

# Literature II – 10

## Unit 4: The Essay

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This LightUnit goes with  
pages 402-425 of  
*Perspectives of Truth in Literature.*

## Introduction

The three essays in LightUnit 10 make up the category “Truth Personalized: Encounters with God.” Each is a deeply personal revelation of the heart of the author. Only the person who has experienced such things could write as they write. Sincerity in belief and devotion to God are central in all three essays.

In the second section, you will study several essays supplied by your teacher.

In Section 3, you will write a final essay. If you are about to graduate, you may want to turn this into a graduation “speech.” Last, you will read an essay aloud.

# Section 1

## Lesson 1

### “Deny Self and Imitate Christ”

 Find the word in the essay. Look at how it is used and write the letter of the best answer.

- |                      |               |                  |                   |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ____ renunciation | a. lecture    | b. a giving up   | c. broken promise |
| 2. ____ inviolable   | a. exhausting | b. not flammable | c. secure         |
| 3. ____ infallible   | a. logical    | b. false         | c. unerring       |
| 4. ____ valiantly    | a. bravely    | b. triumphantly  | c. furiously      |

 Read “Deny Self and Imitate Christ” (pp. 402, 403).

 Complete the sentences.

- The author’s name is \_\_\_\_\_.
- This selection was taken from the book \_\_\_\_\_.

 Copy the first sentence of this essay and commit it to memory.

- \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 1



Write the letter of the correct answer.

8. \_\_\_\_ According to this essay, as a person stops loving himself, he is helped to be
  - a. a better person.
  - b. victorious over sin.
  - c. closer to God.
  - d. humble.
  
9. \_\_\_\_ According to this essay, the way to know the truth is to
  - a. pray to God.
  - b. believe on Jesus.
  - c. accept the Spirit.
  - d. join a church.
  
10. \_\_\_\_ We need special grace to follow Christ because
  - a. Christ's way is made fun of by the world.
  - b. Christ set us a perfect example.
  - c. Christ's commandments are hard to understand.
  - d. Christ does not want his followers to be happy.
  
11. \_\_\_\_ In part of the essay, Christ is talking, saying "my son." In other parts of the essay, the author is speaking. In this essay, the speaker changes
  - a. one time.
  - b. two times.
  - c. three times.
  - d. four times.
  
12. \_\_\_\_ The last paragraph is addressed to
  - a. Christians.
  - b. Jesus Christ.
  - c. sinners.
  - d. the author.
  
13. \_\_\_\_ *Way* is to *follow* as *truth* is to
  - a. *know*.
  - b. *believe*.
  - c. *Christ*.
  - d. *infallible*.
  
14. \_\_\_\_ According to this essay, if you want to be perfect, you will not live for
  - a. tomorrow.
  - b. happiness.
  - c. things of this life.
  - d. honor of men.

15. \_\_\_\_ The Christian is encouraged to take up Christ’s cross since
- a. Jesus bore His cross and will help us.
  - b. we should follow our parents’ example.
  - c. it is easy to bear.
  - d. it is expected of all people.
16. \_\_\_\_ Which of these sentences from *The Imitation of Christ* is most like this essay’s theme?
- a. “I would rather feel contrition than know the definition thereof.”
  - b. “For God weighs more the love out of which a man works, than the work which he does.”
  - c. “It is much safer to be in subjection than in authority.”
  - d. “And he is truly very learned who does the will of God and forsakes his own will.”
17. \_\_\_\_ The general attitude of Thomas á Kempis toward what he is told is
- a. a dismay at how far short he comes of perfection.
  - b. a desire for it to be true in his life.
  - c. a feeling of unworthiness for God’s help.
  - d. delight that God would take notice of him.

## Lesson 2

### “Deny Self and Imitate Christ”



Complete this table to compare the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

	<i>the Way</i>	<i>the Truth</i>	<i>the Life</i>
1. What happens without it	_____	_____	_____
2. What ought to be done with it	_____	_____	_____
3. What it is not (remove prefix)	_____	_____	_____
4. What is superlative about it	_____	_____	_____



Besides the many direct quotes from the Bible in this essay, there are a number of allusions to Scripture.

 Find and write the sentence or phrase that alludes to each of these references.

12. 1 Timothy 6:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Luke 9:62 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Hebrews 6:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

 Tell what two things will happen if we remain in Christ's Way.

15. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## LOOKING BACK . . .

 Write the correct vocabulary word.

renunciation    inviolable    infallible    valiantly

16. \_\_\_\_\_ He announced that he was giving up of his drug habits, for which we all cheered.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible is so flawless that we do not need to doubt it.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ The dive team courageously searched for the missing swimmer.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ The government tried to make the border completely secure.

 Follow the directions and complete the sentences.

20. Write the first sentence of "Deny Self and Imitate Christ" from memory.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. Write the name of the author of "Deny Self and Imitate Christ." \_\_\_\_\_

22. Write the book from which the essay was taken. \_\_\_\_\_