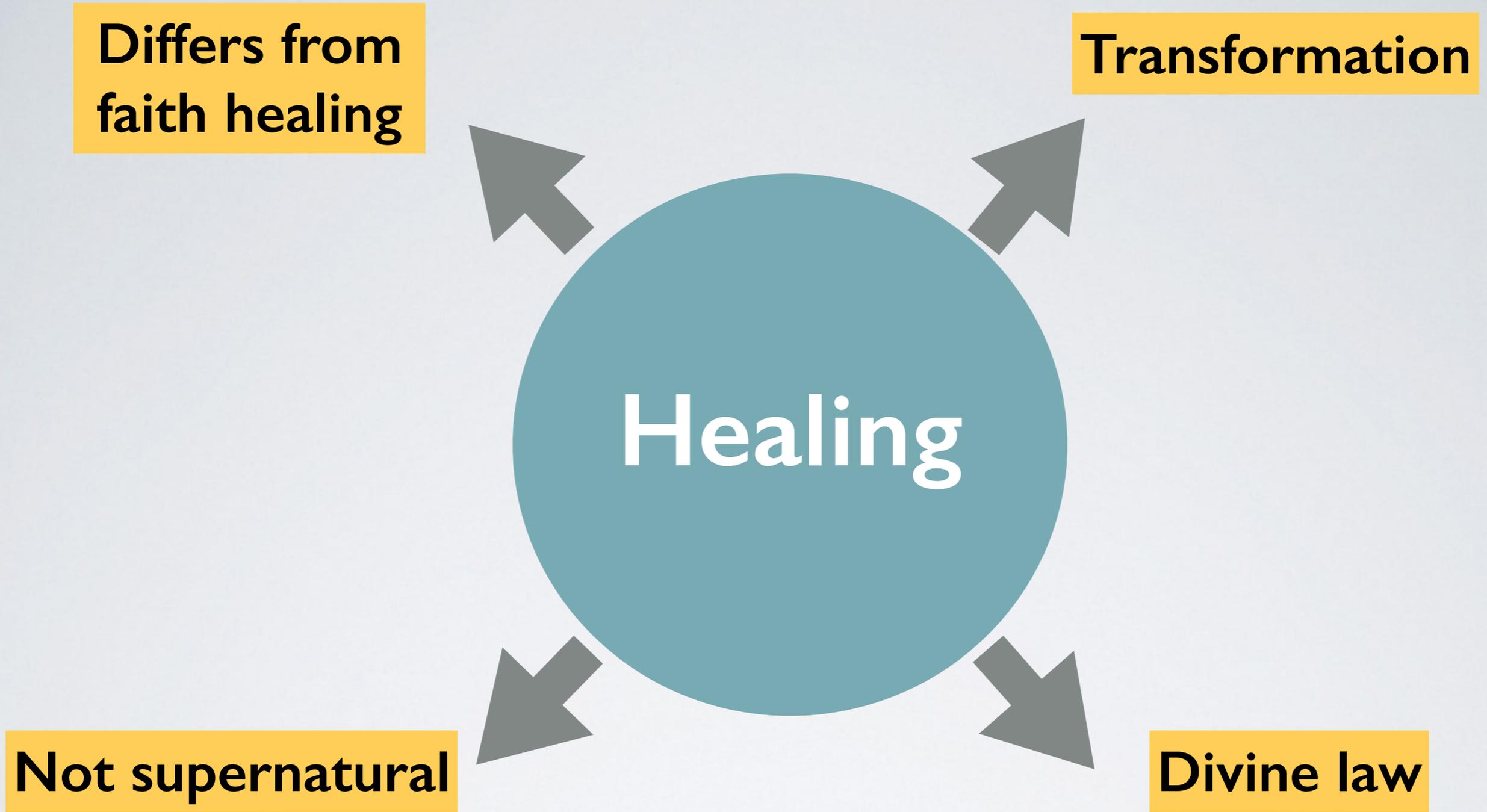
**Show** how this theology is reflected in the healing mission of the Monitor **“to spread undivided the Science that operates unspent”** (Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353). This will include articles that demonstrate how the Monitor operates on a global scale and provide examples of how the object and healing mission is supported through journalism.

# Definitions

all-knowing  
all-seeing  
all-acting  
all-wise  
all-loving  
and eternal



Principle  
Mind  
Soul  
Spirit  
Life  
Truth  
Love



“The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus’ time from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease loose there reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. xi).

