



Inspiration

The following excerpt is from "[The importance of the Reading Room](#)" by Richard Bergenheim (*The Christian Science Journal*, [November 1994](#)):

Have you ever considered the fact that a Christian Science Reading Room exists to alert the community that human experience does not exist in a realm separate from God's government? A Reading Room can be thought of as the leaven of Truth and Love at work, permeating the neighborhood with a sense of Christ's new appearing, bringing healing and order to every aspect of human life. (Of course, it isn't the Reading Room that does this, but the prayer of those manning it and supporting it!) Christ, Truth, reveals that the human and the divine actually coincide. Jesus and later his disciples began their ministry by preaching ". . . the kingdom of God is at hand." The Reading Room is a place where this evangelical work continues within the world today.

The belief that there is a disconnection between human experience and the Divine can result in much effort to establish a connection that already exists. Conscious being, like a pool produced by a spring, is the product of Soul, Spirit. The union between Soul and man is permanent and unalterable. The true nature and character of man are defined by Soul, God, who sustains man's existence. Consider the spring and the pool. If the spring stopped, the pool inevitably would go dry. The immortal activity of Soul prevents man from going dry. Whenever we look back at the source and cause of our being, we see the glory, power, perfection, majesty, and godness of God, and then we realize, as Jesus revealed, that all this—the kingdom of God—constitutes the actual substance of our lives, even in what we call human experience.

If you would like to read other articles about Reading Rooms, visit the "[Inspiration](#)" section of the "[Reading Room resources](#)" page and click on "Related articles on JSH-Online."

We want to hear from you! How have members of your church and Reading Room staff been praying in support of the healing activity of your Reading Room? Please send your submissions to: opendoors@csps.com.

Annual Meeting 2021

You're warmly invited to join Annual Meeting 2021 online through a live video webcast on Monday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. eastern time.

The message, "Grace to go forward," from our beloved *Christian Science Hymnal* (No. 278) inspired the theme we're exploring this year.

Officers of The Mother Church will share their reports, as well as healing reports from the Field. We're grateful to share that live, simultaneous interpretation in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish will be offered.

The tender presence of the Christ will unite us in one loving embrace, in our homes, churches, and communities.

To watch the Annual Meeting invitation video and for more details, please visit:

ChristianScience.com/AnnualMeeting

A shipping update

Orders will now be shipped through Mail Innovations as the new default shipping method when calling or emailing us to place your order. We are making this change to streamline shipping rates across both our online shop platform and orders that come in via phone and email. Mail Innovations is a combination of UPS and USPS services – the package will begin its journey via UPS, but when it gets to your area, it will be delivered via USPS to you. (International orders will have their shipments delivered as/from UPS to customs and will be picked up/moved forward through their local post/mail from there).

Domestic Reading Rooms will see significant shipping cost savings and the \$5.00 handling fee is no longer assessed. In addition, you may see your packages arrive a bit sooner than anticipated. International shipping rates remain unchanged.

If you have any challenges with this new shipping method, please be in touch at opendoors@csps.com.

From Journal, Sentinel, and Herald

Have you signed up for the *Christian Science Sentinel* email newsletter?

The online *Christian Science Sentinel* is free for a limited time. Sign up for our free email newsletter to learn of timely new content and receive special messages from the editors that prayerfully address pressing world events. This healing content spiritually empowers your response to individual and global challenges. Sign up at cssentinel.com/signup, and share this link with your church members, Reading Room visitors, and communities, so they can join, too.

Thank you for your support of the new Shop!

Your support of the new Shop since its launch on November 2 has been wonderful, and we're grateful. We're thrilled with how many of you are already using the Shop to place your orders. We're learning and refining along the way and want to be sure that you're coming along with us.

