

Christian Science Aptitude Test (CSAT) 2008

Your Background (5 minutes)

What grade are you in?

How long have you attended Christian Science Sunday School?

How often do you attend Sunday School?

How often do you read the lesson?

Have you ever read Science & Health straight through before?

Have you ever read parts of the Bible straight through before?

Are you a member of the Mother Church?

Have you ever read the Church Manual before?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest/most), please rate the following:

1. Your knowledge of Mary Baker Eddy: _____
2. Your knowledge of her writings: _____
3. Your knowledge of Christian Science: _____
4. Your knowledge of the Church of Christ, Scientist: _____
5. Your knowledge of the Bible: _____
6. Your ability to demonstrate Science _____
7. Your obedience to the moral code of Science _____

Could you see yourself becoming a Christian Science Nurse or Practitioner?

Describe the most significant healing you've witnessed:

The Life of Mary Baker Eddy (5 minutes)

Name the state where Mary Baker Eddy was born and raised:

What type of church did Mrs. Eddy attend as a child?

True or False: Mrs. Eddy was a “healthy” child.

How many times was Mrs. Eddy married?

What happened to her son?

Name at least one healing system Mrs. Eddy experimented with?

At roughly what age did she discover Christian Science?

What life-changing event led to her discovery of Christian Science?

After this event, how many years did Mrs. Eddy study the Bible in seclusion?

What college did she start?

What was the name of her house in Concord, NH?

Who was her longest serving secretary?

When did Mrs. Eddy pass on?

True or False: At the time of her passing, Mrs. Eddy was one of the most famous people in the world.

In your opinion, which Bible character does Mrs. Eddy most resemble? Why?

The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy (5 minutes)

When did she first publish *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures*?

How many times did she revise *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures*?

What is “the Key to the Scriptures”?

How many chapters does *Science & Health* contain?

What is the chapter titled “Fruitage” about?

Name 6 chapters other than “Fruitage”:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Name 5 books (other than *Science & Health*) which she wrote:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Name 4 of the 7 hymns she wrote the lyrics for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Name 5 of the periodicals/publications she started:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is the motto of the *Christian Science Monitor*?

Write/paraphrase the Scientific Statement of Being:

Christian Science (5 minutes)

What year was Christian Science discovered?

Christian Science is the coming of the _____ prophesied by Jesus.

A goal of Christian Science is to reinstate _____ Christianity and its
lost element of _____.

What is the symbol of Christian Science?

What 4 commands of Jesus appear around this symbol?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Who/what is the pastor of Christian Science?

What version of the Bible is read in Christian Science churches?

Who is the “Ensample” in Christian Science?

What is a Christian Science treatment?

How much does a practitioner usually charge for a treatment? \$_____

Name 7 of the synonyms Mrs. Eddy used to describe God:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

How many weekly lesson subjects are there?

Name 5 lesson subjects that are not synonyms of God:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

How does the Christian Science view of Jesus differ from other Christian denominations?

The Church of Christ, Scientist (5 minutes)

When was the Church of Christ, Scientist formed?

When was the original edifice of The Mother Church dedicated?

When was the Extension of The Mother Church dedicated?

How many seats was the Extension of The Mother Church designed to have? Why?

What is the “constitution” of The Mother Church?

Who “runs” The Mother Church?

How many Directors are there?

At what age are you able to join The Mother Church?

Every member must pay a yearly per capita tax of not less than \$_____.

When are Annual Meetings of The Mother Church held (day and month)?

How many tenets of The Mother Church are there?

Write/paraphrase the sixth tenet:

True or False: Each branch church has it’s own form of government.

What is a Committee on Publication?

What is a CSO?

What is primary class instruction? How long does it last?

What is an “association”? How often does it meet?

Write/paraphrase the “Daily Prayer” (not the Lord’s Prayer):

CSAT 2008 Answer Key

In the same way that the SAT doesn't really gauge your success in life, the CSAT doesn't gauge your success in practicing Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy says, "Mere historic incidents and personal events are frivolous and of no moment, unless they illustrate the ethics of Truth." (R&I p21) However, since most of the information can be gleaned from reading the *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures*, her other writings, the Manual, and the biographies, your performance on the CSAT is a reflection on how much time you've spent reading and studying them. Hopefully, the CSAT will help you identify what you need to study in order to live Science and discuss it more intelligently with others.