Not the human Jesus

**but**

the divine nature and  
godliness which animated  
him.



**Christ**

God speaking to the  
human consciousness.

**present  
and  
past**

Abraham, Jacob, Moses,  
the Prophets and Apostle,  
Paul and others of the  
early church  
HOLY GHOST

### Third Tenet

“We acknowledge God’s forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts” (Eddy, Science and Health. p. 497).

# Redemption and Salvation

### Fourth Tenet

“We acknowledge Jesus’ atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man’s unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death” (Eddy, Science and Health. p. 497).

# The Monitor's History and Purpose



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## World

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Rome's residents are filling potholes, yanking weeds, and bagging trash. In doing the work, they're experimenting with what is a novel concept for many Italians: a sense of civic duty.

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ON A GREAT RANGE OF 2016 TOURS

## Choose Ye

— “We follow Truth only as we follow truly, meekly, patiently, spiritually, blessing saint and sinner with the leaven of divine Love.”

— “The First Commandment and the Golden Rule are the all-in-all of Christian Science” (Eddy, Miscellany, pp. 3-5).



## Inaccurate reporting and the 'Next Friends Suite'

Not personal attacks but corrective

Love and forgiveness.  
Wrote a letter of forgiveness to one who had brought the suite

Christian Science theology motivated her giving her strength wisdom clarity

Loving her enemies and living the Golden Rule

**Eddy handled these challenges by:**

“At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 571).

## Establishing the Monitor - August 1908

Why:

- Press's reliance on sensationalism and disregard for truth
- Christian Scientists needed to be bolder in their involvement in the world.
- To be informed of the world's problems, healing those as well as their own.
- Not to explain the letter of Christian Science but to demonstrate its spirit.
- To give readers a new way of looking at the world, dedicated to the reform of thought and supported the Christian Science's insistence that God does not know or cause evil.

## The Monitors Object

**“to injure no man,  
but bless all mankind”  
(Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353)**

“Love your enemies,  
bless them that curse  
you” (Matt 5:44)

But uncover and  
expose evil.

Encouraged people to  
take the mental  
steps that bring  
reform to human  
thought —  
overcoming  
evil in their lives and  
the world.

# Jesus' Healing Ministry, His Denouncement of Evil and the Theology of Christian Science

Eddy stated that the purpose of The Church is to “reinststate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing” (Eddy, Miscellany, p. 17).

