

Mind Sciences: A Select Annotated Bibliography

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A. General Works on the Mind Sciences

Note: Mind science writers often use the term *New Thought* in reference to all mind sciences.

1. Books Supporting the Mind Sciences

Mosley, Glenn R. *New Thought, Ancient Wisdom: The History and Future of the New Thought Movement*. West Conshohocken, NJ: Templeton Foundation Press, 2006. Provides an overview of the movement, though clearly emphasizing the Fillmores and Unity.

The Prosperity Bible: Landmark Writings on the Incredible Prospering Power of the Human Mind. New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher, 2007. An anthology of books from such notables as Ralph Waldo Trine, Charles Fillmore, Emmet Fox, Ernest Holmes, and Napoleon Hill, along with non-mind science thinkers like Benjamin Franklin.

Seale, Ervin. *Mingling Minds: Phineas Parkhurst Quimby's Science of Health & Happiness*. Camarillo, CA: DeVorss, 1997. Study of Quimby, from whom Mary Baker Eddy took much of her "revelation" of Christian Science.

2. Websites Supporting the Mind Sciences

Internet Sacred Text Archive: New Thought

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/nth/index.htm>

Texts of books by Eddy, Hill, Holmes, Quimby, Trine, et. al.

New Thought Library (free mind science books in the public domain)

<http://newthoughtlibrary.com/>

3. Books Critiquing the Mind Sciences

Ehrenborg, Todd. *Mind Sciences: Christian Science, Religious Science, Unity School of Christianity*. Zondervan Guide to Cults and Religious Movements. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Meyer, Donald E. *The Positive Thinkers: Religion as Pop Psychology from Mary Baker Eddy to Oral Roberts*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1980. Chronicles the history of positive thinking in American religion; several of the thinkers profiled here are mind scientists.

B. Christian Science

1. Books Supporting Christian Science

Eddy, Mary Baker. *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Boston: Christian Science Publishing, 2006. Originally published in 1875. The entire book can be read online or downloaded as a [PDF document](#).

Gill, Gillian. *Mary Baker Eddy*. Radcliffe Biography Series. Cambridge: Perseus Books, 1998. Sympathetic biography by a non-Christian Scientist, emphasizing Eddy as an early feminist.

Gottschalk, Stephen. *The Emergence of Christian Science in American Religious Life*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1973.

_____. *Rolling Away the Stone: Mary Baker Eddy's Challenge to Materialism. Religion in North America*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2005.

Terrell, Karen Molenaar. *Blessings: Adventures of a Madcap Christian Scientist*. BookSurge, 2005. Humorous anecdotes and reflections by the self-described "Lucy Ricardo of Christian Science."

2. Websites Supporting Christian Science

Christian Science (official website)

<http://christianscience.com/>

Includes a study resource (for sale) called [Concord](#) that provides access to a large library of Christian Science books

The First Church of Christ, Scientist

<http://www.tfccs.com/>

Official website of the "Mother Church" in Boston

3. Books Critiquing Christian Science

Fraser, Caroline. *God's Perfect Child: Living and Dying in the Christian Science Church*. With a new Afterword. New York: Henry Holt, 2000. Former Christian Scientist's well-received historical study of Christian Science and the issue of faith healing.

Gardner, Martin. *The Healing Revelations of Mary Baker Eddy: The Rise and Fall of Christian Science*. Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1993. By a well-known skeptic.

Hoekema, Anthony A. *Christian Science*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963. Written by an astute evangelical theologian. Also part of his book, *The Four Major Cults*.

Kramer, Linda S. *The Religion that Kills: Christian Science: Abuse, Neglect, and Mind Control*. Lafayette, LA: Huntington House, 2000. Controversial book in which former Christian Scientist who came to faith in Christ argues that Christian Science exhibits eight marks of mind control identified by Robert Jay Lifton. An appendix presents a useful comparison of Christian Science with biblical Christianity.

Schoepflin, Rennie B. *Christian Science on Trial: Religious Healing in America*. Medicine, Science, and Religion in Historical Context. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003. Attempts an even-handed, historical analysis.