Shopping/ Promotional Materials

- **NEW Planning ahead:** If you have the Shop bookmarked in your web browser and you haven't already, please update the bookmark to reflect the new URL (shop.christianscience.com) as the redirects from the former shop's URL will stop working in June.
- As you're shopping, PLEASE DO NOT PLACE any Reading Room orders without logging into your account. Checking out as a guest will treat you as a retail customer even if you have an established wholesale account. **If you need to have your Wholesale account set up, please be in touch by emailing shop@christianscience.com so that we can review the account creation guidelines for Reading Rooms with you.**
- As a reminder, if you need to have your orders billed to an invoice, you need to please email (csrrcustserv@cdfsfulfillment) or call in your orders at this time until this feature is built in the new Shop. This is also true if you need to adjust your continuity orders in any way. Call: 1-800-877-8400 in the US and Canada, and +1 515-362-7463 outside of the US Monday through Friday, 9AM-5:30PM ET.
- **Please be aware:** Presently, you will be able to see single copies of pamphlets, in addition to the customary 3-packs. Please order carefully. There's not a Wholesale price for the single pamphlets.

Similarly, you will be able to see all of the digital products. Please be sure that you're ordering the product that you want (digital or physical) by reviewing the product descriptions.

- **Update:** Due to your feedback and interest, promotional materials will permanently reside in a Dropbox folder separate from the new shop. [Here it is](#). Here's a [tutorial video](#) about how to use the Dropbox.

Shop Support in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish

We're so pleased to let you know that the checkout pages in the Shop have been translated into French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish to support our worldwide customers better.

EVENTS

Reading Room Webinars

You're invited to our upcoming webinars:

May 6, 2021 – A discussion about "exhibit" - (Man. Article XXI, Sect 3)

[Register here](#)

June 17, 2021 – Inspiration and activity in small Reading Rooms

[Register here](#)

June 24, 2021 – Show and tell all about window displays. From prayer to finished display

[Register here](#)

If you have a suggestion for a webinar topic, please send it to: opendoors@csp.com.

In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays

[Introducing the new Reading Room Resources page](#)

[All about Bible Lesson translations](#)

[Innovation in Reading Room Activities during lockdown](#)

[All About Concord](#)

[The Christian Science Monitor and your Reading Room](#)

[Christ Healing in Reading Rooms](#)

[The translation of Mary Baker Eddy's Writings: A discussion with the Office of the Publisher's Agent](#)

[Reading Room window displays](#)

[A conversation with General Publications and Introduction to *Stories of Healing*](#)

[Introducing the new online shop experience](#)

[Inspiration while working in a Reading Room](#)

[Introducing the Chinese *Science and Health* draft manuscripts](#) – NEW: [Chinese language resources handout](#)

[Speaking about and sharing Christian Science generously](#)

[Building bridges to the community with Twitter](#)

[Reading Room activities over Zoom](#)

Zoom calls with Librarians

We are continuing with our weekly Zoom calls to engage with all of you and support your Reading Room activities. Feel free to join the call(s) that best suit(s) your schedule.

May 6 at 3 pm EDT

May 13 at 9 am EDT

May 20 at 8 pm EDT

May 27 at 8 am EDT

Here's the Zoom link to join (no registration required): <https://christianscience.zoom.us/j/6174502425> or call: 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID 617 450 2425 followed by #.

From the Mary Baker Eddy Library



The April episode of [Seekers and Scholars](#) is now available!

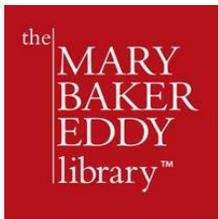
Episode 52: Jean Stapleton and the spiritual dimensions of "All in the Family"

Fifty years have passed since the debut of the revolutionary sitcom *All in the Family*. This episode examines its impact on American television culture. We'll explore the pivotal role of Edith Bunker, as portrayed by actor Jean Stapleton, discussing in particular the ways she brought to those performances a spiritual commitment tied to her Christian Science faith.

Guests include Jim Cullen, author of the recently published *Those Were the Days: Why All in the Family Still Matters*, and Steve Graham, author of an article on Jean Stapleton in The Mary Baker Eddy Library's "Women of History" series.

