






Memorization Explanations – Week 2
Spring Branch Academy – Year Two

Theology	Language
<p>Five Areas of Social Order</p> <p><i>Jew and Greek</i> <i>Slave and Free</i> <i>Male and Female</i> <i>Old and Young</i> <i>King and Priest</i></p> 	<p>The Three “Rs” of Traditional Education</p> <p><i>Reading</i> <i>Writing</i> <i>’Rithmetic</i></p>
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<p>The Bible, especially the New Testament, gives at least five areas of external, social life, where God tells us how to live:</p> <p>Galatians 3:28 – Spiritually equal, but still distinct: <i>Jew and Greek</i> <i>Slave and Free</i> <i>Male and Female</i></p> <p>Titus 2:1-10 adds the responsibilities of age: <i>Old and Young</i></p> <p>The Old Testament stresses these distinct roles: <i>King and Priest</i></p> <p>Just because each believer is spiritually equal in having full access to God through Christ and a hope of heaven does not mean that believers are equal in all respects:</p> <p>E.g. While Gentile believers are spiritually equal to believing Jews (Eph. 3:5; Gal. 4:29), the gospel still goes out to the Jews “first” (Rom. 1:16).</p> <p>The same applies to a believing husband and wife—equal in some ways, not equal in others (1 Pt. 3:1-7).</p>	<p>Tutors should review the following:</p> <p>Education = Arts and Sciences (skill) (knowledge) (things we <i>do</i>) (things we <i>know</i>)</p> <p>Liberal Arts = Trivium + Quadrivium The liberal arts are <i>classical</i> education.</p> <p>Trivium <i>Grammar</i> – skill in speaking → sentence <i>Logic</i> – skill in reasoning → argument <i>Rhetoric</i> – skill in persuading → speech</p> <p>The Three “Rs” of Traditional Education <i>Reading</i> – Christianity alone gives us true History <i>Writing</i> – like the Trivium (verbal arts) <i>’Rithmetic</i> – like the Quadrivium (math arts)</p> <p>Note: We are showing that classical education lacks the reading component (is it a “science”, not an “art”?). We are also taking advantage of that difference to stress that classical education needs the Bible.</p>

Scripture	Parable
<p>The Origin of Marriage and Woman “It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” —Genesis 2:18</p> <p>The Leave-and-Cleave Pattern of Marriage “For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” —Genesis 2:24</p> <p>The Dominion Mandate “God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” —Genesis 1:28</p> <p>Bonus: The Call of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)</p>	<p>The Parable of the Weeds Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p> <p>“Let both grow together until the harvest.” —Matthew 13:30</p> <div> </div> <p>Adage to Remember “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.”</p>
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<p>The tutor asks the question and students respond. The first two verses are the priority in the first year.</p> <p>What is the origin of marriage and of woman? <i>To give to man a suitable, but opposite companion:</i> “It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper <i>fit</i> [lit. opposite] for him.” —Genesis 2:18</p> <p>What is the pattern of marriage based on its origin? <i>Leave and cleave</i> [i.e. cling = Heb. “stick to”]: “For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” —Genesis 2:24</p> <p>Note: This pattern applies to all peoples in all times.</p> <p>What is the Dominion Mandate? <i>God blessed mankind with stewardship of creation:</i> “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” —Genesis 1:28</p> <p>Note: We should tame and develop God’s wilderness.</p> <p>The bonus passage should simply be read. Parents can work on the larger passage at home.</p>	<p>The field is the world and Jesus owns the field. Satan, the enemy, sows false believers in the world. Note: The darnel weed, when it was immature, looked a lot like grain; hence, wait until harvest.</p> <p>Rather than send the angels <i>now</i> to remove false believers from the world, Jesus has determined to wait until the Final Judgment at “the end of the age.”</p> <p>As a result, Christians should expect to find look-alikes in the world, such as cults and false religious traditions.</p>

