

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of St. John the Divine

THE "LITTLE BOOK"

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. . . . I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven.

And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.—*Revelation*, 10:1-11.

There are times in our evolution when it is unwise for the mass of the people to know what is to come, because they do not have the wisdom to use such knowledge properly. Thus John was told, "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." In the Sixth and Seventh Epochs, of the present Earth Period humanity will be in much closer touch with cosmic wisdom than it is now, and will

therefore be enlightened enough to know many things which are at present "sealed" from our knowledge.

The "little book" mentioned by John may be considered a symbolical reference to the permanent record of the pilgrimage into matter by man, the microcosm. It is taught in the Rosicrucian Philosophy that: "From the first breath which we draw after birth to our last dying gasp, we inspire air which is charged with pictures of our surroundings, and the same ether which carries that picture to the retina of our eye, is inhaled into our lungs where it enters the blood. Thus it reaches the heart in due time. In the left ventricle of that organ, near the apex, there is one little atom which is particularly sensitized, and which remains in the body all through life. It differs in this respect from all other atoms which come and go, for it is the particular property of God, and of a certain Spirit. This atom may be called the book of the Recording Angel, for as the blood passes through the heart, cycle after cycle, the pictures of our good and evil acts are inscribed thereon to the minutest detail.

"This record may be called the sub-conscious memory. It forms the basis of our future life when reproduced as a panorama just subsequent to death. By removal of the seed atom. . . . the reflecting ether of the vital body serves as a focus, and as the life unrolls slowly backward from death to birth the pictures thereof are etched into the desire body which will be our vehicle during our sojourn in Purgatory and the First Heaven where evil is eradicated and good assimilated, so that in a future life the former may serve as *conscience* to withhold the man from repeating mistakes of the past, and the latter will spur us to greater good."