

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Rite of Transfiguration

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THE Transfiguration marked a crisis in His career. After that experience He gave the deepest of His esoteric work to the Disciples, and performed the greatest of His acts for mankind. Following the dazzling glory of the Transfiguration He came down from the Mount to spend His few remaining days upon Earth in tender, loving, healing ministries for the sick and sorrowing. The bright heavenly radiance of that which He brought from above offered surcease of woe to those about Him. The lesson to be learned from the Transfiguration is that the only real reason for great spiritual attainment is that we may become more efficient helpers and servers in lowly places. From His great spiritual exaltation, which we can but dimly comprehend at this time, the Master returned to find only the cross awaiting Him.

The Transfiguration represents an actual occurrence wherein a process of transmutation takes place within the body of the Initiate. The essence of the powers gained through his lives upon the heart path are blended with the essence of experiences gathered upon the head path, and the union of the two produces a radiant light throughout the body which may be seen by those who have the eyes to see. This amalgamation occurs in the spirit fire or kundalini force within the spinal cord.

This spinal cord is divided into three segments; one portion is worked upon in heart development, another in the head process, and the third in connection with the union of the two. The soul body built by the mystic is like the whiteness of snow; that of the occultist is golden, tinged with red. The Transfiguration marks the uniting of the two; this union ever occurs at the foot of the cross, or

with the liberation of the Ego into a larger life or sphere of service. The Christ was transfigured in the presence of the most spiritual of His Disciples.

Moses symbolizes the feminine or heart path, which correlates with the Moon, the divine law giver, the measurer of time and regulator of physical events. Elijah represents the masculine or head path, which relates astrologically to the Sun. He is called the prophet of fire and ascends into heaven in a chariot of fire, having accomplished the Initiation by this element.

The voice of God repeats the same blessing given at the Baptism: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This was the benediction when the Christ accepted the body of Jesus for His three-years' Ministry; it was again the benediction when He prepared, through the Transfiguration, to complete the work of the Crucifixion.

The bodily transfiguration is an actual experience in the life of every high Initiate or Teacher. Buddha says: "On that night in which one attains to the supreme and perfect insight and on the night in which he finally passes away, on these occasions the color of the skin becomes clear and exceedingly bright."

The other world teachers, through a transfiguration, attained unto the Christed consciousness and gained entrance into Christ's own home world. Their Earth mission was then complete and they passed on into that high plane. The Christ Spirit had access to this realm at all times and it was there that He went when He departed into the desert, for instance. In the Transfiguration He revealed Himself to those able to see Him as He normally functioned in His own home world, the realm of the Christ Consciousness.

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