

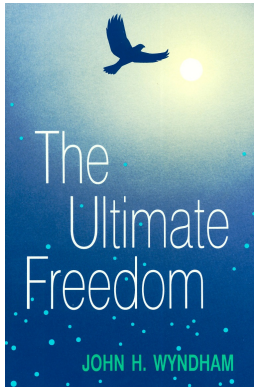
## An Amazing Little Success Story

(A note to all those who took part...this couldn't have happened without you!)

The few who know this amazing story have said it should be told to many. It's the story of a book called *The Ultimate Freedom*. However, due to the worldwide impact of the book and the amount of letters received, this appeared to be a daunting task. And although this report is four pages long, it is only a thumbnail sketch of the good that has transpired. The book literally has met no resistance, so lives have been transformed.

Perhaps one main reason for the book's success is that it was written with no agenda except love for mankind, and it was published for that same reason. Those who shared it with others or donated it for prisons likewise had no agenda but love.

### Report on *The Ultimate Freedom*



- *The Ultimate Freedom* is by John H. Wyndham, CSB who was a Christian Science practitioner, teacher and lecturer from the 1950's through the 1970's. The book was published by his daughter Auriel, in June, 1994 under the company name of Mountaintop Publishing.
- Published first in English, then Spanish, Russian, German and on CD. Translated by editors and writers attached to the Christian Science Publishing Society.
- First printing of 5,000 copies sold out in seven months. Though the pace of sales eventually slowed, *The Ultimate Freedom* marches steadily on, mainly due to the fact that loving hearts continue to share it.

### How it all began

From an original mailing list of around 200 people, the book took off rapidly by word of mouth. Here are just a few excerpts from early letters, which show why it traveled so quickly.



“The book is full of wonderful demonstration, without any prideful hoopla. I loved it.”

“I have given two away. One went to a young man in prison. He so appreciated it that he shared it with other inmates.”

“It is exceptionally good and simple to understand. Such a humble acknowledgment of God as our Life. I have sent about 12 books to friends. The first one I gave out was put in the hands of 8 people.”

“Thank you. Terrific book!”



“A high-school boy read the book to me. He was as deeply impressed with the book as I was. It opened new worlds to him that his own life would never have touched.”

“A friend in a nursing home was given a copy and has found much in it of comfort and inspiration. She has read it so much it is falling apart. Could I get her another copy?”

“It is beautifully written – crystal clear both in expression and intent.”

“The book is surely getting good circulation. I just read it to 10 ladies in a retirement home and am planning on another group. So inspirational.”

“I consider his lesson of “CT” one of my most important lessons. The lesson I love in this book is to love your enemies, among many other points.”

“The Ultimate Freedom is an outstanding book and my husband and I are so grateful we received it at Christmas. It should be widely advertised. It will bless so many.”

“Ordinarily I don’t read on a plane, but I couldn’t put it down. It was spectacular. I ordered about a dozen copies and put one in the library at the CS nursing facility. Well, I had to order more for some of the workers there. I have given a copy to each of my children and shared it with others. That’s the kind of publicity our movement needs! Let people know CS works!”

“It’s a wonderful little messenger.”



## The book became a traveling ambassador

Like a little ambassador it has traveled the world, introducing people to *Science and Health*. From cities all over the United States, it went to Canada and Mexico, then on to Great Britain, Ireland, and all over Europe.

It traveled to Africa, South America and from New Zealand and Australia to Alaska, to the Seychelles, Hawaii, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Japan and Russia.

- A former COP in South Africa sent a copy to De Klerk and to Mandela. It was also shared with a tribal chief who had been imprisoned.
- Argentina is using the Spanish translation in their outreach efforts. It is used at lectures in Spain. Some copies were able to be sent into Cuba. It is also loved by the Hispanic community in the U.S. with reports often received of healing, life transformations and problems solved.



- Gift boxes, 36 books each, of the German were sent to about 44 churches in Germany, Austria and Switzerland for their outreach. Wonderful letters came back from such places as Vienna in Austria, Lucerne and Basel in Switzerland, and from German cities such as Berlin, Cologne, Bonn, Hamburg, Krefeld, Hannover, Stuttgart, Munich, Ulm, Kiel and Nuremburg.

