

BIBLE LESSON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKBOOK

ADAM AND FALLEN MAN

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Designed for those in Junior High and beyond

These lessons are merely suggestions or aids when teaching a class. I always begin my class by asking the students if they have anything they want to discuss; healings, challenges, etc. I always get to SS early enough to talk to the kids before the bell goes off – this gives me the opportunity to hone in on what's going on in their lives, at home, school, etc. Sometimes we start talking about a question they have asked and I never get to question number one on my prepared lesson – which is fine with me; because we never want to forget it's their SS class. I want them to do most of the talking, ask questions of each other, etc. I usually ask what their goals are – name 5 or more things they want to learn in SS. I also stress that SS is a picnic and everyone has to bring something. You can't expect one person (the teacher) to supply all the food. Right?

Guys – You're not Adam. Girls – you're not Eve. WHY? Who are you?

This Lesson could be titled: TRICK OR TREAT! Or True or False – Fact or Fable. As we acknowledge what is true about God and man – we annihilate, obliterate the serpent's lies. Halloween may be over, but we still have to eliminate masks of fear, age, sickness, anger, selfishness, etc. that comes knocking at our door (consciousness). Have fun removing these disguises and seeing the real and ONLY man. Remember, if it's not good then God didn't make it, therefore it doesn't exist and that's a fact!

1. Have you or your folks ever bought a toy, a computer, electronic game or equipment and decided to put it together without bothering to read the directions? What often happens when we do things on our own? When our children were young, my husband figured he was smart enough to put their train sets, doll carriages, bikes, etc. together without bothering to read the directions. He really was very intelligent, but sometimes things didn't look like they were supposed to when he finished. Then he'd say: ***“When all else fails – read the directions.”*** What are the *directions*, the guidelines we should be reading and following to live the way Christ Jesus did and recommended? Where are these guidelines to be found?

In S& H, Mrs. Eddy, on page 20:20 tells us why Christ Jesus was so successful in everything he did. ***“...he swerved not, well knowing that to obey the divine order and trust God, saves retracing and traversing anew the path from sin to holiness.”*** He never had to heal the same person twice or plead with God again & again to change the water into wine or to still the storm. He never made mistakes because he firmly stated: ***“I can of mine own self do nothing.”*** (John 5:19). He gave God all the credit – knowing He wrote the rules. John 1:1-3 – ***“In the beginning was the WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*** ***“The Word is both the Thought and the Word (or thought) expressed.”*** We are what God/Mind is thinking and knowing.

Can you imagine how harmonious our lives would be if we too would ***“...make the Bible (and our textbook) the chart of life, where the buoys and healing currents of Truth are pointed out.”*** Page 24 8. Most of us wouldn't drive cross country without a map or take an ocean voyage without charts and maps to show us where the water was too shallow or the seas dangerous, so why should we start our day without first turning towards the arms of Love/divine Mind, for guidance and direction? Christian Science (C.S.) also stands for common sense. ***“Every God-direction is road tested.”*** (The Message, Ps.18)

2. Christian Science is based on what chapter in the Bible?
 - a. Proverbs 2
 - b. Genesis 1
 - c. Colossians 4
 - d. Psalms 18

3. When you read Gen. 1 how many voices do you hear? In other words, who's doing the talking?
 - a. The great red dragon
 - b. Charlton Heston
 - c. God/Mind
 - d. Moses

4. How did God make man? What was the substance He used? What is your substance today? What's your DNA? Why do most religions believe that the Adam & Eve story is true? Read B2, Gen.1:26, 27 to know what Christian Science teaches.

5. Read Romans 8:38, 39/Page 303:28-14, and tell us some things that exist today that are able to separate us from God's love? (Be careful with your answers). What is the doctrine of Christian Science? When reading the citations in Science & Health don't forget to read the marginal headings. I love the one Mrs. Eddy uses in S3. "*Man inseparable from Love.*"

Here comes Mrs. Eddy's answer to the Adam & Eve allegory: Page 302:14-19. "*Continuing our definition of **man**, let us remember that harmonious and immortal man has existed forever, and is always beyond and above the mortal illusion of any life, substance, and intelligence as existent in matter. **This statement is based on fact, not fable.***"

6. On page 476 (S2) Mrs. Eddy tells us that "Mortals are the *counterfeits* of immortals." What's a "counterfeit?"

a. imitation	f. actual
b. authentic	g. artificial
c. phony	h. true
d. opposite	e. unreal

7. Following the Gen.1 chapter, we discover some weird things going on in the Adam & Eve allegory. Check off the ones you think are true.

