

Theology Seminar: Cults and Sects

Session No. 3: Christian Science

Christian Science History: Where Did It Come From?

1. **It's Soil:** Mary Baker Eddy's Doubt and Disease
2. **It's Roots:** Phineas Parkhurst Quimby's "Rediscovery" of Jesus' Healing Methods and the New Thought Movement.
3. **It's Shoots:** Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and the First Church of Christ, Scientist
4. **It's Fruits:** Christian Science Churches, Reading Rooms, and Publications



Christian Science Authority: What Do They Read?

1. *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: Mary Baker Eddy's 1875 Textbook on Christian Science
2. *The Bible*: As Reinterpreted by Mary Baker Eddy

Christian Science Theology: What Do They Teach?

1. God is an impersonal, pantheistic, Immortal Mind
2. The Trinity is Life, Truth, and Love
3. Man is sinless and divine.

4. **Sin** is an illusion, along with sickness and death.
5. **Jesus** was a mere human who rescues from this illusion.
6. **Christ** is the divine truth embodied by the human Jesus.
7. **The Cross** did not atone for sins but demonstrated goodness.
8. **Salvation** involves ceasing to believe in illusions.



9. **Hell** is not literal, but a wrong state of mind.

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Christian Science Differences: Why Is It A Cult?

1. Denies **Who God Really Is**
2. Denies **What God Really Said**
3. Denies **Who We Really Are**
4. Denies **What We Really Need**