Comparing “The Word of God” with Heresies, Teachings and Quotes Found in “Christian Science” Writings

“Christian Science” Teachings about - GOD.

- God is all-in-all (1, 113:16).
- God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter (1, 113:18).
- God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul. The only intelligence of the universe, including humanity (1, 330:11).
- Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God–God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; Divine Science or the Holy Comforter (1, 331:26-31).
- God is “the ever present, I am, filling all space, including in itself all Mind, the one Father-Mother God” (2, pp.3:26; 4:1).
- The theory of three persons in one God (the Trinity) suggests polytheism, rather than the one ever-present I am (1, 256:9-11).

“Christian Science” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- Jesus is the human man and Christ is the divine idea (1, 473:15-16).
- “If there had never existed such a person as the Galilean Prophet, it would make no difference to me” (3, pp.318-19).
- The virgin mother conceived this idea of God and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus. Jesus was the offspring of Mary’s self-conscious communion with God (1, 29:17-18, 32; 30:1).
- Not that the human Jesus was or is eternal…but not one with the Father…but fleshly…Christ is “the idea of Truth,” “Divine Idea,” “reflection of God.”
- The dual personality (Christ Jesus) continued until the ascension, when Jesus disappeared, while Christ continues to exist in the eternal order of Divine Science taking away the sins of the world (1, 333:32; 334:1).
- His disciples believed Jesus was dead in the tomb, though he was really alive (1, 44:28-28).
- To the apprehension (of his students) our Master rose from the grave on the third day of his ascending thought (1, 509:4-7).
- Resurrection is spiritualization of thought, not literal (1, 593:9).

“Christian Science” Teachings about - THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- The Holy Spirit is Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth and Love (1, 558:78).
- In the words of John; “He will give you another Comforter…” This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science (1, 55:27-29).
- The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, (that is) Divine Science, the Word of God, said to the darkness upon the face of error, “God is All in all” (1, 503:8-14).
**“Christian Science” Teachings about - SIN.**

- Evil is but an illusion. It has no real basis. Evil is a false belief. God is not its author (1, 480).
- Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death (1, 475:28).
- The real man cannot depart from holiness (1, 475:29).
- Sin, sickness, and death are to be labeled effects of error. Christ came to destroy the belief of sin (1, 473:4-6).
- Evil is unreal (1, 339:9-10).
- The only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human belief until God strips off their disguise (1, 472:27-29).
- The opposition of Truth, called error, sin, sickness, disease, death, is the false testimony of false material sense, of mind in matter (1, 108:24-26).

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**“Christian Science” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.**

- Jesus helped reconcile people to God by giving a truer sense of love that redeems from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of the Spirit (1, 24:27-28).
- Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man’s oneness with the Father (1, 18:3-4).
- The power of the crucifixion lay in the practical perfection and goodness it demonstrated for humanity (1, 24:27-28).
- Atonement is the example of humanity’s unity with God (1, 18:1-2).
- One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin (1, 23:3-4).
- The way to escape the misery of sin is to stop sinning. There is no other way (1, 327:12-13).

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**“Christian Science” Teachings about - SALVATION.**

- The blood of Jesus had no more power to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the cross than when flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father’s business (1, 25:6-9).
- Salvation is Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed (1, 593:20-22).
- Sin, sickness, and death must be deemed as devoid of reality as they are of good, of God (1, 525:28,29).
- To get rid of sin through Science is to divert sin of any supposed mind or reality, and never to admit that sin can have intelligence or power, pain or pleasure. You conquer error by denying its reality (1, 339:28-31).
- Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration. There is but one way to heaven; harmony and Christ in Divine Science shows us this way (1, 242:9-10; 244:5).

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**“Christian Science” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.**

- Hell is “Mortal belief, error, lust, remorse, hatred, revenge, sin, sickness, death...that which worketh abomination or maketh a lie” (1, 588:1-4).
- No final judgement awaits people. The judgement day of wisdom comes hourly and continually (1, 291:28-29).
- Sin makes its own hell. and goodness its own heaven (1, 196:18-19).
- Death is an illusion, the lie of life in matter; the unreal and true (1, 584:9-10).
- The body cannot die, because matter has no life to surrender (1, 426:30-31).
- Universal salvation rests on progression and probation (1, 291:12).
- If man should not progress after death, but should remain in error, he would be inevitably self-annihilated (Misc. Writings, p.2).
“The Word of God” Teachings about - GOD.

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- Know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).
- And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:16-17).
- I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I (Isaiah 48:16).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. (John 1:1).
- His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11; see also John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

“The Word of God” Teachings about - THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth...he shall testify of me. (John 15:26).
- And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 3:16; 1 Corinthians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9, 14,16.).
**The Word of God** Teachings about - **SIN.**

- There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (1 John 1:10).
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4).
- All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death (1 John 5:17).
- Whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

**The Word of God** Teachings about - **REDEMPTION.**

- In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22).
- Having made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
- But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Hebrews 10:12,14).

**The Word of God** Teachings about - **SALVATION.**

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).
- But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).
- He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
- Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).
- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Romans 10:4).

**The Word of God** Teachings about - **AFTERLIFE.**

- For the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23).
- And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).
- It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrew 9:27).
- And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12).
- When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).
- If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell. (Mark 9:45).