Math	Science
<p>Liberal Arts = Trivium + Quadrivium</p> <p>Quadrivium – the mathematical arts</p> <p><i>Arithmetic</i> – Counting <i>Geometry</i> – Measuring in space <i>Music</i> – Measuring in time <i>Astronomy</i> – Measuring in time and space</p>	<p>Scientific Method</p> <p><i>Observations</i> <i>Questions</i> <i>Hypothesis</i> <i>Experiments</i> <i>Conclusion</i></p> <p>Levels of Scientific Certainty</p> <p><i>Hypothesis</i> <i>Theory</i> <i>Law</i></p>
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Geography and Chronology	History
<p>Two Dates in Church History</p> <p><i>December 25, 800</i> – Crowning of Charlemagne</p>  <p><i>October 31, 1517</i> – 95 Theses of Martin Luther</p> 	<p>Two Theologians</p> <p><i>Irenaeus</i> – bishop of Lyons (2nd Century) “Through a tree we were made debtors to God; so through a tree we have our debt canceled.” —Irenaeus</p> <p><i>Origen</i> – Alexandria, Caesarea (3rd Century) Is Origen the origin Of all our father’s creedal sins— The hydra of a thousand lies, Of allegories piled high?</p>
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<p>Two Dates in Church History</p> <p><i>December 25, 800</i> – Crowning of Charlemagne</p>  <p>Even though the Dark Ages began in the fifth century, long before Charlemagne (lit. “Charles the Great”), king of the Franks, rescued Rome, his coronation as “Holy Roman Emperor” marks well the transition of focus from the Mediterranean world to the North. → The culture of the Middle Ages has begun!</p> <p><i>October 31, 1517</i> – 95 Theses of Martin Luther</p>  <p>We do not know for certain that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenburg castle church <i>exactly</i> on October 31, but it is close enough: Theses – statements a professor offers for debate Nailed – the door was like a public bulletin board Luther criticized the Pope’s sale of a plenary indulgence, which supposedly removed all temporal punishment (even in purgatory). National identity helped, because the Italian pope was fleeing the German flock to build the colossal St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. In contrast, Luther’s prince used indulgence money to build a bridge over the Elbe River (such fundraising was accepted practice) through a display of relics he made available on All Saint’s Day (Nov. 1). Note: Halloween is the evening (“E’en”) before All Hallow’s Day.</p>	<p>Church History Timeline</p> <p>Jesus, apostles, the fall of Jerusalem Nero, the Romans, and Constantine moves them— Martyrs Ignatius and Polycarp dying, Then Irenaeus and Origen writing, Now Athanasius stood firm, <i>contra mundum</i>— Basil and Gregories also stood with him. Antony, Benedict, monks and the mystics— The church in the <i>east</i>, beginning patristics.</p> <p><i>Irenaeus</i> – bishop of Lyons (2nd Century) “Through a tree we were made debtors to God; so through a tree we have our debt canceled.” —Irenaeus</p> <p>Note: Irenaeus was the first theologian of the church. He fought the Gnostics (“NAH-sticks”). They called the Creator a lesser god, who mistakenly made matter.</p> <p>Question: <i>How may we defend the faith?</i> Instead of bickering over proof texts, Irenaeus used the patterns of the Big Story of the Bible to expose the fake “gospel” of the Gnostics (cf. Gal. 1:6-7). Jesus “recapitulates” (or <i>recaps</i>) the events of the Old Testament, such as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:1-7). He famously affirms the four gospels and wrote <i>Against the Heresies</i>.</p> <p><i>Origen</i> – Alexandria, Caesarea (3rd Century) “So...Origen’s the origin...” is a playful poem on how this brilliant (but erratic) theologian was later declared a heretic in the 6th century. Even today, the Alexandrian tradition, which defended the deity of Christ, is blamed for being too philosophical. In part, this claim is true, but it is easy to overreact in theology. Note: As a teen, Origen was saved from martyrdom by his mother, who hid his clothes!</p>