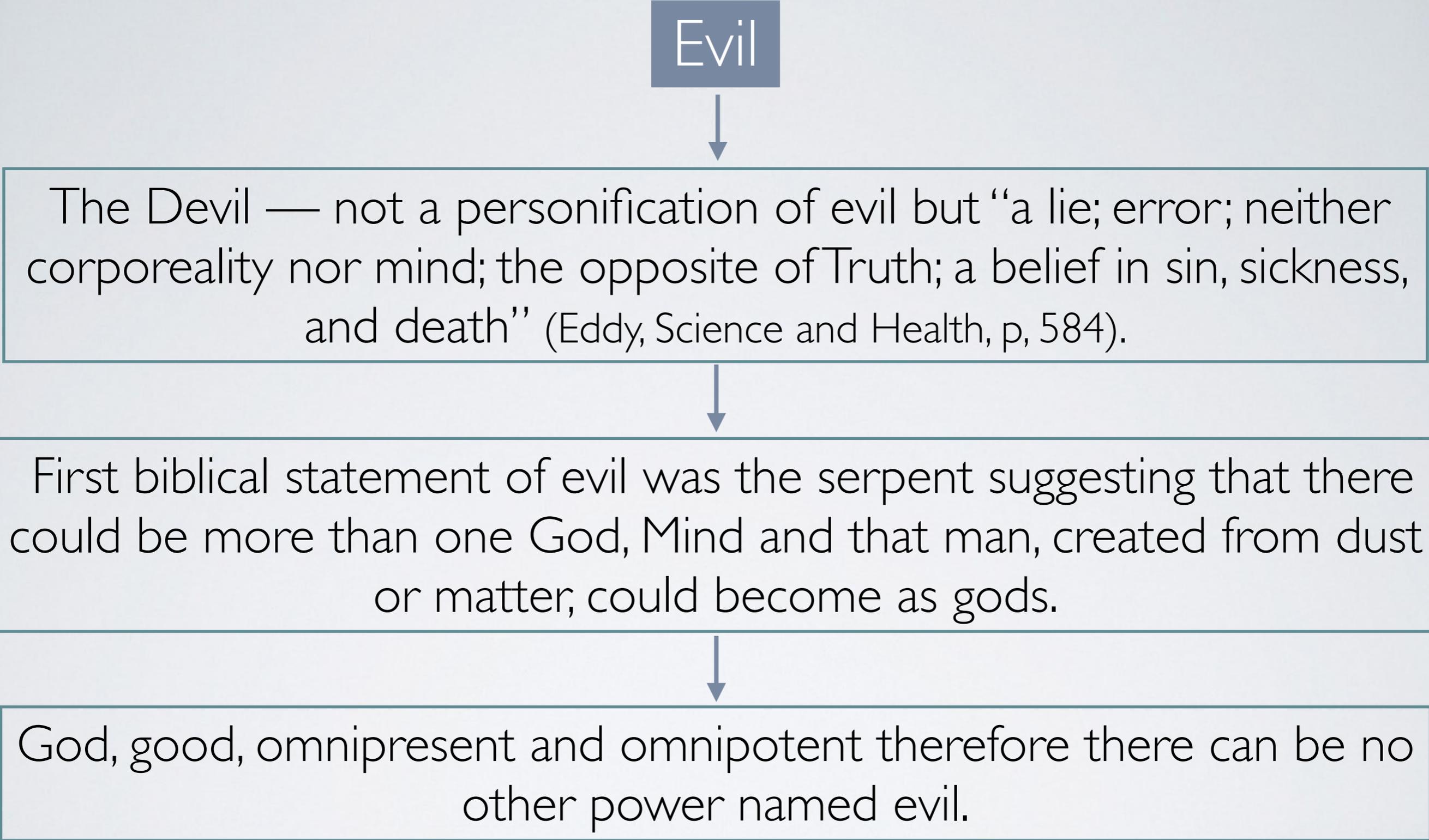
Jesus' healing at the centre of his teaching and ministry.

Embodied the Christ

Eddy's own healing experiences

Divine Science behind Jesus' healing which supports which us in fulfilling Jesus' healing directive to us.

## Evil



The Devil — not a personification of evil but “a lie; error; neither corporeality nor mind; the opposite of Truth; a belief in sin, sickness, and death” (Eddy, Science and Health, p, 584).

First biblical statement of evil was the serpent suggesting that there could be more than one God, Mind and that man, created from dust or matter, could become as gods.

God, good, omnipresent and omnipotent therefore there can be no other power named evil.

# Destroy Evil

- with the “spiritual understanding that cast out evil as unreal” (Eddy, Science and Health, p.497).

- by understanding the nothingness of sin, sickness and death and the omnipresence and omnipotence of God.

- by exposing it. “You uncover sin, not in order to injure, but to bless the corporeal man” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 453).

Jesus was tempted but refused to worship or give power to anything else but God

- recognised the power and authority of the Christ and was healed.
- detect it through the “dissecting of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity and origin” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 462).

Detect

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Understand its nothingness

Acknowledge the power and presence of Christ

# Putting into practice the Monitor's healing mission

Its mission is:

“to spread undivided the Science that operates unspent ”  
(Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353)

International distribution

Its courageous and uncompromising uncovering of evil

Its reliance on the infinite God for its operation and source for healing suggestions.

This is Russia — Uncensored.

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**Collective Slavery  
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**Peasant Is Squeezed  
'Twixt Quota and Cow**

This Is Russia UNCENSORED Art for Soviet Sake, Plus  
By Edmund Stevens Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor  
The Christian Science Monitor (1908-Current file); Oct 22, 1949;  
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**This IS UNCLE SAM'S ARED Russia**

**Art for Soviet Sake,  
Plus American Cars**

Freed journalist's question: 'Why us?'  
By Elizabeth Pond Special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor  
The Christian Science Monitor (1908-Current file); Jun 26, 1970;  
pg. 1

## Freed journalist's question: 'Why us?'

Fifth and last of a series of articles in which Elizabeth Pond tells the story of her captivity in Cambodia. Miss Pond, together with Richard Dudman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Michael Morros of Dispatch News Service International, was captured May 7 and released June 15.

