

Weekly Lesson Citations

DEAR FRIENDS: We plan to use this spot on our web page to bring you a different set of citations each week—expanding on specific citations from the “Weekly Lesson.” A paraphrase can so often open thought to new insights of familiar statements. In this way we hope to share with you some of the wonderful work that has been done in Christian Science over the past fifty years and in to the present by authors you may or may not have yet met.

Our selection this week is from the summary at the end of the booklet — GOD’S NATURE AS TRUTH — No. 2 of a Series on the Sevenfold Nature of God — by Peggy M. Brooks.

January 21- Subject : Truth

A SUMMARY

Let us now sum up by going through this full sevenfold reflection of Truth, together with the verses from the Song of Moses:

Truth as Mind is revelation that comes as idea.

“Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.”

This involves listening with the Mind of Christ for the revelation of Truth in any situation.

Truth as Spirit is the infinite calculus that comes as real understanding.

“My doctrine shall drop as the rain, My speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.”

Here we see that the nature of Truth is spiritual, and therefore we must calculate and reckon spiritually in every situation; this will give us a real basic understanding of things. And it is supremely natural, as the Song of Moses indicates.

Truth as Soul is the divine John that comes as the identity of man.

“Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.”

Truth’s form is incorporeal; it is not confined in matter and therefore cannot be touched or affected by anything material. Thus is the greatness of man as God’s image; He is always greater than his circumstances, because he is never in them.

Truth as Principle is the rock that comes as the one foundation.

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect.”

Truth as the great Principle of the universe is overturning and overturning. It can never be resisted; it never has been and it never will be, because it is fundamental.

Truth as Life is the living ideal that comes as healing.

“For all his ways are judgment.”

This is where we live Truth; it cannot be dead, it is alive. You remember how we saw that this involves a continual judging, - not a labored, nagging kind of judging, but being awake; and alert, being a “lively stone.”

Truth as Truth is the universal Christ that comes as the compound idea man.

“A God of truth and without iniquity.”

This is the Truth that is “the light of the world.” It is the compound idea man because it includes all creation. It is not divided into sects, “isms,” nor “ologies;” it is Truth as the light of the whole world, without any deviation from its pure standard.

Truth as Love is the perfect plan that comes as true comfort.

“Just and right is he.”

Here is the sense that as well as being accurate, exact, rock-like, Truth is always “altogether lovely” in its tenderness of operation. This is its comfort.

So we have gained some sense of what Truth is, but as we have said, no one can really tell another what Truth is. We can all help one another by voicing our sense of Truth as it has appeared to us, but Truth comes individually to every one of us as a conviction of reality, because it is our Christ selfhood. What is so comforting is the fact that we cannot get away from it, for it is the Principle of our being. If we listen for it, we shall hear it, and as we hear it, it comes to us spiritually, it comes to us as something unchangeable about ourselves and the universe, something that cannot be resisted, something that is living, something that we have in common with all men, and something that is irresistibly fulfilled in the loveliest way. Once we touch the divine order, it comes in and abides with us because it is not made up; it is in fact one presence and power that is always at work.

How heart-searching and challenging in its simplicity is Paul’s question to the Galatians, - a question we can also ask ourselves, - “Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?”