

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Parable of the Tares

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field.

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:24-30

The original plan of evolution for the human life wave involved no "sin," or action contrary to law, with consequent disease and suffering. A scheme of unfoldment similar to that of the angels was being followed until the latter part of the Lemurian Epoch. At that time man was in a carefree state, extremely limited in consciousness, led and controlled by higher Beings, most of humanity being unaware that they had physical bodies. However, there were pioneers among the women, who sensed the physical world and began to tell man of this dimly perceived physical existence. Max Heindel says of them:

"Among the observations made by these seeresses was the fact that at times a man lost his body, and it disintegrated. She saw him just as before in the spiritual world, but he was gone from material existence, and it troubled her."

From the angels she could get no information, but there was a group of stragglers from the angelic life wave

who assisted her. They were too far advanced to take a physical body, but they could work through a physical brain such as man had. These were the Lucifer Spirits and they manifested to the woman's consciousness by way of the serpentine spinal cord and informed her that man had within himself the creative ability to form new bodies without the mediation of the angels. Thus came about the ignorant and indiscriminate use of the creative force, and the consequent lust, selfishness, greed, etc., which constitute the "tares" among humanity.

By the time of the appearance of Christ Jesus upon the earth, the "tares" had become alarmingly numerous. A large part of humanity had straggled to the point of retrogression, and a powerful impetus was needed to make possible their going forward in evolution. This impetus came through the Christ making the Supreme Sacrifice and entering our earth at the time of the Crucifixion, becoming its indwelling Planetary Spirit. The radiations of the indwelling Christ Spirit have become stronger and stronger with the passing years, and there have been many human beings who have responded and "brought forth fruit."

This "fruit" is the unfoldment of the Christ qualities inherent in every human being, and manifests definitely as the luminous soul body. Those who possess this priceless "wedding garment" will be the "elect" who will be gathered into the "barn" spoken of by Christ Jesus. In other words, they will be the ones who will be prepared for the next great evolutionary change or division in humanity, when some will have to be left behind. "Loving, self-forgetting service to others" constitutes the highway to "the kingdom of heaven."