

BIBLE LESSON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKBOOK

Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?

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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?

**“Hallelujah, the Master reigns; Our God; The
Sovereign-Strong! Let us celebrate.
Let us rejoice, let us give HIM the glory!”
(The Message; Rev. 19, 6, 7)**

We should all be singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* this week. “Be glad, give thanks, rejoice!”

1. This lesson poses an important question – Is the world controlled by atomic force? Or who gets nuclear weapons first? Why? Why not? (Read the G.T. Rev.19:6, 7).

The major biblical point in this week’s lesson can be found on B2, I Chronicles 29:11, 13. – One of my favorite verses. It says it all. “God is exalted as **head above all!**” If He is the head over all, (and He is) that means He is the head or better yet in control of you, me, Iraq, Iran, the U.S., Darfur, weather, conflicts, etc., etc. Divine Love is in control of EVERYTHING and EVERYONE and God never gets voted out of office. There are no opposing parties. “Principle and its idea is one.” (MBE) He doesn’t take sides. Mrs. Eddy tells us “*There is only one side to good – it has no evil side; there is but one side to reality, and that is the good side.*” Christian Healing, page 13. How do you interpret the above sentence? Bottom line is, we can only be on one side – the one with **all the power!**

God is our Boss. We report to Him. Continue to think on this; pray daily using this statement and watch all the good that comes into focus. Remember, “We can’t change perfection.” We can only see and acknowledge it. Give examples of how you can put these ideas into every day practice – at school, at home, when shopping, at parties, in SS, and so forth. What have you brought to the Sunday School class “picnic” lately? Our life is GOD’S PRAYER.

2. How do you feel when your thought is focused on Love? We are “gentle beams of living love.” What is the purpose of a sunbeam? One of the dictionaries definitions is a “radiant look or smile.” What kind of beam are you radiating today? Practice SMILING. You’ll never know how many people you can bless by just giving them a smile and inwardly knowing that God loves them. This is an opportunity to put into practice Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount – “don’t hide your light but let it shine, shine, shine.” **Riddle:** If 100 people walk into a dark room how many does it take to turn on the light?

3. The key citation in S&H is in Section 1, S3, Page 275: 6, 17-24. Where do we begin when we pray? What does Mrs. Eddy tell us is “the starting point?” The marginal heading is “The divine completeness.” Interesting that the first sentence in Science & Health this week is: “God is intelligence.” I wonder why? An idea can’t act on its own – it’s controlled and activated by the mind that forms it. As Mind’s idea, we are formed and obedient to the Mind that thinks us. We can’t act contrary to the Mind that made us. Remember that when you believe you have an enemy or you think there is someone you don’t like or vice versa.

4. God is **ALL**. What does “**all**” mean? God is all power, all presence all Science – then what’s left? Page 143 26-31, S4 tells us to give to Mind all the glory and power. Every day is Thanksgiving Day – praising and thanking God for creating only good in the universe. “Let this Mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus,” and we too will experience only good in our lives. We need to look **out** from Mind not **up** to it. Right now and forever we have the Mind of Christ. Accept it! Believe it! Practice it! It’s so easy – God’s work is already been done and it can’t be un-done.

5. If someone gives you a gift what do you say? God has given you a perfect gift – “the pearl of great price.” What do you say? This is a free gift – no strings attached and you can’t return it. “All sales final!!!”

6. Name some spiritual gifts you would like to give for Christmas to your folks; your friends; your teacher; a stranger; yourself, etc. What’s the cost? Where will you get them?

7. Did you know that Luke 2: 14 – “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,*” has been in the last three lessons? Why do you think it’s been part of the Bible citations three weeks in a row? What does it mean in today’s language? What’s the message here?

8. B8 Joshua 10: 6, 8, 12, 13. Who was Joshua?

- a. a shepherd boy
- b. Moses’ successor
- c. a disciple of Jesus
- d. an ancient rock star

9. The name Joshua means _____? Interesting that the name Jesus means the same thing.

The people of Israel had been homeless nomads for nearly 500 years. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his 12 sons had been nomads in the land of Canaan. Joshua was appointed by God as the Commander-in-Chief. All of us need to continue to pray that today as in biblical times; God/Mind is with *our* Commander-in Chief as well. God saved His people from the Amorites. Joshua always put God first and obeyed all His commands without question. He totally believed in God’s omnipotence. Verse 13 talked about the sun standing still – what do you think that means? The earth revolves around the sun not the other way round. Joshua was really praying for time to complete his mission – in other words he asked God to give him time to finish the work He had given him to do. We might look at this as being longer daylight hours in which to destroy the enemy. The lesson here is never to quit before your work is finished. **STAND FIRM!** Can you name anything God can’t do?

