

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 only selection this week is from John Doorly's First Book based on his early series of Talks on The Bible, entitled: A SUMMARY OF TALKS 2-10. A Comparison of the True and False Records of Creation and the Correlation with the Thousand Year Periods in the Bible.

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Subject: Adam and Fallen Man

First Day—MIND—and First Thousand Years of Bible Record

MIND AS MIND

True Record

“Let there be light”
(Gen. 1: 3).
Intelligence-wisdom
The infinite light of intelligence
comes to us as the light of
wisdom.

False Record

“But there went up a mist from
the earth” (Gen. 2: 6).
“Mist” - false creative sense,
darkness, ignorance.
The darkness of ignorance is
false creative sense.

The Adam-dream analyzed

MIND AS SPIRIT

“and God divided the light from
the darkness” (Gen. 1: 4).
Good—allness

The light of wisdom enables us
to choose the infinite good, and
thus develops the fact of God's
allness.

“and watered” (Gen. 2: 6).

“Watered”-diluted, weakened.
Dualism.

False creative sense accepts both
good and evil as real. Dualism.

Cain and Abel

MIND AS SOUL

“And God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called
Night” (Gen. 1: 5).
Law-record

The sense of God's allness
becomes to us the divine law,
and this law in operation is the
record of true history.

“the whole face of the ground”
(Gen. 2: 6).

“Face” - false identity, false
record. Indefinite, false history.
Dualism involves lawlessness—
mortal history.

Cain dwells in the land of Nod. Enoch translated

Second Day-SPIRIT-and Second Thousand Years of Bible Record.

SPIRIT AS MIND

True Record

Let there be a firmament to separate. (See Gen. 1: 6.)
Creator—purity

The true record is real creation in its own purity.

False Record

Man formed of the dust of the ground. (See Gen. 2: 7, 8.)
"Formed of the dust"—false sense of creator, mixing Spirit and matter. Impurity.
Mortal history fosters a dual sense of creation which mingles Spirit and matter-impurity.

Noah conceives the idea of an ark

SPIRIT AS SPIRIT

"And God made the firmament, and divided the waters . . . "
(Gen. 1: 7).

Substance-understanding

The purity of reality is the only substance, and it must be gained through understanding.

The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
River out of Eden, parted into four heads. (See Gen. 2: 9, 10.)

The human sense of the calculus, opposite of the firmament. Mere belief and faith.

The impurity of dualistic thought believes in both Spirit and matter as substance.

Noah enters the ark

SPIRIT AS SOUL

"And God called the firmament Heaven" (Gen. 1:8).
Order—development.

Understanding operates as divine the disorder of development,

The four rivers named. (Gen. 2:11-14.)
Naming the calculus humanly.
Human development.

The eternal order of Spirit order, and this is the only eventually forces matter to disappear in human development.

The ark rests on Mount Ararat

Third Day-SOUL-and Third Thousand Years of Bible Record.

Bible Record SOUL AS MIND

True Record

"Let the dry land appear" (Gen. 1: 9).
Defining-spiritual understanding

As development, or the journey from sense to Soul, becomes definite, spiritual understanding exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

False Record

Man put into the garden of Eden. (See Gen. 2:15.)

Mind's idea put into matter. Man put into false environment. False education.
False education submerges Spirit in matter and produces the bondage of corporeality.

Abram comes out of of the Chaldees and is re-named or defined as Abraham

Third Day-SOUL-and Third Thousand Years of Bible Record. (cont.)

SOUL AS SPIRIT

The dry land called Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called Seas. (See Gen. 1:10.)	Man warned not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (See Gen. 2:16, 17.)
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Naming-blessing

To sin is to partake of the false calculus of materiality, —the knowledge of good and evil,— and this brings penalty.

Spiritual understanding,-Soul-sense,-names all ideas in divine order, and this naming brings blessing.

Vague and wandering corporeal belief brings the bitter fruit of penalty.

Jacob re-named Israel after his struggle

SOUL AS SOUL

Let the earth bring forth grass herb, and fruit tree. (See Gen. 1:11.)	Man feels that he needs a help meet for him. (See Gen. 2: 18.)
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Identity-transaction

Sin brings forth sex, which divides. Unsatisfied craving. Absorption. False identity, separation from God, claims man as male or female, each absorbed in the other.

The greatest blessing is true identity with God, which translates from the objective to the subjective,

Moses identifies God as I AM THAT I AM, brings the Hebrews out of Egypt, out of bondage, and identifies them as the children of Israel

SOUL AS PRINCIPLE

The earth brought forth grass, herb, and fruit tree. (See Gen. 1:12.)	"And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air" (Gen. 2:19).
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Rule—true gender

The false universe and false classification.

