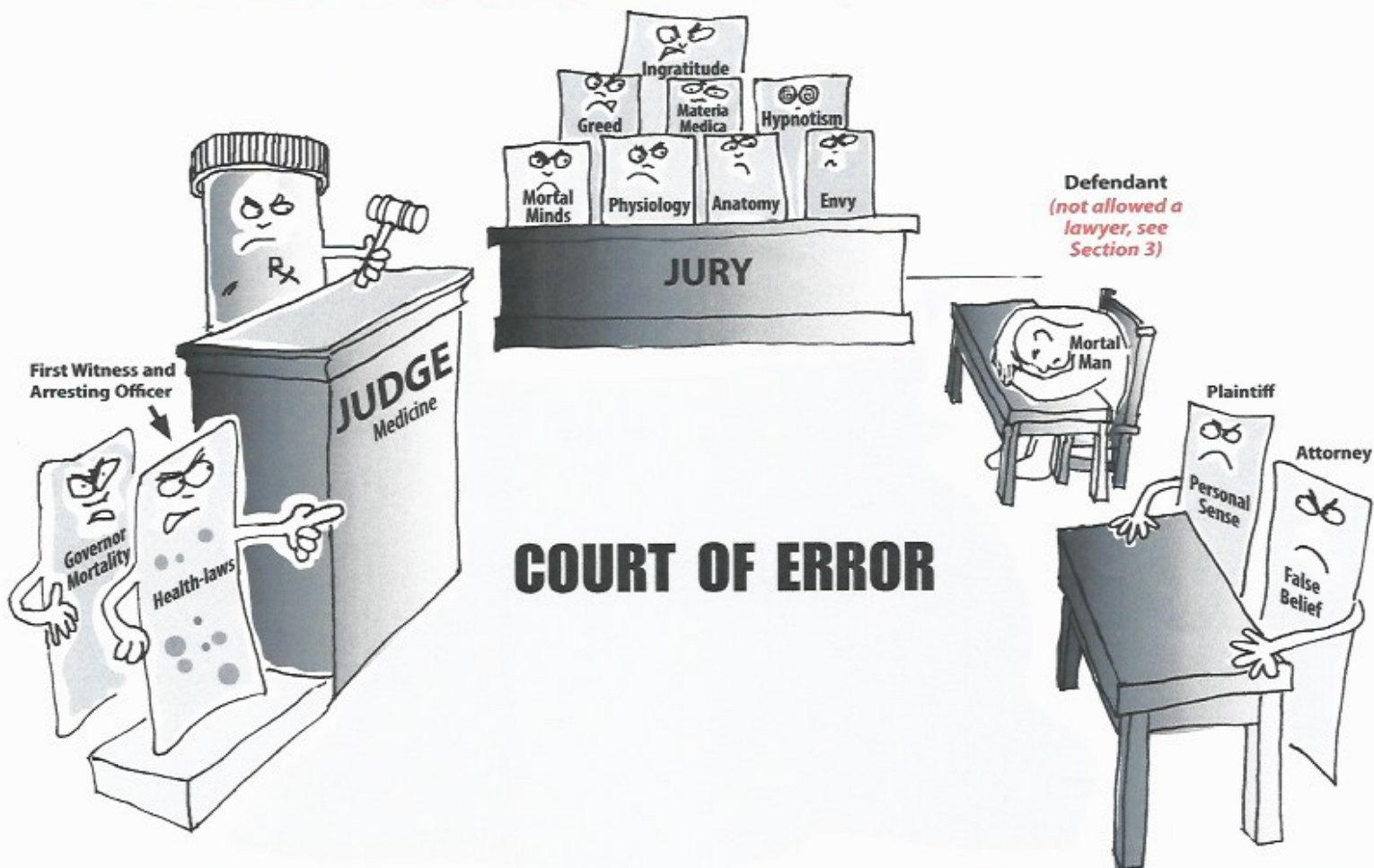


# THE TRIAL PART ONE (See Section 2)

This week's Bible Lesson contains several passages from an allegory of a man on trial for "liver-complaint." The entire allegory can be found on pages 430-442 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.



## Background Information:

**T**HE ALLEGORY (SYMBOLIC OR MORAL STORY) of a man on trial for "liver-complaint" appeared in the first edition of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy in 1875. It went through a number of revisions in language and style through the years. Throughout her published writings, Mary Baker Eddy uses legal analogies (comparisons) to make points. In fact, the words "law" and "laws" appear more than 700 times! Although Mrs. Eddy had many dealings with lawyers throughout her lifetime, she didn't have a lot of experience in a courtroom. Her interest in and knowledge of law may have come from, and been encouraged by, her older brother, Albert Baker. Albert was a graduate of Dartmouth College and "achieved eminence as a lawyer" (*Pulpit and Press*, p. 32:28). He had studied law with Franklin Pierce, who later became the 14<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. (Read more about Albert Baker in Mary Baker Eddy's autobiography, *Retrospection and Introspection*, pp. 6-7.)

