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## **5 Facts to Know About: Christian Scientist**

1. Christian Science, officially called the Church of Christ, Scientist, emphasizes physical healing through recognition of the nonexistence of matter and illness through prayer.
2. Christian Science was discovered and founded in the late 19th century by Mary Baker Eddy.
3. Because spiritual healing of disease is a core tenant of the Christian Science many members refuse medical help for disease. This is valued both for its own sake as well as its evidence of redemption from the flesh.
4. The texts of Christian Science are the Christian Bible and Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures.
5. There are about 400,000 adherents in the United States.

Learn more at:

<https://www.christianscience.com/what-is-christian-science>

<http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/2001/06/what-christian-scientists-believe.aspx>

*These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they will encourage you to explore this tradition more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. It is our firm belief that in understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity.*

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