## The little ambassador traveled to Russia



- The first edition of 1,000 copies in Russian were sent, as a gift to Moscow, St. Petersburg, the Urals and to the Ukraine. It carried the flyleaf dedication in Russian, “To Russia With Love.”
- St. Petersburg used it to aid the sale of *Science and Health* in bookstores – a free copy of it for every textbook purchased. (Photo of bookstore with both was in the 2000 The Mother Church per capita tax brochure).
- A Russian woman attended a Wednesday evening church meeting saying she had spent all morning reading *The Ultimate Freedom* and all afternoon rereading it. But she said reading *Science and Health* was taking her a little longer!
- The Russian Academy of Sciences Library gratefully accepted 14 copies for their main collection in St. Petersburg and wrote thanking the publisher.



## The book takes light into prisons and hope to Veterans in hospitals



Since its publication, the book has been sent to inmates in various prisons as it deals with war, the prison experience, economics and also with employment. All very current issues even today!

Prison chaplains welcome the books and often say the books are passed around from inmate to inmate. The most sought after are the English and Spanish language books.

One chaplain in San Diego said it is obvious the books are being read hundreds of times before being returned to the library. Another said, “We can’t keep it on the shelves!”

- Used immediately by the Christian Science Institutional Committee for New York State, with letters from inmates as early as November 1994. One said, “. . . I see my battle is no longer with people and circumstances but with false thinking. . .”
- Six gift boxes went to prisons in Ireland and were so gratefully accepted.
- Spanish books sent to prisons in Puerto Rico.
- US prisons such as Cornell, WA often request as many as 70 donated copies for their library. One chaplain humbly remarked, “We can all learn from each other.”
- VA hospitals have also welcomed the book for our military.

## It went to many churches and people of all religions

- Immediately accepted by people of various religions such as the Evangelical Outreach group in Singapore that purchased many copies for their work.
- The choir from a Lutheran Church all signed their names in the book on reading it. One pastor placed it in the library of his Methodist Church, saying readers would be “captivated” by it. Another pastor declared it was “like oil on my spirit.”
- Written up (with credits) in a Christian Science Monitor religious article, “Christmas Peace” (December 22, 1995) and sent all over the world by shortwave radio.
- Fundamentalist Christian postal worker said it changed her whole view of C. S. She loans it to whoever needs it!
- A Navy captain conducted a memorial service on the East Coast a number of years ago and then held up the book saying it would help solve their problems. He gave 6 copies to Navy people, some of whom later purchased *Science and Health* and one couple started to attend church.
- Given to Millard Fuller, President of Habitat for Humanity International by someone in his office who had read it and felt he would appreciate it too.
- A woman shared a borrowed copy with her husband who was in the hospital. He kept telling her about what he was reading and wouldn't return it, so she bought a copy to return. And then he returned...to Christian Science and to Church.
- A man who went to church with his wife had never really been able to pick up *Science and Health* and read it. His wife was going away for a few days and gave him *The Ultimate Freedom* to keep him company. He read it and said, “This book has changed my life.” He then began to read *Science and Health*.
- A practitioner in Michigan gave this book to a Baptist woman who read a chapter every night to her three children, twin 12 year old boys and a 16 year old girl.
- A woman read the whole book out loud to a man refinishing her kitchen floor.
- A young man of about 21 read the book and told his girl friend that “if this is Christian Science it's the first religion that has made any sense to me.”





to all who have forwarded the passage of this book, – to those who have shared it, to those whose contributions helped with the Russian translation and with the prison work, and to those who literally carried the book into prisons and sickrooms. It could not have traveled where it has without all of you!

An account of publishing *The Ultimate Freedom* in its various languages is given in the book *Quiet Answers* by Auriel Wyndham Livezey, but only history can record the results of what has been accomplished.

When the book was first published, one dear lady wrote about it in terms of a plaque she had on her wall which said, “Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in one seed.”

We can’t count the number of people this book has reached, but this we do know: *The Ultimate Freedom* is helping to prepare hearts for the ultimate Science, the Christian Science contained in *Science and Health with key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. The little ambassador is doing its work!