### Word Highlights

**Plaintiff:** the accusing or complaining party; someone who brings charges (a complaint or lawsuit) in a court of law  
**Defendant:** the accused party; someone required to answer charges in a court of law  
**Attorney:** person qualified to give legal advice and to represent someone (a client) in court; lawyer; counsel

**PEARLS of wisdom—**  
 THE BIBLE AND *SGH* ARE FULL OF THEM! FOR FUN, WE HAVE HIDDEN AN IMAGE OF A PEARL [ ] SOMEWHERE IN THE PAGES OF MY BIBLE LESSON.  
 HAPPY PEARL HUNTING!

**PHOTOGRAPHERS, FRONT COVER**  
**Graham Boulding:** guy with microphone  
**Susannah Snowden:** reflex image of car and photographer (positioned back-to-back)

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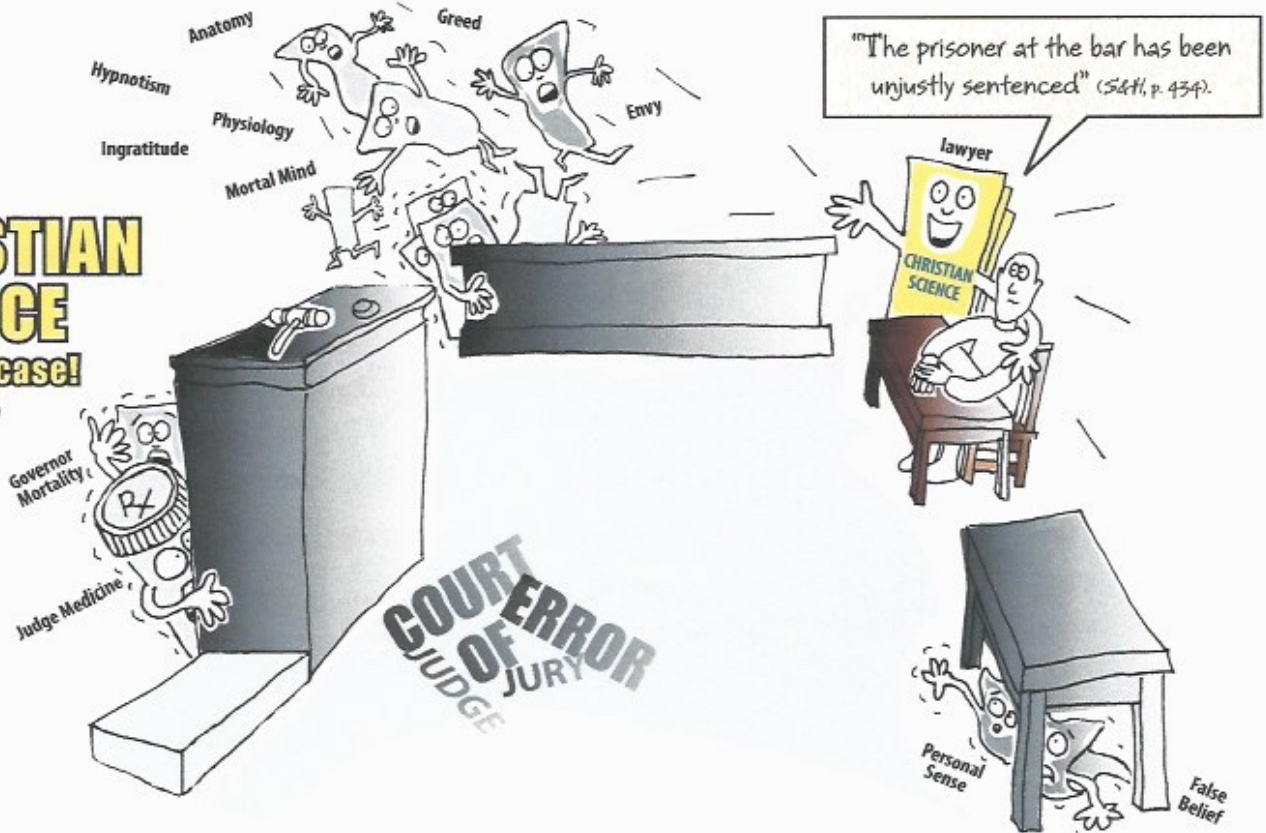


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**THE TRIAL**  
**PART TWO**  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
 takes the case!

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**THE TRIAL**  
**PART THREE**  
**COURT OF SPIRIT**

(See Section 4)