- a – A talking serpent/snake
- b – The formation of a dust man
- c – A fruit tree bearing good & bad fruit
- d – Man giving birth to woman
- e – God decided all the animals should talk
- f – He put Eddie Murphy in the garden so he could talk to the animals
- g – God made them his and hers' fig leaves
- h – The snake grew bigger & bigger till he became a huge red dragon
- i – At the far corner of the Garden, the Lord God built a McDonald's.
- j – In Biblical times The Garden of Eden was Iraq

8. What is the Christian Science approach to the Adam & Eve story? It appears there are two very different creations – Why? What's the difference? How do **we** view God's creation of male & female? If you had a choice (which in fact we don't) to be either a Spirit-man or a dust-man, which

would you chose? S & H says on page 249: “Let the “male and female” of God’s creating appear.” (Gal. 3, 26, 28). “We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

9. How was Eve created? She was taken from Adam’s _____. Gen. 2:8 “The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam.” After he made Eve find the verse in Genesis where it says he woke up Adam. Is Adam still asleep? Why do you think Mrs. Eddy calls this false creation, “the Adam dream?” Notice how this allegory reverses the human concept of birth. In this fable woman is taken from man. The world understands that woman gives birth to man. A lie is always the absence – the misrepresentation of truth. The truth is turned upside down or inside out. That’s why Mrs. Eddy say on Page 171:4, S27 that “...through Christ, Truth, man will reopen with the key of divine Science the gates of Paradise which human beliefs have closed, and will find himself unfallen, upright, pure, and free...” “The Garden of Eden, with all its incidents, is within us. The story in Genesis is only an objective presentation of universal subjective experience.” (“John Buckley Willis, CSB. The Story of Eden, Editorial. C.S. Sentinel, July 17, 1902, p.737. From a sermon by F.F. Emerson”).

10. Gen 3 – introduces a talking serpent – have you ever seen one? Have you ever heard a snake talk? How about a tree that produces good fruit & bad or good & evil? If you plant roses would it produce onions? That’s as weird as saying God created everything good and perfect and then the next day re-created everything material and imperfect.

11. What does Mrs. Eddy tell us is the purpose of this Hebrew allegory? S&H, Page 540:21. Sometimes we hear stories that are just so way out we know they can’t be true – this allegory of two opposite creations is one of them. Problems arise from the belief of 2 instead of 1. It’s like believing there’s a man in the moon; or the earth is flat; or ghosts and goblins are real; or the Easter Bunny lays chocolate marshmallow eggs; or actors are really shot and killed when filming crime scenes; or you can catch a cold; or are too tired to go to Sunday School; or break your arm, or whatever lies the sneaky, tricky *snake* is trying to make you believe. It’s all a dream. **WAKE UP!**

12. Do you know where this serpent appears again in the Bible and what form he took? (1st Matt. 4 & then (The Great Red Dragon in Rev.12:3). The Dragon/Satan, talking serpent again wants to curse woman by destroying the child she was carrying – could be symbolic of the Virgin Mary & Jesus – the son of God or Mary Baker Eddy & her child – divine Science or “Christian healing which is the babe we are to cherish.” Misc. Writings, Page 370.12).

13. Satan/Devil wears lots of costumes and or disguises; mimics many voices – often sounds just like ourselves, but guess what there’s nothing and no one inside that Halloween costume. Evil has no head, no eyes, ears or mouth, no arms or legs, no substance or form so what is it?

