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(Glover & Eddy died; Patterson divorced her)

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Mary Baker Eddy's book includes a "Key to Scriptures" (p. 498) which is supposedly the key to truly understanding the book of Genesis, Psalm 23, and Revelation (actually it is a spiritualization of Genesis 1 - 4, Psalm 23, and Revelation 10, 12, & 21).

A Sunday sermon consists of "citations from the Bible and Science & Health" ("Facts About Christian Science", p. 18).

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Christian Science claims exclusivity ("Facts about Christian Science," p. 1, 20-

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Eddy believed she was the "Woman of Revelation 12"

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