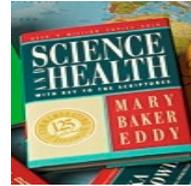


The source of creative ideas

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I was a hardworking, but only average high-school student when I first read Mary Baker Eddy's book [Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures](#). The book changed my life. The concept that God is divine Mind, and that He is the source of one's intelligence and ability, broke down the barriers of limitation that I had placed on my capabilities.



As I regularly studied the Bible and *Science and Health*, God-given skills blossomed into expression. I discovered that I had a talent for arranging, performing, teaching, and composing music (including songs), as well as scripting and producing original school musicals. The more I held to the fact that I am God's competent child, the more readily and easily creative ideas flowed. [[About Beverly](#) - singer, musician, teacher]

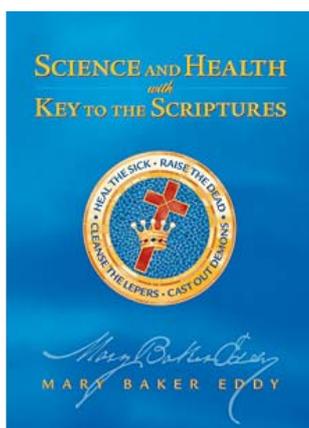


A big test came, however, when the principal of the high school where I was teaching music assigned me to help an English teacher. The students in her class were bored. Discipline was a problem. My job was to devise exercises for the class that combined elements of English and drama and to help implement them.

At first, anxiety threatened to overwhelm me. I had no training or experience in this area at all. So I turned to God in prayer. "Father, as You are divine Mind; all right ideas come from You. You are the originator of all creativity. As Your image I don't invent ideas.

Because I am Your likeness, however, I am at one with Your knowing. All of Your children, and that includes me, express Your intelligence, ability, inspiration, ingenuity. Knowing this, I can do what is being asked of me."

In acknowledging God as the supplier of original ideas, I felt at peace. I wasn't doing this alone. I wasn't bereft of spontaneous originality. Hadn't I already proved this in the musical arena? Yes. Then, I could accomplish the same in this field. As I prayed and listened, ideas came to me that proved to be successful with the students.



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The English teacher, delighted with the lessons, repeatedly inquired about their source. When she asked if they came from a book, I told her of [Science and Health](#). I explained that it had shown me the true source of creativity. Since reading it, I had never lacked good ideas. When I admitted that it was a religious book, she responded, "I don't care! If this book can produce ideas like you have implemented in this class, I want it." She went immediately to a [Christian Science Reading Room](#) and purchased a copy.

What I've learned about originality and ability continues to find many different ways of expression in my life. No child of God is lacking in the "ideas department." God is creative Mind, and He constantly gives us His bright and lovely ideas.

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