14. The dragon waits to attack the Messiah, but when Jesus was born, the dragon had no power over him. As the image & likeness of God as His children, His manifestation, the dragon has no power over us either. The Adam & Eve myth is destroyed by Truth. God’s man is innocent, just like Daniel was proved innocent when thrown into the Lion’s Den. Ignorance, hate, jealousy, revenge tried to destroy Daniel, but they fell as nothing at the feet of everlasting Love. Lions are purported to be vicious, cruel, destructive, killers, but in the presence of purity and innocence they were good, gentle, friendly, loving – unable to be anything else. They were misrepresented by false witnesses until divine Love removed this forged evidence & then they too were seen exactly the way God created them in Genesis.1. MBE says in S&H. “All of God’s creatures are harmless, useful & indestructible.”

15. Mrs. Eddy has 3 chapters under the heading KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES in S&H. They are Genesis, the Apocalypse (Revelation) & the Glossary. At the end of the book – she has 100 pages of FRUITAGE. Do you know why she wrote S & H in this fashion?

16. Pages 562 – 563. Rev 12: 2, 3. “The great red dragon symbolizes a lie – the belief that substance, Life & intelligence can be material. This dragon stands for the sum total of human error.” Pg 567. “To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death. Truth & Love prevail against the dragon because the dragon cannot war with them. Thus endeth the conflict between the flesh & Spirit.” The dragon thought always symbolizes resistance to Truth, God.

17. Christian Science is based on Gen 1 & Rev. 21: 1-5. MBE says (573) “Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, (*Adam & Eve curse removed*) but as the blessed child of God.” John’s (the beloved disciple) spiritual sense replaced the material sense of existence. The Christ awakened mankind forever from the Adam dream, the illusion of life in matter, and presented the indestructible manifestation inseparable from His Creator. Here’s the bonus – the talking snake lost his voice forever!

18. Did you know? – In the Wickliffe translation of the Bible 1384 A.D. the KJV translation of Luke 1:77 says “He shall bring science of health to his people.” Whereas Luke says; “Knowledge of Salvation.” Science & Health, Page 593: “**Salvation:** Life, Truth & Love understood & demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness & death destroyed.”

Disobedience brought pain and shame. Innocence was lost. Adam & Eve were responsible for their choices and so are we.

1. God is walking in the Garden. God asks where Adam is and Adam replies that he is naked and hid himself. In Gen 3 God asks Adam & Eve a very important question after they confess that they are naked: “Who told you that you were naked?” Who tells us were sick, unhappy, lonely, scared...?

2. Have you ever heard the phrase – “led down the garden path?” Dictionary definition is “to mislead (mist, mis-understanding, mis-conception, mis-take – also to deceive. That’s exactly what the serpent did to Adam & Eve. I wonder where this sentence came from – “But there went up a “mist””

3. Self-consciousness was the first result of Eve’s disobedience. Do you know some other words that mean the same thing as *naked*? Who or what is trying to tell us that we are uncovered, defenseless, unprotected, vulnerable, powerless, helpless and unsafe? Are we afraid of another 9/11? How do we end the terror (error without the “t”) and helplessness we feel when we hear about earthquakes, fires, storms? What would change that vulnerable (naked) feeling?

4. Eve’s cover-up came next. Can you think of a time when you tried to physically conceal the evidence of something you had done wrong? Did it work? How did you feel later on?

Gen 3:12. Adam starts blaming everyone except the giraffe. He blames Eve, the woman God gave him.

Gen. 3:13: Eve blames the snake. Who do we blame when things go wrong in our life? The tree of knowledge of good & evil that the Lord God put in the garden was designed to test Adam & Eve’s obedience – did they pass the test? All of us are faced with “choices” every day. The right choice brings harmony and peace – the wrong ones bring _____.

Playing the “blame game” began in those early biblical chapters and we are still playing it today. “He/she/they made me do it.” Eve blamed the snake. Who do we blame? What’s the Biblical model for handling this situation? What innocent man was blamed for everyone’s sins?

5. Because Adam & Eve disobeyed the Lord God (Gen. 3: 17-19) the ground he farmed would sprout thorns and weeds. Today men still believe that in order to supply their families’ needs they have to work long hours, compete with others and hope they don’t lose their jobs. I’m sure you’re familiar with the phrase – “back-breaking work.” Remember, it’s not our responsibility but our response to His (God’s) ability.

