**Word Study for Lesson on “Reality”**

**WORD**

**Word** in Hebrew is *dabar* (Strong’s 1697) which means “speech, word, saying, utterance, discourse, acts, a precept, an edict”

**Word** in Greek is *logos* (Strong’s 3056) which means “word uttered- embodies a conception or idea, the sayings of God, decree, mandate or order, the moral precepts given by God, OT prophecy given by the prophets, what is declared, a thought, declaration, a weighty saying, doctrine or teaching, the mental faculty of thinking, meditating, reasoning, calculating,

Mrs. Eddy defines the Word of God as Divine Science:

503:12 Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, “God is All-in-all,”. . .

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**BEGINNING**

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(Relates to Genesis 1:1, ‘in the beginning God created. . . ‘)

In John, denotes the essential **Word** of God, Jesus Christ, the personal wisdom and power in union with God, his minister in creation and government of the universe, the cause of all the world's life both physical and ethical, which for the procurement of man's salvation put on human nature in the person of Jesus the Messiah, the second person in the Godhead. ([www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org), Thayer’s Greek Lexicon).

**Beginning**: in Greek is *arche* (746) which means “beginning, origin, the active cause, the first place, principality, rule, commencement or chief in various applications of order, time, place; used *absolutely of the beginning of all things.*

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**Principle: 1828 Webster’s Dictionary**

* the cause, source or origin of any thing
* that from which a thing proceeds;
* primordial substance
* being that produces anything; operative cause
* ground, foundation; that which supports an assertion an action or a series actions or of reasoning.

275:10 . . . God as the divine **Principle** of all that really is.