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Special correspondent of  
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Saigon  
The continuing absence of some 20 newspaper correspondents in Cambodia,

presumably detained by pro-Sihanouk forces, poses serious moral issues for a journalist who has been released.  
Why us? Are we precedent or exception? And if precedent, what kind of precedent?

These questions have haunted me since our release. So have others—questions about the nature of friendship and the trust of friendship, of freedom, of moral responsibility and moral ambiguity.

The three of us never said anything we did not believe, either in conversation or in the few statements that we were asked to write. Nor, I believe,

would we have. In that sense we were honest. Yet honest views offered fairly and honestly are two different things.

Perhaps I should specify what we did and did not do in detention.

### Requests limited

It could be argued that we were asked for relatively little. We were asked to sign statements which were not asked to write. Nor, I believe,

We lived, to some extent, the "other side".

# Vietnam — The truth

Our readers write  
Edith Gresham Kathryn Muellich Kwok K. Wong Claire M. Furlington Nancy L. Seider  
The Christian Science Monitor (1908-Current file); Jul 16, 1970;  
pg. 16

## Our readers write



Letter subjects necessary. All are necessary. All are necessary.

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To The  
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articles  
Cambodia  
behaved  
I deeply appreciate your understanding  
between our people, essential if we are ever to have peace, that her words have produced

N.Y. Edith Gresham

you might be interested  
of your readers to  
of her imprisonment.  
of creepiness. The  
rapprochement with the other  
One could not help  
any did these three people  
gentle treatment after their  
clear to their captors?"

antain, N.C. Kathryn Muellich

behaved with real nobility of character

Too much rapport with the other side

beyond that of a mere appendage to one side or the other

accurate and factual reporting ... under attack at home

Correspondents and freedom  
The Christian Science Monitor (1908-Current file); Jun 20, 1970;  
pg. 16

## Correspondents and freedom

This newspaper wishes to express its gratitude for the release of Miss Elizabeth Pond, its correspondent in Vietnam, and for that of the two other correspondents captured with her. We further wish to voice appreciation for the manner in which, on the whole, they were treated by their captors.

Further, we trust that the consideration given Miss Pond and her companions and the unflinching support for accurate and factual reporting ... under attack at home

The great majority of correspondents have sought to report the war exactly as they saw and experienced it. They have been as sharp and as conscientious in reporting the misdeeds of the United States

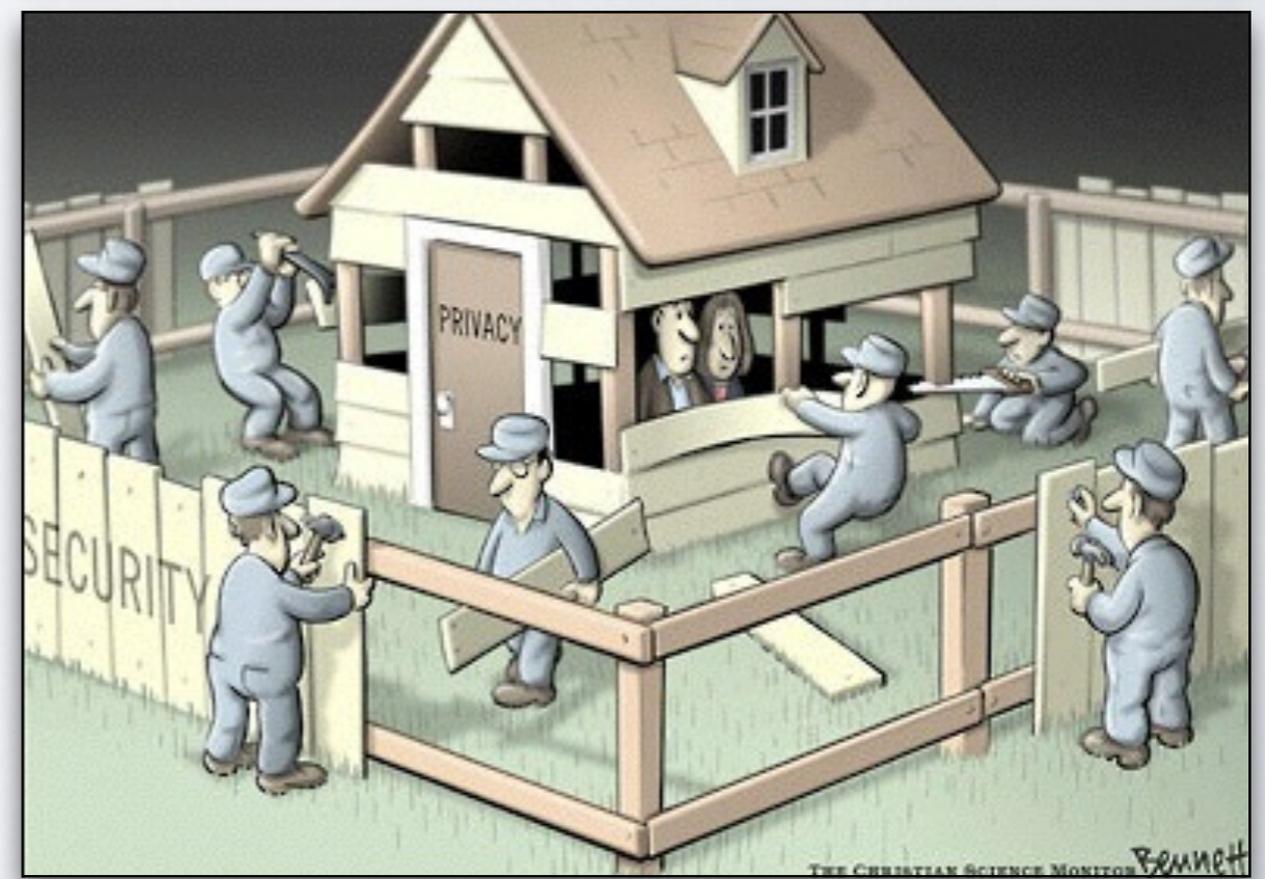
and its allies as they have those posing side. To cite but one example, the revelations concerning the My Lai massacre show a journalistic courage and report honesty that are rare and commendable.

