

Summary of Life and Light in 1John 1:4,5

Hi Professor,

This August, I saw that BIOLA modified their **Statement of Biblical Principles** on their web page to include a reference to "the laws of nature". I noticed that there weren't a lot of scriptural references used on the web page. I feel it is important to display basis for our belief as light into darkness. I am sharing the text below and the attachment for consideration as a common ground.

The "[Golden Standard for Christian Education.pdf](#)" presented the Decalogue as a particular structure of 5 roots and 5 fruits.

The "[Laws of Nature and Nature's God.pdf](#)" presented the Decalogue as contrasting opposites. [Dr Kaiser calls these contrasting opposites "the doubled-sided morals"](#).

I found both structures in John's Gospel pictured as **Life** (Jn Chaps 11-17) and **Light** (Jn 1-12) metaphors.

[To show the invincibility of Jesus](#), 1John1:1 combines the Genesis record (...that which was from the beginning 1Jn1:1a) , The Mt Sinai record (...which we have heard [1Jn1:1b], [Deut 6:4](#)) , and the Gospel record (..that which we have looked upon ..the Word of life...the life was manifested..1Jn1:1c.) to construct his definition of **Light (1Jn1:5)**.

St John is saying that because "the laws of nature" in Genesis align with the morally contrasting laws of God, this overwhelming truth cannot be overtaken by natural men who speak otherwise ([John1:5](#)). It shows the preeminence of Christ (Col1:18).

The picture that John is painting with metaphors is huge...**our modern day commentaries don't look at the OT connections that are being illuminated in John's Gospel.**

We are in a moral crisis where this spiritual foundation has been hidden from the eyes of believers. Jesus is to be lifted up to overcome the darkness of our age (Jn12:32).

Many Blessings,

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