Idea now reflects the rule of Soul,-infinite diversification, or true gender.

Adam's acceptance of the rule of animal nature induces false classification.

Moses gives the Commandments, which establish true rule and true relationship

Third Day-SOUL-and Third Thousand Years of Bible Record. (cont.)

SOUL AS LIFE

The third day. (See Gen. 1:13.)	Adam names all material things. (See Gen. 2: 20.)
Immortality-resurrection	False individuality means no satisfaction, mortality, burial.
The infinite gender of idea immortalizes it, and so compels resurrection,	Animal nature always buries itself in mortality, where there is no satisfaction.

The children of Israel reach the Promised Land

Fourth Day—PRINCIPLE—and Fourth Thousand Years of Bible Record

PRINCIPLE AS MIND

True Record	False Record
Let there be lights for signs, seasons, days, and years. (See Gen. 1:14.)	Deep sleep falls upon Adam. Rib removed. (See Gen. 2: 21.) "Deep sleep"-mesmerism.
Divine metaphysics spiritual power	Buried in matter, mesmerism conceals divine, metaphysics, and substitutes the flesh,-power in matter.
Resurrection establishes divine metaphysics, which gives spiritual power.	

The Kingdom period-the Israelites demand a king

PRINCIPLE AS SPIRIT

Lights in the heaven to give light upon the earth. (See Gen. 1:15.)	Woman taken out of man. (See Gen. 2: 22, 23.)
Government-demonstration	Separation of male and female. False operation.
Spiritual power establishes divine government and brings forth demonstration.	False metaphysics results in personal despotism and prevents the operation and demonstration of true relationship.

David unites Judah and Israel, types of the male and female

PRINCIPLE AS SOUL

Two great lights to rule the day and night; and the stars. (See Gen. 1:16.)	Man and woman one flesh. (See Gen. 2: 24, 25.)
Harmony-system	Male and female two, but one in flesh. Inharmony, false relationship, no system.
Demonstration harmonizes idea with Principle in perfect system.	False operation separates from God—the Father-Mother,—and destroys divine system and relationship.

Judah and Israel scattered-the Christ-idea becomes universal

Fourth Day—PRINCIPLE—and Fourth Thousand Years of Bible Record (cont.)

PRINCIPLE AS PRINCIPLE

True Record

Lights set in the firmament of heaven. (See Gen. 1: 17, 18.)

One—interpretation

Infinite system makes all things one, and immediately subjective interpretation takes place.

False Record

The serpent. (See Gen. 3:1.)

The serpent,—animal magnetism, the counterfeit of Principle,—misinterprets Principle to the woman.

False system has two authorities, -God and devil,-and this produces misinterpretation.

The prophetic age in its full appearing-the days of creation written

PRINCIPLE AS LIFE

The fourth day. (See Gen. 1:19.)

I AM-infinite progression

Interpretation reveals the forever

I AM as infinite progression.

Eve's misinterpretation. (See Gen. 3:2,3.)

The result of false interpretation and sex is birth and death Retrogression.

Misinterpretation depicts God as a finite being and leads to retrograde steps.

The Virgin brings forth Jesus

Fifth Day-LIFE-and Fifth Thousand Years of Bible Record

LIFE AS MIND

The Word in it's own aspect

True Record

Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature and fowl in the open firmament. (See Gen. 1: 20.)

Father—love

Infinite progression leads to the true sense of Father, where love enables us to lay down false responsibility and mortality,

False Record

The serpent says, "ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (See Gen. 3: 4, 5.)

Corporeal sense distorts vision. Human knowledge.

Through the physical senses the serpent, mortal mind, urges human knowledge with its false fatherhood and false responsibility.

Jesus fulfils the days of creation

Fifth Day-LIFE-and Fifth Thousand Years of Bible Record (cont.)

LIFE AS SPIRIT

The Word reflecting the Christ

God created great whales, living creatures, and winged fowl. (See Gen. 1:21.)

Individuality—exalted being.

The love of true fatherhood individualizes Father and Son as forever one, and leads to exalted being.

The woman eats of the fruit and gives to the man. (See Gen. 3: 6.)

Defiling the fruit of Spirit.

Immortality.

False individuality demoralizes man and woman and exalts the lower instincts.

Jesus demonstrates the Christ individually

LIFE AS SOUL

The Word reflecting Christianity

The fifth day. (See Gen. 1: 23.)