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We are by the pledge from Prince that he will continue to exercise his influence on behalf of those newspapermen still being held. We are grateful for his good offices where Miss Pond was concerned and trust that his efforts on behalf of others will be as fruitful.

Clearly, the Communists see the press as a means of winning goodwill and scoring points. Yet their action does strengthen a growing world conviction that the transmission of news is an obligation all its own.

# September 11 — resolve, liberty and prejudice



# Building Bridges

## To better integrate refugees, Nuremberg aims at ur foe: gossip

Nuremberg officials are using 'ambassadors' trained in the facts about immigration to debunk stereotypes and rumor among the native populace. *Part 2 of a two-part story on Europe's efforts to integrate refugees.*

By Sara Miller Llana, Staff writer | JANUARY 28, 2016

Nuremberg, Germany

The gossip is growing louder.

"All refugees are heading to our country."

"Refugees are mooching off of us, but they don't need our money. They

all have smart ph

And especially sir

blamed mostly or



## Why China hacks the world

Can aggressive espionage fuel the innovation that Beijing needs to reinvent its global role?

By Adam Segal, Contributor | JANUARY 31, 2016

New York; and Wuzhen, China

The e-mails wouldn't have struck anyone as unusual. The messages to employees at Boeing Co.'s offices in Orange County, Calif., where the aerospace giant works on the big C-17 military transport, looked like any of the hundreds of messages from colleagues and contacts flooding inboxes every day. But beginning in the winter of 2009, two Chinese



# Healing solutions

## How to save kids from ISIS? Start with mom

Parents who suspect a child may be radicalizing face a heartrending choice: If they remain silent, their child may leave to join the terrorists. If they call the authorities, that may result in a prison term. They need a third option, experts say.

By Warren Richey, Staff writer | OCTOBER 3, 2015

Washington

Christianne Boudreau never suspected a thing.

The mother from Calgary, Canada, was pleased when her oldest son developed a deep interest in Islam. Damian had struggled through bouts of depression and suicidal thoughts, and Islam seemed to fill a void. So she didn't object when he announced plans to travel to Egypt to study Arabic.

What she didn't know was that "Egypt" was just a cover story.



After her son, Damian (right), was killed fighting for the Islamic State, Christianne Boudreau formed Hayat Canada to help provide family-based intervention services for parents in Canada and the US who suspected that their children may be radicalizing. (Courtesy of Christianne Boudreau)

# Understanding the mental cause

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