

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY



The Beam in Thine Eye



And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam which is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matt. 7:3-5.

Every aspirant who has earnestly set out to regenerate his life knows that his emotional, or desire body, is the most powerful adversary he has to cope with. Though less developed than the dense and vital bodies, it presents a more difficult opposition to discipline than either, due to the incessant migratory action of all its atoms and to the high sensitivity of their composition.

On page 133 of *The Rosicrucian Mysteries*, Max Heindel says this: "In the desire body every particle is sensitive to vibrations similar to those which we call sight, sounds, and feelings, and every particle is in incessant motion rapidly swirling about so that at the same instant it may be at the top and bottom of the desire body, and impart at all points to all the other particles a sensation of that which it has experienced. Thus every particle of desire stuff in this vehicle of ours will instantly feel any sensation experienced by any single particle. Therefore the desire body is of an exceedingly sensitive nature, capable of most intense feelings and emotions."

In addition to the difficulty imposed upon the governing Ego by this instant and often tumultuous reaction to every thought and feeling, the confusion is further increased by the variety in color and consistency of the respective par-

ticles. According to our habitual faults or virtues are these particles coarse or tenuous, opaquely ugly, or transparently beautiful in color.

This is all very important when we remember that this heterogeneous, largely uncontrolled mass, which is literally colored by our personality, extends a full sixteen inches beyond our physical body; therefore, everything we behold in the objective world, whether it be a person or a situation, can only be viewed *through* this garbled interception. Our desire body is the beam in our eye, through which we now "see as through a glass, darkly," and is the reason why we dare not judge, because through this confused blur we *cannot* render righteous judgment. Not until this vehicle, through purification and control, becomes so transparent and steadied as to enable us to see our brother *as he is*, and not as he appears to our present deceptive vision, are we equipped to judge his faults rightly and also to be of inspiration and guidance in removing the mote from his eye. And, true to the Law, a mote is all we discover his apparent faults to be, once our emotional prejudices are cleared away and we see "face to face," when spirit calls unto spirit, deep unto deep where hide the high motives and broken hopes, the inner efforts which fall so short in the outer man, the soul hunger unrevealed to the selfishly blind.

And in accordance with the automatic principle of justice throughout the universe, such individual purification and conquest bring an inner compensation that makes every effort worth any cost, and whose outer benefits become a service to humanity which only eternity can fully measure.