THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, ON A GLOBAL SCALE, THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF JOURNALISM

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Motivation

Journalistic content
I will:

**Explain** the relevance of the theology of Christian Science to the history of the Monitor’s establishment, and its object, stated by its founder Mary Baker Eddy, *“to injure no man, but to bless all mankind”* (Eddy, Miscellany p. 353).

**Detail** how the theology of Christian Science and its practice of healing is an expression of the purpose of The Church to *“reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing”* (Eddy, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 17). And how this purpose is based on the identity of Jesus and his denouncement of evil.

**Show** how this theology is reflected in the healing mission of the Monitor *“to spread undivided the Science that operates unspent”* (Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353). This will include articles that demonstrate how the Monitor operates on a global scale and provide examples of how the object and healing mission is supported through journalism.
God and his creation are all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal.
“The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus’ time from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose there reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. xi).
Christ

Not the human Jesus but the divine nature and godliness which animated him.

God speaking to the human consciousness.

present and past

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, the Prophets and Apostle, Paul and others of the early church

HOLY GHOST
Third Tenet
“We acknowledge God’s forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts” (Eddy, Science and Health. p. 497).

Fourth Tenet
“We acknowledge Jesus’ atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man’s unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death” (Eddy, Science and Health. p. 497).
THE SAGA OF SHAHZAD
One young Afghan's improbable story of triumph amid Europe's burgeoning child-refugee crisis.

BY SARA MILLER LLANA

A GREENER GRID?

WHAT'S STIRRING CAMPUSES NOW

ACCRA, GHANA, IN PICTURES

COLOMBIA'S COMEBACK
How the country went from a violent narco-state to a Latin American success story.

BY HOWARD LAFRANCHI

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The Monitor's History and Purpose
Choose Ye

— “We follow Truth only as we follow truly, meekly, patiently, spiritually, blessing saint and sinner with the leaven of divine Love.”

— “The First Commandment and the Golden Rule are the all-in-all of Christian Science” (Eddy, Miscellany, pp. 3-5).
Inaccurate reporting and the ‘Next Friends Suite’

Eddy handled these challenges by:

- Love and forgiveness. Wrote a letter of forgiveness to one who had brought the suite.
- Christian Science theology motivated her giving her strength, wisdom, and clarity.
- Not personal attacks but corrective.
- Loving her enemies and living the Golden Rule.

“At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 571).
Establishing the Monitor - August 1908

Why:

— Press's reliance on sensationalism and disregard for truth

— Christian Scientists needed to be bolder in their involvement in the world.

— To be informed of the world’s problems, healing those as well as their own.

— Not to explain the letter of Christian Science but to demonstrate its spirit.

— To give readers a new way of looking at the world, dedicated to the reform of thought and supported the Christian Science’s insistence that God does not know or cause evil.
The Monitors Object

“to injure no man, but bless all mankind” (Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353)

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you” (Matt 5:44)

But uncover and expose evil.

Encouraged people to take the mental steps that bring reform to human thought — overcoming evil in their lives and the world.
Eddy stated that the purpose of The Church is to “reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing” (Eddy, Miscellany, p. 17).

Jesus’ healing at the centre of his teaching and ministry.

Embodied the Christ

Eddy’s own healing experiences

Divine Science behind Jesus’ healing which supports which us in fulfilling Jesus’ healing directive to us.
The Devil — not a personification of evil but “a lie; error; neither corporeality nor mind; the opposite of Truth; a belief in sin, sickness, and death” (Eddy, Science and Health, p, 584).

First biblical statement of evil was the serpent suggesting that there could be more than one God, Mind and that man, created from dust or matter, could become as gods.

God, good, omnipresent and omnipotent therefore there can be no other power named evil.
Destroy Evil

- with the "spiritual understanding that cast out evil as unreal" (Eddy, Science and Health, p.497).

- by understanding the nothingness of sin, sickness and death and the omnipresence and omnipotence of God.