6. It’s interesting to note that Jesus wore a crown of thorns & thistles on the way to the cross. Thorns were a symbol of the Adam curse on man. But Christ, Truth removed that curse forever revealing man’s true nature as the perfect, pure, innocent child of God. Mrs. Eddy tells us in Science & Health that “there is “no lapse from nor return to harmony.” (471:2). If you’ve never been to Italy can you return there?

7. Here are some important Biblical definitions in the Glossary in Science & Health for further study:

Page 579 – ADAM

Page 585 – EVE

Page 593 – RED DRAGON

Page 594 – SERPENT

Page 586 – RESURRECTION

Page 593 – GETHSEMANE

8. Every curse that occurred in the Adam & Eve story in the Garden of Eden was annulled by Christ Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He surrendered all sense of a human mortality. He went to the cross in total purity and innocence thus enabling him to destroy “the last enemy,” death. In the resurrection he rose above all material-based thinking and claimed his son ship as the blessed child of God as stated in Gen. 1. “And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold it was very good.”

9. What does it mean to have *dominion* over something?

10. Here’s a riddle: What does P.M.S.S.L.T.L. stand for? Each one is the first letter in a word meaning G --- ----. One of our church members has these letters on his license plate. Lots of folks have asked him what they mean. He loves to tell them.

11. Try answering these questions: You dreamt last night that a large black dog was chasing you. He caught up with you and tore a whole in your pajamas. You woke up. Where is the big black dog that was chasing you? Where is the hole in your pajamas? If you can answer those questions then you can answer this question, where does evil come from?

12. Page 338:27 – Who does Mrs. Eddy tell us was the *ideal* man “for whom the earth was blessed? Why?

- a. Adam
- b. Moses
- c. Paul
- d. Jesus
- e. David

13. Make a list of the qualities of Adam & Eve.
14. Make a list of the qualities of Jesus – compare the two and decide which qualities we possess.
15. What are the major grounds for punishment in most societies? Why?
 - a. disobedience
 - b. honesty
 - c. loving your neighbor
 - d. getting “A’s” in school
 - e. buying presents at Christmas
16. How do you know when something is right or wrong? Why do some kids drink or smoke and others do not? What makes a person want to do good or want to do things they know are wrong?
17. Do you believe death is a myth? Yes? No? Why?

Luke 7:11-16 – Read this beautiful story showing Christ Jesus’ compassion for the widow of Nain.

1. Why did Jesus tell this woman not to cry?
2. Why did he care about this stranger?
3. How were women treated in those days when they had no husband or sons? Could they work and earn a living?

Jesus touched the bier. It was not a coffin which most of us are familiar with, as coffins were not used in the East. It was more like a long wicker basket. Jesus proved that Life is eternal in this healing. The wonderful addition to this story is that everyone who was part of that funeral procession witnessed the resurrection of this young man. In The Message, Verse 16 is quoted as follows: “They all realized they were in a place of holy mystery that God was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful – and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, “God is back, looking to the needs of His people!”

I expect if there was a Wednesday Evening Testimony meeting that night, the entire crowd would have gone to church to praise and thank God for this healing. Healing is what builds our churches and healing is what fills them. Can you imagine if all of us practiced healing all manner of sickness, sin, accidents and fear in our day-to-day lives – in school; on the ball field; at home; at the mall; in the grocery store, etc. what would happen? You tell me.

4. Mrs. Eddy says on page 258:27 that man was never born and never dying. That’s a fact not a fable. If there never was a beginning, how could there be an ending?
5. How many times do you think Mrs. Eddy refers to the 1st Commandment in her writings? In this lesson it’s on page 467: 13. “Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.” Why do you think this commandment was her favorite?

A number of years ago there used to be a TV show called “Truth or Consequences.” The contestants were asked questions and if they couldn’t tell the truth (didn’t know the answer) they had to pay the consequences. It was harmless but fun to watch. Every time we know what is true in any given situation – we demonstrate our harmony – our dominion and obviously there are no consequences to face. Which would you prefer – the “treat” or the trick (deception, joke, scam, fraud, etc.)?

SUNDAY SCHOOL Humor:

The Good Samaritan: "A Sunday school teacher was telling her young class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class: "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence and said: "I think I'd throw up."

Smile – GOD LOVES YOU JUST THE WAY HE MADE YOU!

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