During the second World War, Winston Churchill gave a famous speech to the British people who were experiencing constant bombings from the Germans. There were air raids day and night and the people were getting discouraged. This was his speech: “*Never, never, never, never, never, never, never give up.*” When he finished, he walked off the platform without saying another word. If we’re

tempted to say, “What’s the use?” Then we’d better handle the “what’s the use” false belief. Have you ever tried to open a jar of something and you hold it under hot water, bang it, etc. and it just won’t open – then dad comes along and *voila* – one twist and he opens it. You never know when that one extra twist, one understanding prayer, will release the false belief that is trying to hold you down and the healing is complete. NEVER GIVE UP!

10. Look up the definition of “Miracle” in S&H. Did Jesus work miracles? How did he heal sin, sickness, and death? On page 134:28-32; S5 – Mrs. Eddy tells us that “A miracle fulfills God’s law, but does not violate that law.” What does she mean?

11. What is the difference between the Jewish concept of God and our concept of God as taught by Christ Jesus and C.S.? S8, Page 133: 29-31. S9, Page 576: 26-4.

12. C _____ H _____ R _____ I _____ S _____ T _____ M _____ A _____ S _____
Fill in the blanks with words that suggest the spiritual meaning of CHRISTMAS to you beginning with each letter.

13. When should we celebrate Christmas? Name some gifts you’ve received from God? When did you last express gratitude for them? What are some Love-gifts you would like to give this year to friends & family? How do we pray for “supply?”

14. What does *Immanuel* mean?

- a. Immaculate
- b. God with us
- c. Merry Christmas in Hebrew
- d. Come here immediately

15. Was Christ born on 12/25? When was the Christ born? It might be a good idea to have your students read; WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME & other Christmas Messages by MBE.

16. Study Mrs. Eddy’s poem, Christmas Morn (Hymnal page 23) and ask your students to translate its meaning in today’s language. As mentioned above, we are all “gentle beams of living loan.”

17. Why was Christ Jesus called “The Prince of Peace? How can we become princes and princesses of peace?

18. How can we make the spirit of Christmas felt and lived 365 days a year? What does Christmas mean to you?

19. Definition of CHRIST-MASS. Original meaning was celebration of the Christ. It was and is a Holy Day – every day.

20. Why didn’t Jesus begin teaching and preaching the Gospel until he was 30?

- a. Jewish law said that no one could teach or preach until 30
- b. Mary & Joseph needed him home to help with the family business
- c. He was scared to go out on his own.
- d. He was waiting until he could find 12 disciples to follow him

21. Why do we have the emblem of the Cross & Crown on all of Mrs. Eddy's writings? What is written in the center? Most Christian religions use the symbol of a cross, but why do Christian Scientists use a "crown" with it?
22. Why was Jesus called the "way-shower?" How many years did he preach and teach prior to the crucifixion?
23. Who baptized Jesus before he began his ministry?
- Moses
 - John the -----
 - Joseph
 - Joshua
 - Judas
 - James
24. If you met Jesus today, what two (or more) questions would you ask him? If you could ask Mary Baker Eddy two or more questions, what would they be?
25. Explain the meaning of this sentence: "None but the pure in heart can see God?"
26. Jesus worked with Joseph, his adopted father as a –
- a carpenter
 - a plumber
 - a fireman
 - a musician
 - a camel driver
27. Section 3 – In this section, Genesis 4:1. We have Eve giving birth to Cain. In Luke 2: We have the Virgin Mary giving birth to Jesus. What was the difference between these two mothers and the modus-operandi of their son's births? Read the definition of Adam and Eve in Science & Health, pages 579 and 585. Who was the father of Cain, Abel & Seth? Who was the father of Jesus? Man is God's divine concept of Himself. Conceived and created by God in spirit and not matter. What a cause for rejoicing knowing the ills of the so-called flesh can't touch us. The substance of Spirit can't become the substance of matter or vice versa. Do you understand why?
28. B14. John 10:23-26, 30. Why didn't the Jews believe Jesus was the Christ? When questioned by the Jews, he pointed to his works not just his words. Actions always speak louder than words, why? What would make folks believe that C.S. actually heals?
29. This incident in Solomon's porch occurred during the Festival of the Dedication. The Jew's celebrate it today around the same time the Christians celebrate Christmas. Today the Festival of Lights is called _____?
- Thanksgiving
 - Easter
 - Hanukkah
 - Mother's Day