4. Websites Critiquing Christian Science

Branch, Craig. "Christian Science." Watchman Fellowship Profile, 1997.
<http://www.watchman.org/Profile/ChrSciProfile.htm>

Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry (CARM). Several online articles on aspects of Christian Science.
<http://www.carm.org/christian-science>

Christian Way (former Christian Scientists, now evangelical Christians)
<http://www.christianway.org/>

C. Divine Science

Fox, Emmet. *Diagrams for Living: The Bible Unveiled*. New York: Harper & Row, 1968.

Posthumously published book providing instruction for reading the Bible esoterically.

_____. *Power through Constructive Thinking*. New York: HarperCollins, 2009. Originally published in 1932. Fox may have been the pastor of America's first megachurch; he had over five thousand attending his Divine Science church during the Depression.

_____. *The Sermon on the Mount: The Key to Success in Life*. New York: HarperCollins, 1989. Orig. 1934. An enormously popular book that continues to sell well today.

D. New Thought

1. Books

Anderson, C. Alan, and Deborah G. Whitehouse. *New Thought: A Practical American Spirituality*. Rev. ed. Bloomington, IN: 1st Books Library, 2003.

Braden, Charles S. *Spirits in Rebellion: The Rise and Development of New Thought*. Southern Methodist University Press, 1963.

Hopkins, Emma Curtis. *Scientific Christian Mental Practice*. New York: Cosimo, 2007. Orig. pub. 1888. One of several books written by Hopkins, an influential teacher whose students included several mind-science leaders (the Fillmores, Holmes, Cady).

_____. *High Mysticism*. New York: Cosimo, 2007. Orig. pub. 1888. Hopkins's more advanced treatment of New Thought.

2. Websites

New Thought Movement Home Page
<http://websyte.com/Alan/>

Emma Curtis Hopkins

<http://www.emmacurtishopkins.com>

Emma Curtis Hopkins (website has links to web pages for many other mind science writers)

<http://emmacurtishopkins.wwwhubs.com>

E. Science of Mind/Religious Science

Cole-Whittaker, Terry. *What You Think of Me Is None of My Business*. New York: Jove Books, 1979.

Holmes, Ernest S. *The Bible in the Light of Religious Science*. New York: R. M. McBride, 1929. Reprinted as *The Hidden Power of the Bible*. New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher, 2006. Selections from the Bible, followed by commentary by Holmes.

_____. *Living the Science of Mind*. Camarillo, CA: DeVorss, 1984. A simplified summary of his textbook *The Science of Mind*.

_____. *The Science of Mind*. Radford, VA: Wilder Publications, 2007. A reprint of the first edition of what was arguably the most sophisticated “bible” of the mind-science tradition.

_____. *The Science of Mind*. 35th ed. New York: Dodd, Mead, 1938, 1978. 50th anniversary ed., New York: G. P. Putnam’s Sons, 1988. The definitive edition.

_____. *This Thing Called You*. New York: Dodd, Mead, 1948. Reprint, New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher, 2004, 2007.

F. Unity (Unity Church, Unity School of Christianity)

1. Books

Cady, H. Emilie. *Complete Works of H. Emilie Cady*. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 2004.

Three books by Cady, including his bestselling book *Lessons in Truth: A Course of Twelve Lessons in Practical Christianity*.

Fillmore, Charles. *The Essential Charles Fillmore*. With commentary by James Gaither. Charles Fillmore Reference Library. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1999.

_____. *Prosperity*. Unity Classic Library. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1936. One of several editions of this popular book by the co-founder of Unity.

_____. *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*. Charles Fillmore Reference Library. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 2000. Bible dictionary that gives esoteric definitions or explanations of the significance of Bible places, names, etc.

2. Websites Supporting Unity

Internet Sacred Text Archive: Unity

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/nth/unity/index.htm>

Unity books by Cady and the Fillmores

Unity (official website)

<http://www.unity.org>

3. Websites Critiquing Unity

Gibson, Keith. "[Unity School of Christianity](#)." Apologetics Resource Center, 2005.