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#### **Inspiration**

from First Church of Christ, Scientist, Charlotte, North Carolina

Our RR committee continues to act on suggestions shared at last year's helpful [Reading Room] workshop with [Reading Room Ambassador] Jan [Sappenfield]. Addressing our question about how to increase Reading Room activity, she stressed two points: enlist the support of your whole membership and engage with your community.

Last year we focused on community engagement by initiating a prayer project with our local interfaith organization (of which our church is a member). We're continuing that work this year by maintaining monthly contact with the director and praying about her areas of community concern. She values our support.

This year's goal is to broaden church membership engagement with the RR. We learned in our workshop that success comes when not just the RR committee or librarian, but the whole church, come together to pray specifically about their mission. We asked members to join us in a prayer watch scheduled according to the first letter of their last name. They include the RR in their daily prayers for a month so that the RR receives support throughout the year.

We're already seeing fruitage. Here are a few recent examples:

- A newcomer came in because he was intrigued by the word "Science" on our sign and wanted to know
  what we're about. After a meaningful conversation with the attendant, he bought a copy of Science and
  Health.
- A man drawn in by our sidewalk sign had several lengthy and loving exchanges with our staff before reporting for a prison sentence. He took with him a copy of *Science and Health*.
- A young couple stopped outside the RR's open door, wondering aloud if it was a place to read. The attendant approached them with a smile, saying, "You can read in here!" A lovely conversation ensued and they browsed the sales area. One of them pointed out references to healing on the back cover of Science & Health, saying she suffered from the ailment mentioned. The attendant assured her that she, too, could expect healing from reading the book. After a tour of our space, she declared, "I love this place!" and bought the book.

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: <a href="mailto:opendoors@csps.com">opendoors@csps.com</a>.

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.

# Mark your calendar: Annual Warehouse Inventory

Our annual warehouse inventory is taking place from July 8-11 -- Tuesday through Friday. Please plan accordingly and have all orders placed by Thursday, July 3rd.

- The last day orders will ship before inventory is Monday, July 7th, 2025.
- Product returns received at our warehouse between July 1 and July 11 won't be processed until after inventory is complete.
- Orders may be placed during this time. However, nothing will be shipped between July 8 and July 11.
- Address changes, continuity changes, payment processing, and all other transactions will be processed as usual.

Returns will be processed and orders will resume shipping on Monday, July 14th.

#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

# NEW: First-time Portuguese translation of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany

The Office of the Publisher's Agent, Mary Baker Eddy's Writings at The Mother Church is grateful to announce that the Portuguese translation of *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany* by Mary Baker Eddy is now available for purchase.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
A Primeira Igreja de Cristo,	P125B34625PG	\$12.00(USD)	\$20.00(USD)
Cientista, e Outros Textos			

## COMING SOON: A Quiet Prayer: Hymns of Comfort



This music album by Kendra Fogg features gentle renditions of well-loved hymns, with the hope that each feels like a quiet prayer. Each hymn, drawn from the *Christian Science Hymnal*, brings comfort and healing. The album includes three hymns with words by Mary Baker Eddy as well as several hymns that also appear in other Christian denominational hymnals.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
A Quiet Prayer: Hymns of	G425A51248EN	\$12.00(USD)	\$16.00(USD)
Comfort			

# **CURRENT PRODUCTS**

## CLEARANCE SALE - 50% OFF select CDs through July 7, 2025.

The following CDs are on sale for half off through July 7, 2025, or while supplies last.

### Music

Name	Product Number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Alabado Sea Dios	G425A50651EN	<del>\$9.00</del> \$4.50	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00
Comfort's Art	G425A50526EN	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00	<del>\$16.00</del> \$8.00
He Loves You a Lot	G425A50826EN	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00	<del>\$16.00</del> \$8.00
Hymns for Prayer and Reflection	G425A50679EN	<del>\$9.00</del> \$4.50	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00

Majestic	G425A52182EN	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00	<del>\$16.00</del> \$8.00
Solitary Freedom	G425A50625EN	<del>\$9.00</del> \$4.50	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00
The Lord is My Shepherd	G425A50820EN	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00	<del>\$16.00</del> \$8.00
<u>Upbeats: Songs with Spirit!</u>	G425A51475EN	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00	<del>\$16.00</del> \$8.00
Wings of Healing	G425A50592EN	<del>\$9.00</del> \$4.50	<del>\$12.00</del> \$6.00

# **Spoken Word**

Name	Product Number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Anthology of Classic Articles, Vol. 2	G425A50817EN	<del>\$50.00</del> \$25.00	<del>\$70.00</del> \$35.00
God Governs	G425A50761EN	<del>\$6.00</del> \$3.00	<del>\$10.00</del> \$5.00
God's Law of Adjustment	G425A50725EN	<del>\$3.00</del> \$1.50	<del>\$5.00</del> \$2.50
Healing	G425A50704EN	<del>\$6.00</del> \$3.00	<del>\$10.00</del> \$5.00
<u>Possession</u>	G425A50693EN	<del>\$3.00</del> \$1.50	<del>\$5.00</del> \$2.50
Triumph of Good	G425A50703EN	<del>\$6.00</del> \$3.00	<del>\$10.00</del> \$5.00
Wiser Than Serpents	G425A50701EN	<del>\$3.00</del> \$1.50	<del>\$5.00</del> \$2.50

# <u>Pre-orders available for the special college issue of the Christian Science Sentinel</u> and youth content in the <u>August issues of The Herald of Christian Science</u>

Looking for a fresh way to embrace the young adults in your church and life? Consider purchasing and sharing copies of the July 14th special college issue *Christian Science Sentinel*. It was designed by *Sentinel* Editors to speak to college-age spiritual seekers - though we trust the content will be enjoyed by all ages. It's not too late to pre-order additional copies to share at the wholesale rate of \$2.17/copy.