Read more: [Women of History: Jean Stapleton](#)

Follow [Seekers and Scholars](#), The Mary Baker Eddy Library's monthly podcast series. It features interviews with people who are exploring the many and diverse ways Mary Baker Eddy's ideas and lifework have influenced our world. Episodes are available on our [website](#), or you can subscribe through [Apple Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever you normally get your podcasts.



As always, if you or your visitors have questions about Mary Baker Eddy or the history of the Christian Science movement, you can submit them to our researchers at research@mbelibrary.org or by using the [form on our website](#)

Here are some of the Library's latest research articles:

From the Papers: Work and parenting in 1885

Much as we see today, women who began Christian Science healing practices after studying with Mary Baker Eddy had to balance the many demands of work and family. Read about their challenges and triumphs.

From the Collections: New research on a well-known testimony

We're often asked about the authenticity of Adrienne Vinciguerra's wartime experiences—including her account of walking away from a Nazi prisoner-of-war camp after beginning a study of Christian Science. But are those accounts accurate? Here's the latest we've learned from archival records and other available information.

[Ask a Researcher: Did Mary Baker Eddy write "Evil is not Power"?](#)

Explore a foundational topic in Christian Science. Learn how and why it became a widely distributed leaflet.

Read about current activities at The Mary Baker Eddy Library in our monthly [newsletter](#). You can get it directly by subscribing [here](#).

NEW PRODUCTS

NEW: *Stories of Healing: Jesus and his Followers* Study Resource

A free, downloadable PDF that connects the book's accounts of healing with corresponding Bible citations. The PDF will be available for download in the online Shop later in May.

Stories of Healing: Jesus and his Followers



Stories of Healing is a thorough study tool that shows the vitality and relevance of Christ-healing today. Complete with retellings of Jesus and his followers' healings from the Bible, a special section of recent healings, as well as definitions, maps, historically informed full-color illustrations, bibliography, and an index.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price	Suggested Retail Price
Stories of Healing: Jesus and His Followers	G500B52642EN	\$25.00(USD)	\$39.99(USD)

NEW: 2020 Bound Volumes

The 2020 Bound Volumes are available to order now with immediate shipping.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price
2020 Journal Bound Volume	J850B20201EN	\$145.00 (USD)
2020 Sentinel Bound Volume, Pt. 1	S850B20201EN	\$107.50 (USD)
2020 Sentinel Bound Volume, Pt. 2	S850B20202EN	\$107.50 (USD)

NEW: Joseph and His Brothers in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish

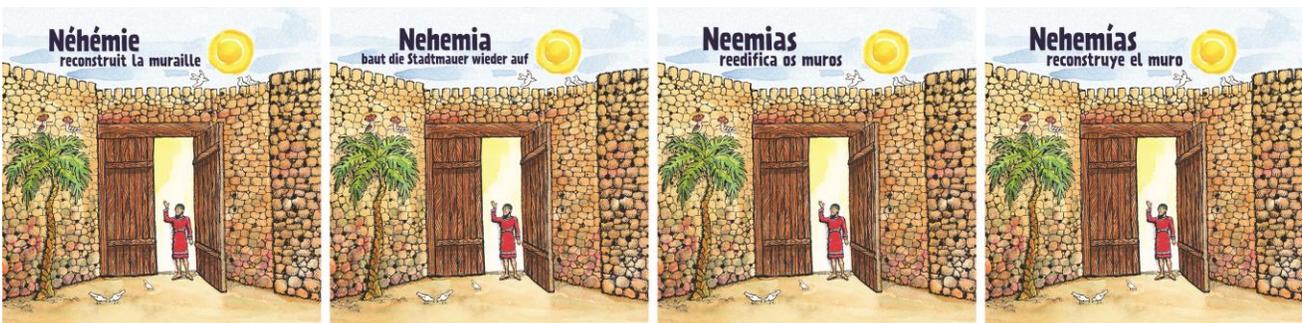


Coming soon: *Joseph and His Brothers* recounts Joseph’s steadfast obedience to God and forgiveness of others’ misdeeds. Joseph proved true brotherliness by demonstrating that love triumphs over hate. Available in Portuguese for the first time ever, the French, German, and Spanish translations of Jean Horton Berg’s accessible retelling have also been thoroughly revised.

