



# eBulletin

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# **Inspiration**

# from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Brooklyn, New York, United States

Yesterday, a woman entered the RR distressed. She thought of herself as elderly. "Emergency," she said, "Can I possibly use the restroom?" Of course! I welcomed her in and showed her the way.

I could sense the need for healing, so I turned my thought to the truth that there was no spot where Love, and Love's healing truth was not. When she emerged, she asked if she could sit down. She had left her home to shop and then felt pain in her stomach. It felt good to sit in such a quiet place.

She was beautifully dressed. I asked if she were an artist. Well, an art historian. A writer. Well! We had lots to talk about! She'd taught at Boston College! She'd never been in the Mother Church, but she adored the *Monitor*.

She kept referring to herself, dejected, that she was growing old. Immediately I told her the story in *Science and Health* of the woman at the window, who, never imagining growing old, never did. I said that book says we have the right to reject all those beliefs. She perked up! I told her that "growing old" is an absurd phrase, as someone once noted. If you're growing, you're growing new! Like spring leaves on an old tree. We're ever new. Oh, she thought that was a wonderful thought! When she left with our information; she said she'd be back. She had no pain whatsoever now, and felt much better!

So today, when a dear man came in asking for a French Bible, and persisted and persisted on finding one with Hebrew and Greek links (I was searching on my laptop for him) and he ended up asking if we had any books of inspiration on the Bible -- well! I was ready for him! He handled the French *Science and Health* as if it was the treasure he was seeking all his life. He said, "You know, it is not enough to read. You must go out and live it! I was desiring with all my heart to understand the Bible, so when I share it, I am sharing the truth's power."

I opened his book to page one, and he read "Desire is prayer..." And I said, "God answers prayer! Your prayer brought you into this Reading Room to find this book, and to find your heart's desire." Yes! He agreed! He not only bought the book but felt impelled to add a \$20 donation.

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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: <u>opendoors@csps.com</u>

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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: <u>opendoors@csps.com</u>.

# 2024 Warehouse Inventory

Mark your calendars! Our annual warehouse inventory is taking place the week of July 8th, Tuesday through Friday (July 09-12). Please plan accordingly and have all orders placed by Friday, July 5th.

- Last day orders will ship before inventory is Monday, July 8th, 2024
- Product returns received at our warehouse between 7/02 7/12 won't be processed until after inventory is complete.
- Orders may be placed during this time. However, nothing will be shipped between July 09-12.
- 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 15th.

# One last call

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 <u>email up</u> to two photos with a high enough resolution to be printed 4"x 6" (10.16 cm x 15.24 cm). Please focus on your space/displays and don't include people. All photos submitted will be included in a temporary display at The Mother Church Reading Room for all to enjoy and be inspired by during Annual Meeting weekend. If you don't want to send something in ahead of time, please feel welcome to bring your photos with you. **Emailed photo submissions must be received by May 28.** 

# 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.)

### **NEW PRODUCTS**

# Bound Volumes for 2023

The Bound Volumes for 2023 are in stock and available for orders. A reminder about this year's Bound Volumes – due to the redesign of the Sentinel in 2021, there will be only one Sentinel volume for the entire year, rather than the two we had prior to 2021.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price
The Christian Science Journal 2023 Bound Volume	J850B20231EN	\$145.00(USD)
Christian Science Sentinel 2023 Bound Volume	S850B20231EN	\$107.50(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)

# **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 <u>concord@csps.com</u>.

# 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)

# Resources to help share The Christian Science Monitor

	Beyond fear, beyond anger. Real news, real hope.
	The Monitor's global, values-based approach is reflected by Socialer Mary Balar Eddy's description of Repurpose: "To Injure normal, but to blow all mankind."
	She clearly new the need in 1988 to create a radically different news searce. While other papers were printing summineral, biased, division articles, the founded the Monitor "to special and/ride the Science that operates unspect."
	Why walkes?
	Expanding on the mount Respect and Finding Resilience projects, the Monitor has taken a step- ortique in the news industry by locating on the volum biolical the news-volum that present as all, indusing hop, cooperation, and companies. Thus provide readers a deeper time of the news and highlight the solutions that units maker than 2016.
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*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*, promotional materials are provided in the Reading Room Press Kit. ChristianScience.com/rrdropbox > English > Periodicals > Promotions > The Christian Science Monitor.

Let us know how your Reading Room is sharing the Monitor with your community by emailing us at <u>opendoors@csps.com</u>.

# **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 on its rescheduled date of June 20 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 June 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm Boston time.

Register here.

In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays

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

We are looking forward to gathering together soon on Monday, June 3, for Annual Meeting 2024. For those joining us in Boston, we will have activities all weekend, including special activities for those ages 12–35. Please see the complete schedule at christianscience.com/am24schedule.

If you are not able to make the trip to Boston this year, we invite you to tune in to our online livestream of Annual Meeting, the inspirational meeting, and the hymn sing. You can watch these events day-of on the main <u>Annual Meeting webpage</u>. You might even consider watching together with your branch church in your Reading Room.

You are welcome to use the customizable flyers in the Dropbox as an invite to bring your church together to watch remotely. You will also find other promotional materials for Annual Meeting 2024 in our <u>Dropbox folder</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 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)

To inquire about applying to become an Approved Provider, or if you have questions about this program, please email <a href="mailto:approvedprovider@csps.com">approvedprovider@csps.com</a>

# **QUICK LINKS**

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

### **Customer Service**

# Customer service will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day and June 19 in observance of Juneteenth

- 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 sales@csps.com.

### Product orders and questions; account and billing questions:

- Email: <u>csrrcustserv@cdsfulfillment.com</u>
- 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: <u>Shop@christianscience.com</u>
- 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: <u>OpenDoors@csps.com</u>
- 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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