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Inspiration

from the Jointly-Maintained Reading Room in Seattle, Washington, United States

We had two visitors this afternoon, one after the other. The first, a man from Manchester, England and the second, a woman from Mexico City. There are a couple of medical conferences in Seattle this week. The first was a research scientist studying alcohol syndrome in young children, and a dedicated Christian. The second was a doctor with some Christian background who believed that healing comes from "the heart" and is not done by a doctor. By "heart" she was referring to Spirit, God. Both are looking for the healing that comes from God and both purchased S&H (English and Spanish versions). They were both given a March *Journal* showing the churches and RRs in their area. When the doctor from Mexico City walked in, she immediately picked up *Science and Health* with both hands and said, "this is what I'm looking for." She'd had a teacher, either in medical school or elsewhere, who had told her of ideas in *Science and Health* and recommended the book. She also purchased the Healing pamphlet and the Prayer for the Big Children in Spanish for her 3-year-old son. She was given a *Herald* and last month's Spanish full text. She's going to look up the Mexico City church and Reading Room when she gets home. So grateful for these earnest and thoughtful conversations and to witness Christ speaking to human consciousness and guiding seekers to our Reading Rooms.

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We'd love to hear from you, too! Send us your photos of the activities/events that your Reading Room sponsors/participates in. We'll be glad to feature you here. Send in your fruitage to: opendoors@csps.com

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To find more inspiration, please visit the inspirational articles section on the <u>Reading Room Resources</u> page of christianscience.com. The inspirational articles, which are a mix of current and older articles, are found about halfway down the page. They get refreshed monthly.

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.

Free Shipping on Reading Room orders and other important announcements

As announced in February, starting on April 1, 2024, all Reading Room orders, placed with standard shipping, will enjoy no shipping fees. This will happen automatically whether you place your Reading Room orders in the Christian Science Online Shop or whether you call or email them in. This universally applies to both domestic and international orders. If you need your order expedited, you will be responsible for shipping fees.

A gentle reminder for Reading Rooms outside of the United States – while we do our best with labeling our shipments, occasionally, they are held in customs and a nominal fee is required to release them. Customs holds do seem to be a little inconsistent, despite consistency with labeling. We're hopeful, though, that the subsidization of shipping fees by The Mother Church helps if your church experiences the need to retrieve a parcel from customs.

Be on the lookout for **two communications coming to your attention**. If you haven't gotten it already, please be on the lookout for a survey asking about your Reading Room activity. Your thoughtful and prayer-filled answers to the questions will help us prioritize the several Reading Room initiatives that are currently underway to support your activity.

Additionally, please look for a communication coming the week of April 22 which will be about the samples program initiative. This important communication will also have the link to the opt-in form for you to fill out if your Reading Room would like to participate in this program.

We'd love to share your Reading Room photos during Annual Meeting weekend. Let's all inspire each other! If you'd like to participate, please <a href="mailto:emailto:

NEW PRODUCTS

NEW PRODUCT: French authorized Bible now in large-print

We are pleased to announce readers can now purchase the authorized French Bible (*Louis Segond, 1910*) in a large-print edition. Two sizes of this Bible are available now!

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
La Sainte Bible: Louis Segond 1910	P050B34604FR	\$30.00(USD)	\$30.00(USD)

NEW PRODUCT: Spanish authorized Bible now in large-print, paperback

We are pleased to announce readers can now purchase the authorized Spanish Bible (*Reina-Valera 1960*) as a large-print, paperback, in addition to the hardcover edition. Both are available now!

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Santa Biblia, Reina-Valera 1960	P050B34605SP	\$27.00(USD)	\$27.00(USD)

NEW: Bible quotation cards in Iluko and Filipino

We are pleased to announce several Bible quotation cards in Iluko and Filipino. Each card contains the non-English Bible text on the front with the English on the back.