Being-method

Multiplication of the divine idea reveals infinite Being operating in eternal method.

Adam and his wife sew fig leaves together and hide themselves.

(See Gen. 3: 7 from semi-colon, 8.)

False individuality claims to hide Principle from its idea.

Hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy tries every material method to imitate being, but in vain.

Jesus proves that "I and my Father are one"-Science

Sixth Day-TRUTH-and Sixth Thousand Years of Bible Record

TRUTH AS MIND

True Record

Let the earth bring forth the living creature, cattle, creeping thing, and beast. (See Gen 1:24.)

Idea—Health

The divine method brings forth—makes manifest—infinite idea, whose true nature is always health.

False Record

Realizing his nakedness, Adam blames the woman (See Gen. 3:9-12)

Mortal man realizes that he is unclothed, mindless, a sick mortal.

Fruitless mortal methods bear false witness, and fear makes man a sick mortal.

The days of creation and the divine infinite calculus.

Sixth Day-TRUTH-and Sixth Thousand Years of Bible Record (cont.)
TRUTH AS SPIRIT

God made the beast, cattle and creeping thing. (See Gen 1:25)	The serpent cursed and the woman cursed (See Gen 3:13-16)
Consciousness—calculus of reality	False manhood brings a curse, not a blessing. False calculus.
Health of idea is true consciousness the calculus of reality.	Accepting a false calculus of materiality defiles consciousness and induces sickness and sorrow.

The Christ in its own aspect
TRUTH AS SOUL

"Let us make man in our image," having dominion. (See Gen. 1:26.) Reflection-individual man	Adam cursed to till the soil, (See Gen. 3:17-21.)
The calculus of reality identifies true reflection as individual man,	False manhood brings sorrow instead of joy, the rule of sense instead of Soul. Deflection. A false calculus of materiality causes mortal man to till the soil and remands him to dust. This is a deflection of being.

TRUTH AS PRINCIPLE

"So God created man . . . male and female." (See Gen. 1: 27.) Ideal-generic man	Adam driven out of Eden. (See Gen. 3: 22-24.) False manhood claims to divorce man from God. Personal sense.
Individual man interprets the divine ideal and so demonstrates generic man,	Tilling the soil, merely improving personal, material belief, cannot demonstrate generic man, God's ideal.

Christianity in its own aspect
TRUTH AS LIFE

God blessed man, and gave him dominion over all the earth. (See Gen. 1. 28.) Son—Son of man	Cain and Abel born. (See Gen. 4:1-4, to period.)
Generic man leads thought on to the one Son of God, and so exalts the Son of man,—perfect humanhood.	The outcome of the false sense of fatherhood is false manhood. Mortal man. A belief in personal conception engenders mortal manhood, the son of mortality.

Sixth Day-TRUTH-and Sixth Thousand Years of Bible Record (cont.)

TRUTH AS TRUTH

Man given the herb (the Christ) and the fruit tree (Christianity) for food. The animals given the green herb (the Word). (See Gen. 1: 29, 30.)

Cain slays Abel.
(See Gen. 4: 4.from "And the Lord,"-14.)

Persecution and condemnation.

The Christ-the compound idea man

Mortal manhood, the opposite of the Christ, incurs persecution and condemnation. No sense of the brotherhood of man.

The Son of man makes manifest the Christ, and the Christ reveals the compound idea man.

Science in its own aspect

TRUTH AS LOVE

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1: 31).

Cain not to be slain.
(See Gen. 4:15.)

Perfection-perfect womanhood.

A false sense of man, Love's idea, means complete devastation.

The compound idea man reflects the infinite perfectionism of creation, the highest form of which is perfect womanhood.

Imperfection.

Imperfection in God or man is ignorance of the divine perfection and eventually destroys itself.

Seventh Day-LOVE-and Seventh Thousand Years since Adam

LOVE AS TRUTH

True Record

False Record

The heavens and the earth finished, and all the host of them.
(See Gen. 2:1.)

Cain goes out into the land of Nod. (See Gen. 4:16.)

Mother-universal.
Perfect womanhood rises to perfect motherhood, which is always impartial and universal,

Complete depravity, oblivion.
Cain, like all mortality, knows no permanent home and no true relationship.

Oblivion is his.

The City Foursquare

LOVE AS LOVE

God rested. (See Gen. 2: 2.)

Enoch translated. (See Gen. 5: 24.)

The divine One—holiness
Universality is fulfilled only in the divine One, the pinnacle of holiness.

Understanding of the divine plan annihilates mortality.