
WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Christ Principle

And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. John 11:43, 44.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32.

Which of the above aspects of the Christ is the real one? We see Him here with the power to give life to a man who had lain in the grave four days already. The Christ had pronounced him dead, and not in a coma, as had been the case in the other healings. We read of the Christ controlling the elements of nature and of actively "disappearing" from amongst the multitude.

On the other hand we read passages describing His great compassion and attracting ability in drawing people to him. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest," "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not," "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;"

These are illustrations of two opposite poles of the spirit, the one positive, outgoing and vital, emanating power; and the other negative, absorbing and transmuted, attracting sympathy and love. They are united in the personality of Jesus, the highest initiate of the human race. This may be thought of as a personification of the mystic marriage spoken of by all esoteric teachers and authors. In the Book of Revelation we are told about the mystic marriage of the Bride and the Lamb. This marriage

comes in the experience of every questing soul.

Max Heindel, in describing the various initiations in the *Cosmo-Conception* says of the ninth that it is the material expression of the Earth Spirit. Here are found lemniscate currents of the positive and negative qualities, and we are told that it corresponds to the World of God. It is this center of the Earth that receives the great Christ Spirit from Christmas to Easter, and which vivifies the Earth for the coming solar year.

Before we can be released from our earthly school in incarnating bodies we must all have consummated the mystic marriage within our own personality. It is toward this end that all Rosicrucian teachings lead. Truly, the Christ who said, "I am the way the truth and the life," testified to the World of God, "I and my Father are one," (John 10:30). It was a glimpse of this world that blinded Paul on the road to Damascus and that so completely repaid Job for all his sufferings.

The record of these glimpses into cosmic consciousness are becoming increasingly numerous. Once having been bathed in this ineffable light, mortal life can never after be the same. Those who treasure one infinitesimal flash of the Father's world, given after a particularly fervent prayer, should remember that the gates to this other world are ever ajar to the Adept. He can enter at will, being equally at home there, or here on Earth. Sometime in the distant future, if we plan on keeping up with our evolution, we shall also have those privileges. Then we shall know the truth and it shall, indeed, make us free.