Name	Product number	Format	Reading Room price	Suggested retail price (per item)
Dagiti Salmo 23 (Psalm 23) (Iluko)	G475B51172IL	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
Dagiti Salmo 91 (Psalm 91) (Iluko)	G475B51173IL	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
Awit 23 (Psalm 23) (Filipino)	G475B51174FP	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
Awit 91 (Psalm 91) (Filipino)	G475B51175FP	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)

NEW: Japanese pamphlets and cards

We are pleased to announce a new pamphlet and several cards in Japanese

Name	Product number	Format	Reading Room price	Suggested retail price (per item)
聖書の意義 (The Significance of the Bible)	G450B51223JA	Pamphlet (5-pack)	\$15.00(USD)	\$4.99(USD)
キリスト教科学の教義 (The Tenets)	P150G34612JA	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
メリー・ベーカー・エディに よる霊的解釈付き主の祈り (The Lord's Prayer with its Spiritual Interpretation by Mary Baker Eddy)	P150G34613JA	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
<u>詩篇23篇</u> (Psalm 23)	G475B51170JA	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)
<u>詩篇91篇</u> (Psalm 91)	G475B51171JA	Card (10-pack)	\$17.50(USD)	\$2.50(USD)

CURRENT PRODUCTS

Product Discontinuation

We are sold out of *Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version* (G925B50980EN), and the publisher has discontinued the product.

From Concord

Concord now requires an email and password to use Concord Guest Access. This change to Guest Access provides users with greater security and privacy each time they use Concord.

To continue accessing Concord in your Reading Room, follow these steps:

- Visit concord.christianscience.com
- Click the Log In/Create Free Account button
- Log in or create a free account

You have the option to subscribe at a limited-time discounted annual rate or continue with a free Read-only account. (A Read-only account includes the same features available through Guest Access. No payment method is required, unless you'd like to subscribe.)

If using a free account, Reading Rooms should continue to maintain customers' privacy by ensuring that visitors log out and log back in after each use to clear the search data.

If you need additional assistance using Concord or have questions, please send us an email at concord@csps.com.

Now available in Concord: search Science and Health in four languages

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy is now available in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish within Concord.

You are welcome to add one or more of these languages to an existing Concord account, free of charge at least through 2024 while the language feature is in a beta stage. You can make these updates in the account settings.

This project represents the first time that individuals who are native speakers of one of these languages will be able to digitally search the Christian Science textbook in their own language. A tester of the program who serves as a First Reader in South America commented, "It is a fantastic source for our readings!!"

To learn how to use and access these languages, you're invited to watch the replays of the language-specific webinars that were held in March and April.

- French Replay: <u>concord.sciencechretienne.com</u>
- German Replay: concord.christlichewissenschaft.com
- Portuguese Replay: <u>concord.ciencia-crista.com</u>
- Spanish Replay: <u>concord.cienciacristiana.com</u>

Please use the links above to watch the webinar of your choice.

If you would like to order in-language cards to share about Concord in French, German, Portuguese or Spanish in your Reading Room, please use the following links:

Name	Product number	Format	Reading Room price
French Concord Card	P200C34616FR	Card (5-pack)	\$0.00(USD)
German Concord Card	P200C34618GE	Card (5-pack)	\$0.00(USD)
Portuguese Concord Card	P200C34619PG	Card (5-pack)	\$0.00(USD)
Spanish Concord Card	P200C34617SP	Card (5-pack)	\$0.00(USD)

A special project from *The Christian Science Monitor*

Rebuilding trust: How we find the confidence that drives renewal

How can your Christian Science Reading Room help your community build trust in a polarized world? Whether praying about upcoming elections, global wars, or even local unity, consider sharing *The Christian Science Monitor's* new series, "Rebuilding trust," with your community.

Beginning in February, *The Christian Science Monitor* will expand on its unique, values-based approach to the news with a closer look at the value of trust and how it brings a new sense of connection and hope to help us find common ground in a divided world.

"Rebuilding trust" began February 1 with 2-3 articles per week highlighting trust. Articles are featured in the Weekly, Daily, and at CSMonitor.com.