The Life of Mary Baker Eddy

Name the state where Mary Baker Eddy was born and raised: **New Hampshire**

What type of church did Mrs. Eddy attend as a child? **Congregational (R&I 13), Calvinist, Puritan**

True or False: Mrs. Eddy was a "healthy" child. **False.**

How many times was Mrs. Eddy married? **3—In 1843 she married George Washington Glover, who died of yellow fever after six months. She had his son, George Washington Glover, Jr. several months later. In 1852 she married Daniel Patterson, who she divorced in 1873 for desertion. In 1876 she married Asa "Gilbert" Eddy, who died in 1882.**

What happened to her biological son?

After George W. Glover Sr. died, Mary was sick and single, so her son was sent away and put under the care of the family nurse. She married Daniel Patterson to get back her child, but instead he was shipped to South Dakota and told that his mother was dead. They reconnected when he was 34, but they were never close.

Name at least one healing system Mrs. Eddy experimented with?

Mrs. Eddy experimented with allopathy, homeopathy, electricity, hydropathy, and magnetism trying to trace all physical effects to a mental cause (R&I 33)

At roughly what age did she discover Christian Science? **45**

What life-changing event led to her discovery of Christian Science?

She fell on the ice, sustained a life-threatening injury, and was fully restored after reading an account of Jesus' healing.

After this event, how many years did Mrs. Eddy study the Bible in seclusion? **3**

What college did she start?

Massachusetts Metaphysical College was chartered in 1881. (R&I 43)

What was the name of her house in Concord, NH? **Pleasant View**

Who was her longest serving secretary? **Calvin Frye**

When did Mrs. Eddy pass on? **1910**

True or False: At the time of her passing, Mrs. Eddy was one of the most famous people in the world. **True. The tabloids tracked her like Madonna or Princess Diana**

In your opinion, which Bible character does Mrs. Eddy most resemble? Why?

There is no one right answer...There are many parallels between Mrs. Eddy's life and that of Moses, Elisha, Samuel, Jesus, Paul, John, and others.

The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy

When did she first publish *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures*? **1875**

How many times did she revise *Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures*?

7 major revisions: 1878,1881,1883,1886,1891,1902,1907 + 100s of minor edits.

What is "the Key to the Scriptures"?

Her "scientific" interpretation of Genesis, Revelation, and other important terms from the Bible (Glossary)

How many chapters does *Science & Health* contain? **18**

What is the chapter titled "Fruitage" about?

Testimonies from people who read the book and were healed.

Name 6 chapters other than "Fruitage":

Prayer; Atonement & Eucharist; Marriage; Christian Science vs. Spiritualism; Animal Magnetism Unmasked; Science, Theology, Medicine; Physiology; Footsteps of Truth; Creation; Science of Being; Some Objections Answered; Christian Science Practice; Teaching Christian Science; Recapitulation; Genesis; The Apocalypse; Glossary

Name 5 books (other than *Science & Health*) which she wrote:

Miscellaneous Writings, Retrospection & Introspection, Unity of Good, Pulpit & Press, Rudimental Divine Science, No & Yes, Christian Science vs. Pantheism, Christian Healing, The People's Idea of God, First Church of Christ, Science and Miscellany (These are bundled together in *Prose Works*)

Name 4 of the 7 hymns she wrote the lyrics for:

1. **Christmas Morn (Blest Christmas morn) 23-28**
2. **Love (Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing) 30-32**
3. **Satisfied (It matters not what be thy lot) 160-162**
4. **Mother's Evening Prayer (O gentle presence) 207-212**
5. **Christ My Refuge (O'er waiting harpstrings) 253-257**
6. **Communion Hymn (Saw ye my Savior?) 298-302**
7. **Feed My Sheep (Shepherd show me) 304-309**

Name 5 of the periodicals/publications she started:

1. **Journal**
2. **Sentinel**
3. **Herald**
4. **Monitor**
5. **Quarterly**

What is the motto of the Christian Science Monitor?

