

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Rejected Stone



Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
—*The Acts, 4:10-12.*

Truly, "the stone which was set at nought of your builders," has become the cornerstone of a new world structure. Today the teachings of the Christ are urging humanity forward into a resplendent era of universal peace and brotherhood. Those following the path of faith (the feminine, heart path) have been able to accept without explanation the fact that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," and by following in His steps have attained to a high degree—even sainthood.

There is, however, another class of people, who must have their faith based upon *knowledge*, and for them occult philosophy provides the profound scientific truths embodied in the Mystery of Golgotha. Records in the memory of nature show that at the time of the Crucifixion the majority of humanity were at the point of retrogression, and it was essential that some help be given them. For this purpose a Ray of the Cosmic Christ offered Himself. At the Baptism He took possession of the bodies of the man Jesus, and for three and one half years lived on the earth as a man among men. He was tried and tempted, and finally crucified.

At the time of the Crucifixion, by

means of the flowing of the blood, the great luminous Sun Spirit, the Christ, diffused Itself all over the earth, becoming its indwelling Spirit. The tremendous spiritual light accompanying this event blinded men so that they thought there was a great darkness, but gradually it was absorbed into the earth, permitting everything within its influence to return to its normal vibrations, so far as man could see. Purer desire stuff was thus made available for the desire bodies of humanity, and the vibrations set up at that time cleansed, purified, harmonized, and gave a spiritual impulse that could not otherwise have been given.

Since then this Ray of the Cosmic Christ annually gives Itself anew to further man's progress, the solstitial and equinoctial seasons marking the turning points in the yearly journey from the earth to the World of God. Endlessly wells forth this mighty Love Power; ever urging man upward and onward.

Prior to the Crucifixion, initiation, the direct spiritual path, was open only to the few. With the coming of the Christ as the earth's indwelling Spirit, however, "the veil was rent," and thenceforth "whosoever will may come." Because of this Love-Sacrifice all mankind may now at will enter into all the manifold blessings of the higher life. Through His redeeming Love man may release in its fullness the Christ Love *within*, and thus know the soul ecstasy of true brotherhood, and the "peace that passeth all understanding."

This is the Love which "is God"—the illimitable, unconquerable Love. In its light are born the faith and hope which can make us channels for healing and harmonizing the ills of our fellow men. Life directed by this magic Power is a joyful journey. It is the Way!