30. Section 4 – Luke 19: 1-10. B16. Jesus and Zacchaeus. Who was Zacchaeus? What was his profession? How did his neighbors feel about him? What did Jesus say to him when he saw him up a tree? Why did he climb the tree in the first place? Do you think Zacky was a happy man? If you had absolutely no friends at all, how would you feel? Do you think Zacky wanted to change?

31. How would you feel if Jesus had dinner with someone you didn't particularly like and never ate dinner at your house? How did Zacky prove to Jesus and his neighbors that he really wanted to change/repent? What did he tell Jesus he would do? When Jesus invited himself to Zacky's house for supper did he think he was dining with a sinner? Why not? Spiritually speaking, our home is our consciousness. Let's invite the Christ Truth into our consciousness, our home 24/7. What a joy!

32. B17 – Matthew 5:48. We have another verse from the Sermon on the Mount in this week's lesson. What is it and what does it mean?

33. Do you like being a student of Christian Science? Do you think it's difficult? Do you think you will remain a Christian Scientist when you leave Sunday School? Explain.

34. Do we have a mind of our own? Yes? No? Why? Why not?

39. Read S17, Page 476: 28-5. This is a wonderful healing message for students to memorize. It's a perfect treatment for all healing thus proving we are in the kingdom of heaven *now* and forever.

40. Why did Jesus say he was the *light of the world*? B20; John 8:12, 20, 28-32. What do you think he meant? How can we become a disciple of Jesus? How can we be the light of our world – in our home, school, workplace, neighborhood, gymnasium, etc.? Instead of an “ever-ready bunny (battery) we should be the every-ready shining light bulb of Christ's love – glowing brighter every day. Normally if you keep a flash light on, the battery dies down and the light gets dimmer and dimmer, but as the *light* of Love – the more we keep that light burning, the stronger and brighter it gets and will never wear out nor can it be extinguished. Can you imagine how many people would be drawn to that light and how many you would bless just by “shining/living love?” It boggles the mind.

41. B21; Page 473: 7-15. Do you believe God is everywhere? Can you think of any places where He might not be? How do we prove He's everywhere?

42. When reasoning from cause to effect in C.S., what do we begin with? Why?

43. Section 6: B21: Is.60: 1, 2, 4,18,20,21. Here's The Message's translation of these citations:

“Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. God's bright glory has risen for you. The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, but God rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you. Look up! Look around! There'll be no more stories of crime in your land, no more robberies, no more vandalism. You'll name your main street Salvation Way, and install Praise Park at the center of town. Your sun will never go down; your moon will never fade. I will be your eternal light. Your days of grieving are over. All your people will live right and well in permanent possession of the land.” Wow! What is the message in this passage from Isaiah?

44. Next we have Revelation 21: 1, 3-5. The beloved disciple, John is basically seeing and saying the same thing – no more death, or crying, or pain; they're all gone because they never were here in the first place. These verses are the acme of Christian Science. God is everywhere; in our homes, our neighborhood; our community – the world; our consciousness. We live, move and have our very

existence in Him. The Kingdom of Heaven is present here and now. We don't have to search for it – just see it; believe it; claim it; accept it. We're in heaven/harmony now. In Mrs. Eddy's spiritual interpretation of The Lord's Prayer she says: "...as in heaven so on earth – God is omnipotent, supreme."

45. Now let's again answer this question: "Is the universe, including man evolved from matter or false beliefs?" IMPOSSIBLE! Evil has no power to stop Truth. As Mrs. Eddy has said – "We talk it up to talk it down." Step by step we remove the seeming power of anything and everything that is opposed to good – to God. What commandment does this lesson teach? How can there be a conflict if there is only ONE? Can God argue with Himself?

"Parables for Christmas by John Killinger:

THE ORNAMENT OF GREAT PRICE (Mathew 13:45-46)

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who
Dealt in extremely valuable old Christmas ornaments and,
When he found one made entirely of pearls and diamonds, he
was so entranced by it that he sold his entire
stock in order to buy that single ornament.*

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