A Reading Room press kit, which includes supporting promotional materials (fact sheet, flyer, poster, and more), will be available in the coming weeks. This press kit will be added to the Reading Room Dropbox for you to share with your community in creative ways.

Thank you for your support in sharing *The Christian Science Monitor* with your community.

Resources to help share The Christian Science Monitor



The Christian Science Monitor has taken a step unique in the news industry by focusing on the *values* behind the news–values that connect us all, including hope, cooperation, and compassion. These provide readers a deeper view of the news and highlight the solutions that unite rather than divide.

This approach is reflected by founder Mary Baker Eddy's description of the *Monitor*'s purpose: "To injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

You can explore the *Monitor*'s values journalism at **CSMonitor.com/Values**.

To help Reading Rooms share the *Monitor* with those searching for a news source with an uplifting, purposeful mission they can trust, promotional materials (posters, flyers, fact sheet, digital slides, and an announcement you may include in your own church's communications) are provided in the Reading Room Press Kit. A <u>Reading Room press kit</u> with supporting promotional materials (fact sheet, posters, and more) is available in the Reading Room Dropbox.

Interested in sharing a photo of your display? Let us know how your Reading Room is sharing the Monitor with your community by emailing us at opendoors@csps.com. Thank you for your support of the Monitor.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom chats this spring

Our next Zoom chat will be part two of "How to Sustain a Reading Room in a Church and Still Engage with the Community." We're looking forward to welcoming you all back to continue the discussion we started at the end of February.

The topics we will cover during our chat will be:

- 1.) How can we sustain our Reading Room and encourage support from our members?
- 2.) Is a study room needed in our space?

This second chat will be held Thursday May 16 at 2:00 pm Boston time. Look for the join link coming in future communications as we get closer to the date.

Reading Room webinars

Please join us for our next webinar: Sharing Christian Science meaningfully with newcomers in the Reading Room. This event is scheduled for Thursday April 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm Boston time.

Register here.

In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays

Save the date

Reading Room Librarian meet and greet during Annual Meeting weekend.

If you're planning to travel to Boston for Annual Meeting, we invite you to a meet and greet at The Mother Church Reading Room Sunday, June 2 from 6:00-7:30. Meet Jan and Anjuli face-to-face, as well as fellow Reading Room librarians. We hope you can join us! (This is a casual activity -- no formal presentations so come when you can and stay as long as you like.)

Looking ahead to Annual Meeting 2024: Joy in the living Church

We are looking forward to gathering together on Monday, June 3 for <u>Annual Meeting 2024.</u> We'll be hosting a variety of events throughout the weekend, Friday, May 31 – Monday, June 3, including activities for those ages 12–35 (with free lodging). Please see the <u>complete schedule</u>.

Please remember to <u>register</u> if you will be attending. We are offering a variety of free and discounted lodging options this year, too, which you can indicate in your registration form.

If you'd like to **share about Annual Meeting with your church community,** consider using the promotional materials in our <u>Dropbox.</u>

DISPLAY AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

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 tool

To contact an Approved Provider please see their information below.

Convenient Posters

Lyn Drake of Inspired Designs

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@csps.com

QUICK LINKS	

Product List	Reading Room Dropbox of Promotional Materials
<u>Discontinued List</u>	All Things Reading Room Forum
Instagram (christianscience.com)	Monitor Special Events Order Form

Facebook (christianscience.com)

Customer Service

- Visit the Reading Room Resource Center at http://christianscience.com/readingrooms.
- To inquire about ordering issues of *The Christian Science Monitor* for your event, please email <u>sales@csps.com</u>.

Product orders and questions; account and billing questions:

- Email: csrrcustserv@cdsfulfillment.com
- Phone: 1-800-877-8400 (US/CAN) or +1-515-362-7463 (outside US/CAN) Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:30 PM Eastern Time

Shop account & online order questions:

- Email: Shop@christianscience.com
- Phone: +1-617-450-2790, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

General questions:

- Email: OpenDoors@csps.com
- Phone: +1-617-450-3138, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

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