- by exposing it. "You uncover sin, not in order to injure, but to bless the corporeal man" (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 453).
Jesus was tempted but refused to worship or give power to anything else but God.

- recognised the power and authority of the Christ and was healed.

- detect it through the “dissecting of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity and origin” (Eddy, Science and Health, p. 462).

Detect

Understand its nothingness

Acknowledge the power and presence of Christ
Putting into practice the Monitor’s healing mission

It mission is:
“to spread undivided the Science that operates unspent”
(Eddy, Miscellany, p. 353)

International distribution

Its courageous and uncompromising uncovering of evil

Its reliance on the infinite God for its operation and source for healing suggestions.
This is Russia — Uncensored.

Collective Slavery Is Seed for Revolt

By Edmund Stevens
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
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Peasant Is Squeezed Twixt Quota and Cow

Art for Soviet Sake, Plus American Cars
Vietnam — The truth

We lived, to some extent, the “other side”.

beyond that of a mere appendage to one side or the other

Too much rapport with the other side

behaved with real nobility of character

accurate and factual reporting … under attack at home

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Freed journalist’s question: ‘Why us?’

Fifth and last of a series of articles in which Elizabeth Pond tells the story of her captivity in Cambodia. Miss Pond, together with Richard Dudman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Michael Morrow of Dispatch News Service International, was captured May 7 and released June 16.

By Elizabeth Pond
Special correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor

The continuing absence of some 10 newspaper correspondents in Cambodia...

The three of us never said anything we did not believe, either in conversation or in the few statements that we were asked to write. Nor, I believe, would we have, in that sense we are honest. Yet honest views often appear to be implicitly sanctioned, and a reporter is often accused of expressing the views of his paper.

Perhaps I should specify what we did and did not do.

Requests limited

It could be argued that for relatively little. We did not sign statements that we were asked to write. We wrote only that which we felt was accurate and factual reporting.

Our readers write

Letters are subject to necessity of space.

Dear Editor:

I was very interested in the article by E. G. F. P. and M. F. S. from Cambodia. I deeply appreciate your understanding of the events, and your concern for the well-being of the people. I enclose a check for $10, which I hope will be of some assistance.

Sincerely,

Edith Gershon
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Kathryn Muellerich
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September 11 — resolve, liberty and prejudice
Kiki Lucaciu and Thomas Mueller run Nuremberg's 'ambassadors for diversity' program, which trains residents to stop the spread of rumors, particularly about refugees.

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To better integrate refugees, Nuremberg aims at unlikely foe: gossip

Nuremberg officials are using 'ambassadors' trained in the facts about immigration to debunk stereotypes and rumors among the native populace. Part 2 of a two-part story on Europe's efforts to integrate refugees.

By Sara Miller Llana, Staff writer

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Nuremberg, Germany

The gossip is growing louder.

"All refugees are heading to our country."

"Refugees are mooching off of us, but they don’t need our money. They all have smart phones."

And especially since the sexual assaults in Cologne on New Year’s Eve, blamed mostly on immigrants: "Our girls can’t walk home from school alone anymore."

These are just some of the claims and accusations circling through Germany, which sits at the epicenter of Europe’s refugee crisis. But the city of Nuremberg in northern Bavaria has an answer. It is training “ambassadors for diversity” to diffuse social tensions and shore up tolerance amid a mass migration of outsiders to towns across the country.

While Germany and countries throughout Europe scramble to give language, jobs skills, and cultural classes to refugees to aid the process of integration, locals face a steep learning curve as well – and have a significant role to play in forging a peaceful co-existence.

“This is not brainwashing,” says Thomas Mueller, coordinator of the municipal integration policy in Nuremberg. “It’s not to convince people that every refugee is a good man. We look at the situation squarely. The ambassadors learn how to argue in a calm way, in a positive way, and to argue with all the facts.”

‘Seeing things more exactly’

In many ways, Nuremberg is perfectly poised for such an experiment.
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