To injure no man, but to bless all mankind

Write/paraphrase the Scientific Statement of Being:

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

Christian Science

What year was Christian Science discovered? **1866**

Christian Science is the coming of the **Comforter** prophesied by Jesus.

A goal of Christian Science is to reinstate **primitive** Christianity and its lost element of **healing**.

What is the symbol of Christian Science?

Cross and crown (can't have the crown without the cross)

What 4 commands of Jesus appear around this symbol?

Heal the Sick, Raise the Dead, Cleanse the Lepers, Cast out Demons

Who/what is the pastor of Christian Science? *The Bible and Science & Health*

What version of the Bible is read in Christian Science churches? **King James Version**

Who is the “Ensample” of Christian Science? **Christ Jesus (Manual Article VII Sect 3)**

What is a Christian Science treatment?

There is no one right answer. I’d describe it as the affirmation/realization of Truth in our consciousness, which dispels the false claims of the material senses. MBE described it to a reporter as “absolute acknowledgement of present perfect.”

How much does a practitioner usually charge for a treatment?

It is up to each practitioner. I’ve seen from \$20-\$100 per treatment.

Name 7 of the synonyms Mrs. Eddy used to describe God:

There are many, including Life, Truth, Love, Soul, Spirit, Principle, Mind, Father-Mother, the sustaining infinite, etc...

How many weekly lesson subjects are there? **26—each is repeated twice per year**

Name 5 lesson subjects that are not synonyms of God:

Christ Jesus; Man; Substance; Matter; Reality; Unreality; Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?; Probation After Death; Everlasting Punishment; Adam & Fallen Man; Mortals and Immortals; Soul & Body; Ancient & Modern Necromancy...Denounced; God the Only Cause and Creator; God the Preserver of Man; Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?; Christian Science; God; Sacrament;

How does the Christian Science view of Jesus differ from other Christian denominations?

Most Christian churches believe in the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost combined in one Godhead. So Jesus is God, and they when say they are praying to God, they mean Jesus. This concept of the Trinity was developed in the 4th Century as a compromise solution to the debate over whether or not Jesus was God, and Mrs. Eddy rejected it. She defines Christ as “the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error” and Jesus as “the highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea, rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light man's immortality.”

They also believe that God created Adam in His image and likeness but that he “fell” by committing original sin, and that Jesus’ crucifixion redeemed all that are baptized vicariously.

The Church of Christ, Scientist

When was the Church of Christ, Scientist formed? **1879**

When was the original edifice of The Mother Church dedicated? **1895**

When was the Extension of The Mother Church dedicated? **1906**

How many seats are in the Extension of The Mother Church? **Originally designed to seat 5000 with unobstructed views of the platform—same number as the multitudes that Jesus fed.**

What is the “constitution” of The Mother Church? **The Manual**

Who “runs” The Mother Church? **The Board of Directors**

How many Directors are there? **5**

At what age are you able to join The Mother Church? **12**

Every member must pay a yearly per capita tax of not less than **\$1**.

When are Annual Meetings of The Mother Church held (day and month)?
Monday following the first Sunday of June

How many tenets of The Mother Church are there? **6**

Write/paraphrase the sixth tenet:

And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

What is a Committee on Publication?

According to Article XXXIII of the Manual, the Committee is a person whose duty is to “correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals, or circulated literature of any sort.” A Committee also deals with legislative affairs at the State and National levels.

What is a C.S.O.?

According to Article XXIII, Section 8 of the Manual, “members in good standing with The Mother Church, who are members of the faculty, instructors, or students in any university or college, can form and conduct a Christian Science organization...”

What is primary class instruction? How long does it last?

A two-week class taught by a sanctioned teacher (C.S.B.) based on the chapter called Recapitulation in Science & Health

What is an “association”? How often does it meet?

An association is the students of a teacher, which gather once per year, for another day of instruction

Write/paraphrase the “Daily Prayer” (not the Lord’s Prayer):

“Thy kingdom come;” let the reign of Divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!