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## TENETS of the MOTHER CHURCH

by Mary Baker Eddy

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eternal Life, even the ailment of Soul, Spirit, and the nothingness of matter.
6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

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"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
Peachtree Street at 15th Street 892-7838  
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## Application for Membership

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First  
Church  
Of  
Christ,  
Scientist  
Atlanta,  
Georgia

## REQUIREMENTS for MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership in this church, all applicants must:

1. Have been residents of Atlanta, Georgia or vicinity for at least six months and have attended regularly the services of this church for at least six months. These requirements may be waived if the applicant is a transferee from another Christian Science Branch Church or Society, or if he is a member of The Mother Church.
2. Have been students of Christian Science for at least one year.
3. Lovingly accept the teachings of Christian Science as set forth in the *Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy and the *Manual of The Mother Church*.
4. Be free from the use of drugs, tobacco, and intoxicants and must not play games for money or indulge in gambling of any form.
5. Be qualified to unite conscientiously in forwarding the legitimate activities and fruitage of this branch of The Mother Church.
6. Be willing to support the church metaphysically and financially.
7. Dissolve membership with any other denomination.

*Applications should be submitted to the Board of Directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Georgia, not less than two weeks before the membership quarterly meeting at which time action will be taken.*

**To: First Church of Christ, Scientist,  
Atlanta, Georgia**

*I hereby apply for membership with First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Georgia. I agree to an interview with the Board of Directors and, if accepted, will subscribe to the Tenets of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts and be governed by the By-Laws of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Georgia.*

Have you been a member of a church of another denomination? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you severed your connection therewith? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If so, please attach a letter of severance.)

Have you ever been a member of another branch Church of Christ, Scientist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you severed your connection therewith? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If so, please attach letter of severance. If you cannot give such a letter from another church, please explain.)

Have you had Class Instruction? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name and address of teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of The Mother Church? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, give date of admission \_\_\_\_\_

If not, is it your intention to apply for membership to The Mother Church at an early date? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been earnestly studying Christian Science? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used tobacco, intoxicants, or narcotics? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how long have you been free from such use? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play games for money or gamble in any form? \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the *Manual of The Mother Church* and agree to abide by it.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Mr., Mrs., Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To be signed by two members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Atlanta, Georgia. (Please Note: Endorsers should not be members of the applicant's family.)

I approve \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I approve \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_