Additionally, the August issue of the French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish issues of the *Herald* will include a 20-page pull out of articles written by children and teens from around the world. This special edition is also available for pre-order to share. The wholesale rate is \$8.00/copy.

Our customer care team is looking forward to helping you. They are happy to receive your call Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Daylight Time at +1 617 450 2790. You may also email <a href="mailto:opendoors@csps.com">opendoors@csps.com</a> with your order details. Be sure to include your Reading Room account number, number of copies of each issue that you'd like, and the delivery address we should send your order to.

### **Product update: Russian Citation Edition**

The Russian Citation Edition of the *Christian Science Quarterly* Bible Lessons is temporarily shifting from print to online distribution beginning with the July–September 2025 issue. The Russian *Quarterly* is now available for download as a PDF through the Christian Science Publishing Society Online Shop (<a href="mailto:shop.christianscience.com">shop.christianscience.com</a>). Please direct any customers looking for the Russian *Quarterly* to the Online Shop. Thank you for your support!

# **Discontinuation**

The following products are out of stock and have been discontinued: Pamphlets

- Free from Contagion (G450B51001EN)
- Frei von Ansteckung (G450B51004GE)
- Imunidade ao contágio (G450B51005PG)
- Libre de contagio (G450B51006SP)
- Libre de toute contagion (G450B51003FR)

#### Cards

- Grapes (G475B51193EN)
- Sheaf of Wheat (G475B51166EN)
- Star (G475B52190EN)

#### **EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Reading Room webinars**

Our next Reading Room webinar will be later this year. Please watch for upcoming communications to learn about topics, timing, and registration.

In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays

### **Church Activities Workshops**

The Church Activities Department at The Mother Church offers several workshops for branch churches, one of which is focused specifically on Reading Rooms. Descriptions of all the workshops can be found on this page on christianscience.com.

# Watch the replay of Annual Meeting 2025

The replays of Annual Meeting, the inspirational meeting, and the hymn sing are now available in English at <a href="mailto:christianscience.com/annualmeeting">christianscience.com/annualmeeting</a>. You will also be able to watch the replays of Annual Meeting and the inspirational meeting in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. All replays will be available online for one year.

# You're invited to have inspiring conversations in our new online Reading Room Group



It is our joy to introduce you to the <u>new Christian Science Online</u>
<u>Community</u>. This is a place to share, collaborate, and support each other, just like what you did in the Google Group (now retired). This platform has been built to support church in general, so when you join,

you'll see groups dedicated to Reading Room, Sunday School, 20/30 Somethings, and College communities.

Two quick housekeeping notes:

- 1.) **Date of Birth needed:** During the registration process, you will be asked to provide a date of birth. As Christian Scientists, we recognize that this can be off-putting. Please know that it's only to keep us in compliance with U.S. federal law, COPPA, that is focused on online child safety and that this information isn't going to be published anywhere.
- 2.) About translation: This is a global community for our global church. To keep conversations moving, please

know that all translation done into a language that's different from what the original post is in is done by a computer and not checked by The Mother Church. We know that not all words will translate well and appreciate your understanding of this limitation. We encourage you to verify correct translations of Mary Baker Eddy's writings and the Bible in the actual books.

As we move forward, we would love your feedback. What do you like, what's intuitive, and what challenges do you encounter? We will take your feedback to directly inform the creation of resources in a FAQ page or other training tutorial resources.

Share your feedback

## **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 too!

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)

Eddie Cox of Cox Media Productions <a href="http://coxmediaproductions.com">http://coxmediaproductions.com</a> or <a href="mailto:commediaproductions.com">contact@coxmediaproductions.com</a> (Eddie designs digital displays and is located in the United States.)

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

## **QUICK LINKS**

Product List
Discontinued List
Monitor Event Special Order Form
Reading Room Dropbox of Promotional Materials
Christian Science Online Community

## **Customer Service**

• Visit the Reading Room Resource Center at <a href="http://christianscience.com/readingrooms">http://christianscience.com/readingrooms</a>.

## 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) Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM-5:30 PM Eastern Time
- Customer service will be closed:, 6/19, 7/4, 9/1, 11/27-11/28, 12/25-12/26

#### 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).
- Customer service will be closed: 6/19, 7/4, 9/1, 10/13, 11/11, 11/23-11/25, 12/22-1/2

## **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). **Customer service will be closed:**, 6/19, 7/4, 9/1, 11/27-11/28, 12/25-12/26

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