

Part II: "...AND I IN YOU."

CONCEPTION

LESSON XI

"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God...
The Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us,
...full of grace and truth."

In earlier stages of unfoldment, attempts to know God were through human effort and through human righteousness. God had been revealed only to a few and only in visions, prophecies and promises but seemingly beyond reach.

The new level of unfoldment reveals an awareness of God abiding in us, "They shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is God with us." When the pure and immaculate Truth is perceived, accepted and applied by the consecrated soul, then, "that which is conceived...is of the Holy Spirit."

In the 400-year silence between the old and the new revelations, it was man and not God that changed. In silence and surrender, the human concept of a self separate and apart from God is revealed as an illusion. "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away."

Divine Science: Its Principle and Practice states that "The purpose of creation is that the Creator may express, and the purpose of individual creation is that the Creator may be expressed through and by the individual."

ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON XI

Read John 1:1-18

Reflect on each of the phrases at the beginning of this lesson. Contemplate the levels of meaning of Word. Where is the Word heard or revealed? Where does the Word originate? What does the Word express? After further reflection, write a brief paper on the insights given to you.

While relating to this lesson, make a list of related passages of scripture that come to you only through inspiration. They do not need to be exact or complete quotes or even many of them. The essential part is that you listen for them and allow them to be revealed from within. See any patterns revealed in the passages you have listed. Refer to the Bible for any passages that may be only partially complete. Meditate on any of these passages that speak to you.

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BIRTH

LESSON XII

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

God is the Source of all of creation, the Spirit that is back of all, working in and through all from invisible to visible. The Christ, already in us, comes into expression (is born) in our conscious awareness as we turn from worship of the world without to the Word within.

In *Hints to Bible Study*, Agnes M. Lawson tells of the birth of the Christ in these words, "Christianity followed Judaism as naturally as the fruit follows the blossom, for one is the fulfillment of the other. A little over a half century after Palestine had become a Roman province a child of humble parentage was born in an obscure village of that province. As the child grew he revealed a comprehension of life and exercised powers hitherto unknown as being inherent in man. His advent was of such importance that besides dividing our history into two great sections it has caused an understanding of the purpose of the Creator in and for men to steadfastly unfold in the consciousness of the race."

ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON XII

Read Luke 2:1-19

Contemplate how all of new life is expressed only from the invisible to the visible.

Throughout the time of reflection on this assignment, make a list of related passages of scripture that come to you through inspiration. Again, they do not need to be exact or complete quotes or even a quantity. The essential part is that you listen for them and allow them to be revealed from within.

Reflect on any pattern revealed in the passages you have listed. Meditate on any of the passages that have special meaning to you.

Write a paper of 100 words or less on New Life.