

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Crowning Works of the Ministry

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A Song of Planetary Rhythm

THE Gospel of John begins with the attainment of the Transfiguration.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth—(*John* 1:14).

After the transfiguration the great unifying Principle, the Cosmic Christ, is comprehended and realized as the Word made flesh. The first chapter of John is an ecstatic address expressing a realization of the oneness of all life. This necessitates a contact, attained in the Transfiguration, with the realm of super-consciousness.

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

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John, the great mystic, in a state of high spiritual ecstasy touched the very heart of God, the Feminine or Wisdom Principle of Creation, the Word or Logos. This Logos is the rhythmic or formative power, through and by which all things are brought into manifestation. Every planet sounds its keynote; so, too, does every atom. The music of the spheres is a reality. Upon reaching a certain stage of development one is able to hear Nature's music, to catch the rhythms by which all things are created, to listen to the symphonies of the forests, waters, and winds. Such has been the sensitiveness of great musicians and poets.

A yet higher consciousness embraces

the music of the planets in their rhythmic dance around the Sun. This was the attainment of Plato.

Rhythm is the basis of all creation. The Word is the formative rhythmic Love Principle, without which was not anything made that was made. Through the unifying Love Principle comes the realization of the oneness of all life. This power was with God in the beginning and was a part of God. The Feminine Attribute voluntarily sacrificed itself by lowering its vibratory rate (the province of the feminine is ever that of loving sacrificial service) in order that the Spirit of God might move upon the Spirit of Water to create.

Cosmically, this was the first blending of Fire and Water or the Masculine and Feminine Principles, the Immaculate Conception of the Cosmos, the prototype of the Immaculate Conception in man. The primal manifestation or product of the union was *Light*. In the beginning was God. In Him was Life (the Masculine and Feminine). This Life was the Light of men. It is the proper union of these two Principles that produces the Light of the World and the light *within* man. This is the reason for the early alchemists' repeated use of the symbols of the Sun and Moon. Their work was to discover the proper method of blending the dual Principles, as it involves the secret of turning base metals into gold on every plane of being.

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The work of Initiation is concerned with the awakening of this dual force, its control, and finally, its transmutation. The Father aspect (*Power*, Masculine, Fire, Sun) and the Son aspect (*Word*, Feminine, Water, Moon) are within man. Through their proper amalgamation by the activity of the Holy Spirit (*Motion*), Light is born. This is the Light which now shines in the darkness (materiality) and the darkness comprehends it not.

Hermes in his *Book of Pymander* states: "The difference between the form of man and animal is in the latency and activity of *fires*." This vital fire or light (Cosmic Christ emanation) is latent in every atom of the universe. The awakening of this inner fire into dynamic activity produces evolution. Superman will differ from the ordinary man in that he will have awakened, controlled, and transmuted this inner fire.

Again we read in the *Book of Pymander*: "Nature being commingled with man brought forth a wondrous miracle — the harmonious co-mingling of the essence of seven and her own through fire, or Spirit." Herein lies the mystic code of the Initiate. The entire Gospel of John as an initiatory study follows this mystic code.

In practically every religion, man worships a God of Fire. Jehovah is an all-consuming fire to His devotees. Christ Jesus becomes the Light of the World and the Light of men. The supreme prayer of the mystic Christian must ever be: "Let there be Light."

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Aspirant, and as a result, he knows only the rewards of days spent in selfless service, the satisfaction of worthwhile work, and the pleasure of knowing that he is ever more conforming to the ideals brought to all humanity in the Teachings of Christ Jesus. What he *wants* to do now equates with what he *should* do. He wants to make the so-called sacrifices necessary to spiritual growth, and by making them he achieves far greater pleasure and satisfaction than his former indulgences ever afforded.

Let us, therefore, from the very beginning, look upon spiritual sacrifice not as a burden, a chore, or a hardship. Let us, instead, regard it as an avenue to evolutionary progress, which in its own right eventually engenders the deep contentment sought by every human being who struggles with the illusion of materialism, and which, when it is faithfully, devoutly, and lovingly made, hastens our ultimate development and the perfection of our Golden Wedding Garments.

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