This classic Bible story continues to hold invaluable lessons about protection and obedience to God. These books will be available on the Shop and for call in orders in mid-May.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price	Suggested Retail Price
<i>Joseph et ses frères</i> (French)	G500B51052FR	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<i>Josef und seine Brüder</i> (German)	G500B51053GE	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<i>José e seus irmãos</i> (Portuguese)	G500B51054PG	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<i>José y sus hermanos</i> (Spanish)	G500B51055SP	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)

NEW: Nehemiah Builds the Wall in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish



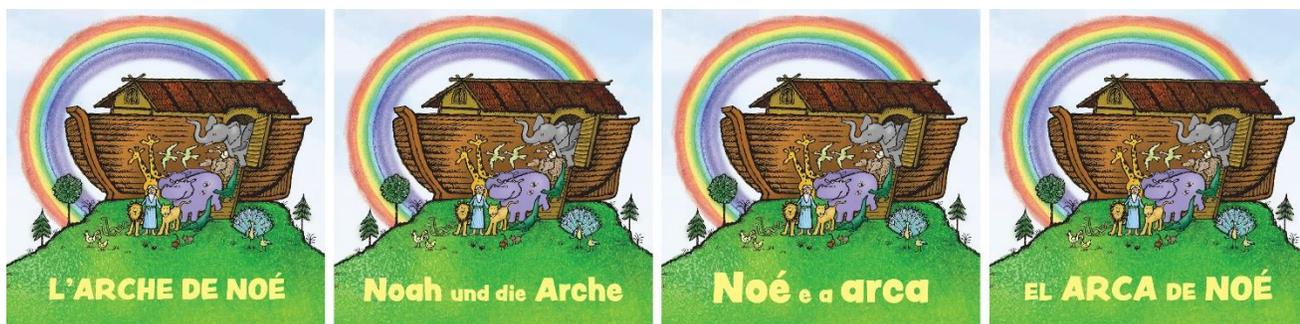
We are pleased to announce new translations of this much-loved children’s book. As retold by Jean Horton Berg, *Nehemiah Builds the Wall* recounts a great leader who loved God and cared about his people. Children will come away from this story with an appreciation for Nehemiah’s faithfulness and persistence.

Available to order now with immediate shipping.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price	Suggested Retail Price
<u>Néhémie reconstruit la muraille</u> (French)	G500B51024FR	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>Nehemia baut die Stadtmauer wieder auf</u> (German)	G500B51025GE	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>Neemias reedifica os muros</u> (Portuguese)	G500B51026PG	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>Nehemías reconstruye el muro</u> (Spanish)	G500B51027SP	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)

CURRENT PRODUCTS

Noah and the Ark in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish



Available this Christmas: *Noah and the Ark*, faithfully retold by Jean Horton Berg, is now available in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. This classic Bible story tells the story in a lighthearted, rhythmic way that is appealing to young children.

This colorfully illustrated book is a great way to introduce children to this story about finding safety through trust in God. Available to order now with immediate shipping.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price	Suggested Retail Price
<u>L'arche de Noé</u> (French)	G500B51016FR	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>Noah und die Arche</u> (German)	G500B51017GE	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>Noé e a arca</u> (Portuguese)	G500B51018PG	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)
<u>El Arca de Noé</u> (Spanish)	G500B51019SP	\$7.00(USD)	\$9.99(USD)

Timely Collections



In response to the global pandemic, the Christian Science Publishing Society has created a new collection—*Free from Contagion*. Five articles, written by Kevin Graunke, Ivimy Gwalter, Judith Hedrick, Bea Roegge and Paul Stark Seeley, address the topic with practical and powerful messages of healing and comfort.

