

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

### THE HOLY JERUSALEM

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; and every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.



And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: . . .

And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

*Revelation 21:21-27.*

The precious pearl is said to symbolize experience with its outcome, the gnosis or knowledge of the soul-process. Gold represents spirit, and transparency indicates purity. By means of the experiences which the threefold Spirit (Divine, Life, and Human) undergoes in its threefold body (dense, vital and desire) (and to which it is connected by the mind), it generates the threefold soul (conscious, intellectual, and emotional), which nurtures it from impotence to omnipotence. Through the twelve cranial nerves, the "gates" into the brain, the results of the experiences are registered in the consciousness. Thus we are told that man (and the Earth) of the future (New Galilee) will be much more spiritual than now, and will function in a body of luminous ether. "Such a body will not get tired either,

hence there is no night, and the twelve cranial nerves, which are the gates to the seat of consciousness, then as now, are consequently never closed."

Max Heindel further states that "When the Sun came into Aries by precession, a new cycle commenced, and the 'glad tidings' were preached by Christ. He said by implication that the new heaven and earth were not ready then when He told His disciples: 'Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again and receive you.' Later John saw in a vision the New Jerusalem descending from heaven, and Paul taught the Thessalonians 'by the word of the Lord' that those who are Christ's at His coming shall be caught up *in the air* to meet Him and be with Him *for the age*."

"But during this change there are pioneers who enter the kingdom of God before their brethren. Christ, in Matt. 11:12, said that 'the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.' This is not a correct translation. It ought to be: 'The kingdom of heaven *has been invaded* (biaxetai), and invaders seize on her.' Men and women have already learned through holy, helpful lives to lay aside the body of flesh and blood, either intermittently or permanently, and to walk the skies with winged feet, intent upon the business of their Lord, clad in the ethereal 'wedding garment' of the New Dispensation. This change may be accomplished through a life of simple helpfulness and prayer as practised by devoted Christians, . . . as well as by the specific exercises given in The Rosicrucian Fellowship. The latter will prove barren of results unless accompanied by constant acts of *love*, for *love* will be the keynote of the coming age . . . ."