

Literature II – 1

Unit 1: A Thematic Anthology About Truth

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This LightUnit goes with
pages 1-35 of
Perspectives of Truth in Literature.

Section 3

Lesson 11

“Revelation”



Read “Revelation” (pp. 26, 27).



Complete these sentences about the author.

1. The author is _____.
2. He is most known for the book from which this essay is excerpted:
_____.



Write the letter of the correct answer.

3. ____ Use a dictionary to choose the best definition for *agnostic*.
 - a. A person who believes there is no God.
 - b. A person who believes we cannot know if there is a God.
 - c. A person who believes there is a God, but he is neither active nor personal.
 - d. A person who believes there is a form of God in each human.
4. ____ Use a dictionary to choose the best definition for *atheist* from the choices in No. 3.
5. ____ The unbelieving American and the unenlightened heathen are alike in that
 - a. neither has had a chance at salvation.
 - b. neither will come to salvation.
 - c. neither can unravel human mysteries.
 - d. neither can imagine a loving God.
6. ____ None of the following can be understood outside of divine revelation *except*
 - a. the origin of matter.
 - b. the composition of matter.
 - c. the origin of man.
 - d. the eternal destiny of man.
7. ____ There is no Scriptural ground for any of the following claims *except*
 - a. various sects that claim their leaders receive special revelation.
 - b. those who claim revelation as an answer to prayer.
 - c. those who claim that God answers prayer.
 - d. those who claim progressive revelations that are clearer now than ever.

8. _____ Moses is a more reliable source than Socrates or Confucius because he
- was one of God's chosen people.
 - served God for many years.
 - was born to godly parents.
 - received direct revelation from God.



Do these exercises.

9. Define *revelation*. _____
10. Explain how you can know God hasn't revealed His truth in "holy books" of various religions.
- _____
- _____
- 11. The most confusing false religions are the ones that contain the most truth. The followers of Mohammed are exemplary in modesty and family values, yet are seriously in error in their belief that Mohammed received divine revelation. Confucius has left many wise quotes we can profit from. Yet he taught error as well. Read the following sayings of Confucius and imagine that you are being asked by an unbeliever whether these sayings agree with the Christian faith. Compare them with the Standard of Truth. Are they true or not? Choose at least one quote that you feel is in error when evaluated with Scripture. Tell why it is in error, including Scripture in your proof.

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

He who will not economize will have to agonize.

Return good for good; for evil, justice.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.

LOOKING BACK . . .



Complete the sentences.

12. Menno Simons did not desire _____ because he feared he would be deceived by them.
13. In "The Authority of the Scriptures," _____ (author) taught that the only safe test of a statement's truth is its agreement with _____.



Write Menno Simons' favorite verse.

14. _____

Memorizing for the Future



Write your Bible memory passage by memory on other paper.

☐ 15. Give it to your teacher.

Lesson 12

“God’s Word”



Read “God’s Word” (p. 29). Remember that you will memorize one poem from pages 29-33.



Write the author’s name.

1. _____



Match the figurative meaning to its symbol.

- a. Skeptics and other persons who try to discredit the Bible
- b. The Bible, solid, stable and enduring
- c. Books and speeches that try to show the Bible is not inspired by God, that it contains error, and that we do not need to obey it

- 2. _____ the anvil
- 3. _____ the hammers
- 4. _____ falling blows



Write the letter of the correct answer.

5. ____ This poem tells us all of the following about the Bible *except*
- a. the Bible has stood through centuries of abuse.
 - b. there is only one Bible.
 - c. the Bible has more readers than any other book on earth.
 - d. the Bible has remained unchanged through the ages.
6. ____ The word *vesper* refers to
- a. morning worship.
 - b. bells rung in the evening.
 - c. ancient metal.
 - d. horses.

“The Book Our Mothers Read”



Read “The Book Our Mothers Read” (p. 30).



Write the author’s name.

7. _____ was a poorly educated Quaker farm boy who wrote poetry at a young age. When his sister secretly sent his poems to a local newspaper, his life changed. He attended a nearby academy, making shoes to pay his way. Many of his poems are about abolition or his New England homeland. You will read another of his poems later in the poetry section; you have perhaps read “Forgiveness” in Perspectives of Life.



Using a dictionary, define these words from the poem.

8. cull (verb) _____
9. quest (noun) _____
10. sage (noun) _____



Write the letter of the correct answer.

11. ____ We need to cull the world for truth because
- a. the world is full of a mixture of truth and error.
 - b. anything that looks like truth is truth.
 - c. we will not find truth anywhere we look.
 - d. if we choose error there is no hope of return.

Lesson 12

12. _____ Searching *graven stone and written scroll* symbolizes searching for truth in
- a. cemeteries.
 - b. ancient archaeology.
 - c. ancient philosophy and writing.
 - d. ancient architecture and printing methods.
13. _____ Searching *all old flower fields of the soul* symbolizes searching for truth in
- a. our modern day education system.
 - b. wise and classical writings of philosophers.
 - c. the Bible.
 - d. nature.
14. _____ You could know which writings of the sages were true by making sure they
- a. work in real life.
 - b. are democratic.
 - c. are unselfish.
 - d. agree with the Word of God.
15. _____ It is dangerous to “cull the world” for truth because
- a. we may end up being deceived and never return.
 - b. no one in the world knows any truth.
 - c. we should not try to pick and choose.
 - d. we will become disgusted with the world.

Memorizing for the Future



Choose a poem to memorize from pages 29-33 and write its title here. Study it today and tomorrow. You will be asked to write it from memory in Lesson 13.

- 16. _____

LOOKING BACK . . .



Complete the sentences.

17. Someone who doesn't believe there is a God is an _____.
18. Someone who believes we can't know if there is a God is an _____.
19. Daniel Kauffman wrote the book _____, from which the essay “_____” is taken.
20. Truth given by inspiration of God is _____.