

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

THE WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN



And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Revelation 12: 1-6

“The human Spirit is a spark from the Infinite, enfolding all possibilities. Man is not only a unit, a separate entity, however. At least, he is that only in a relative sense, for he is a member of a family, a community, a nation, one of the inhabitants of the Earth, and through that related to other worlds and their inhabitants, for they are all inhabited.

“This relation of the Sun, Moon, and planets is shown in every one of the different world religions, the Christian religion included, and the olden temples are monuments to the faith now nearly forgotten in the Western World; yet as relevant as in the days of old.

“When the Sun leaves his throne at the summer solstice, June 21, he passes

into the sign Leo, the Lion of Judah. Then we have the Catholic feast of the ‘Assumption’ on August 15. Then, onward to his western node, he enters the sign of the Virgin about August 22. Thus the Virgin is born from the Sun, as it were.

“This brings to mind the astronomical solution to that passage in Revelation: ‘I saw a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet.’ That phenomenon happens every September just after the New Moon; for viewed from our Earth, the Sun covers or clothes the sign Virgo all through September, and as the Moon is leaving the conjunction of the Sun, that appears to be beneath the Virgin’s feet.

“The lives of all the saviors of mankind are also founded upon the passage of the Sun around the circle of the zodiac, which pictures the trials and triumphs of the Initiate, and the fact has given rise to the erroneous conclusion that these saviors never existed, that the stories are merely Sun-myths. This is wrong. All divine teachers sent to man are cosmic characters and the ordering of their lives is in accord with the marching orbs, which contain, as it were, an anticipated biography of their lives. Each came with divine spiritual light and knowledge to help man to find God, and therefore the events of their lives were in accord with the events which the physical light-bearer . . . encounters on his pilgrimage through the year.

“The Saviors are all born of an immaculate Virgin, at the time when darkness is greatest among mankind, as the Sun of the coming year is born, or begins his journey, on the longest night of the year, when the zodiacal sign Virgo, the Virgin, stands on the eastern horizon in all latitudes between 10 and 12 P.M. She remains as immaculate as ever, after she has given birth to her sun-child.”