The collection is available—free of charge—as a printer-friendly PDF on ChristianScience.com. Simultaneously available in 5 languages, each language has a unique landing page:

- English: <https://christianscience.com/free-from-contagion>
- French: <https://christianscience.com/libre-de-toute-contagion>
- German: <https://christianscience.com/frei-von-ansteckung>
- Portuguese: <https://christianscience.com/imunidade-ao-contagio>
- Spanish: <https://christianscience.com/libre-de-contagio>

It is also offered for sale as a print pamphlet in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. Available to order now with immediate shipping.

Name	Product Number	Reading Room Price	Suggested Retail Price
Free from Contagion (3-pk) (English)	G450B51002EN	\$9.75(USD)	\$5.75(USD)
Free from Contagion (French)	G450B51003FR	\$4.50(USD)	\$5.75(USD)
Free from Contagion (German)	G450B51004GE	\$4.50(USD)	\$5.75(USD)
Free from Contagion (Portuguese)	G450B51005PG	\$4.50(USD)	\$5.75(USD)
Free from Contagion (Spanish)	G450B51006SP	\$4.50(USD)	\$5.75(USD)

Discontinued Products

Name	Product Number
Hymn Sing Starter Kit	G875D52203EN
Tributes from the Press: Editorial Comments on the Life and Work of Mary Baker Eddy	G750B73464EN
Let's Sing CD	G425A50773EN

DISPLAY AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

From *The Christian Science Monitor*

A Monitor Webinar: **How a teen confronts discrimination and inequality one book at a time.**

<https://youtu.be/kyGHLxx1FZk>

In his early comments in the event, *Monitor* editor Mark Sappenfield, called it, "a master class in humanity." This event reveals how the good Samaritans of the world today take action. This person is quite impressive! She is very articulate about giving, loving, and not judging even when being a woman and a Muslim in Indian means she is often judged.

This recording could be is a great item with which to host a viewing and discussion group. You and your participants might find it very inspiring. Monitor subscribers receive invitations to join these events live.

Display Resources

Approved Providers Program

Easy, affordable, and convenient! Approved Providers offer a wide range of services to help you with your window display needs.

- Have an idea for a Reading Room or Sunday School poster? An Approved Provider will work with you to create something special.
- Need a display and a vinyl banner for a Reading Room booth at an upcoming event? An Approved Provider is happy to help you!
- Want to easily print CSPS-produced promotional materials? An Approved Provider can ship them to you in just a few days!
- Interested in even more posters? Approved Providers sell a wide range of original posters on their websites.
- Want professional looking windows? An Approved Provider will work with you to create a unified window display.
- Need recommendations for poster and banner holders? An Approved Provider can help you with this too!

To contact an Approved Provider please see their information below.

[Convenient Posters](#)

[Lyn Drake of Inspired Designs](#)

[Christian Science Reading Room Displays \(Marguerite Becker\)](#) (Marguerite produces digital window displays only.)

[Melissa Johnson of MAJ Products](#) (Melissa is located in Melbourne, Australia)

To inquire about applying to become an Approved Provider, or if you have questions about this program, please email approvedprovider@csp.com.

QUICK LINKS

<u>Product List</u>	<u>Promotional Products List</u>
<u>Discontinued List</u>	<u>All Things Reading Room Forum</u>
<u>Image request form</u>	<u>Monitor Special Events Order Form</u>
<u>Instagram</u> (christianscience.com)	<u>Facebook</u> (christianscience.com)

Customer Service

Customer Service will be closed May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

- **Visit** the Reading Room Resource Center at <http://christianscience.com/readingrooms>.
- **Ordering information:** <http://www.christianscience.com/member-resources/reading-room-resources/ordering-and-product-information>.
- **Product orders and questions; account and billing questions:** csrrcustserv@cdsfulfillment.com 1-800-877-8400 (US/CAN) or +1-515-362-7463 (outside US/CAN), Monday–Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm EDT (Boston time).
- **General questions:** Email: OpenDoors@csps.com or call 1-617-450-2790, Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:15 pm, Eastern time (Boston time).

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