

# 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 selections this week correspond to sections one and two of this weeks Lesson. The first is from Talks given by John Doorly on THE SCIENCE OF THE BIBLE VOLUME SEVEN. The other selection is from John Morgan’s—THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, given at a COLWYN BAY SUMMER SCHOOL in 1953.

## August 27 — Subject Christ Jesus

### ISAIAH

...”Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). That happens to each one of us whenever, in virgin purity of thought, we conceive of a divine idea. The virgin purity which only wants the things of God will always fulfill the prophecy, “unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.” The tone of Principle climaxes: “And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and shall be driven to darkness” (Isa. 8: 22)-because they will not use Principle. All the way through this tone Isaiah is foretelling the destruction of Israel by Assyria. He shows the Christ as “Immanuel,” and Principle enthroned as the infinite One and metaphysics to be the only way of salvation from animal magnetism, and he sees how that will operate humanly as the Assyrian invasion.

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“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den” (Isa. 11: 6-8). Have you ever heard a better description of the Christ at work as generic man than that? It is a lovely passage. Just think what it means: “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,” —our ravenous instincts will some day “dwell with the lamb,” they will be translated and will no longer ravage all that is pure and lovely, —“and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;” —the evil tendencies of animal nature will be destroyed; —“and a little child shall lead them” —the birth of the Christ-idea will lead the way.

So that tone of Truth as Principle shows man demonstrated to be God’s idea. Mrs. Eddy writes, “The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth” (S. & H. 207: 27-29).

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### LUKE 6

**V. 12.** How wise Luke is to show us again and again that Christianity requires constant prayer. This is the prayer of Soul, for Christianity is a matter of constantly identifying every thought and desire with Principle.

**V. 15.** “And when it was day” that is, when he had prayed his way through the night, the day of spiritual apprehension dawned. “He called unto him”- he gathered to himself the twelve great qualities through which he could express his Christ-identity. Just as in Soul as Mind we saw the call of Matthew, illustrating the fact that the one identity calls for every positive quality, so here in Soul as Soul we get now the complete gathering together of the characteristics of true identity. They had to be twelve, to represent the fruitfulness of his full identity.

## LUKE 6 (cont.)

**V 17.** In a few verses he is going to start giving them the teaching which Matthew gives in a much fuller way, as the Sermon on the Mount. When Matthew introduces his Sermon on the Mount, he says, “And he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them,…” But Luke says, “And he came down with them, and stood in the plain.”

Now in the Word sense of things one does go “up into a mountain.” But in Christianity one can’t sit on one’s high horse all day long, because what we see in the absolute has, to be brought down and lived in the relative. Soul reduces and translates, and therefore what we see individually has to be made collective and universal. It is characteristic of Luke that he brings in these points without any great emphasis, simply unfolding the order of Christianity.

So in verse 17 we see that Jews and Gentiles came together, and furthermore this passage is not addressed specifically to the disciples, as it is in Matthew; Christianity is for man as a whole, which necessarily includes all men.

**V 18.** Unclean spirits, —again animal nature.

**V. 19.** The touch of Soul; and see how Luke loves the word “all.”