

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Revealing the Hidden Mysteries

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. Matt. 10:26, 27.

And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 4:21-23.

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Take heed therefore how ye hear; for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Luke 8:16-18.

These three quotations from the three synoptic Gospels illustrate how three separate personalities reacted to the same thought. How very important it is for each one of us to make our own contacts with universal truth, not relying on an intermediary, because the revelations of a second person will, of necessity, be colored by his own personal needs and limitations.

Matthew, accustomed to working directly with people, would shout his glad tidings from the housetops. For him that was the best way to tell others of the mysteries that had been revealed to him. He knew from experience the deep need men had for the light, and the equally deep need, when once found, to express it. Yet we are reminded of what an Indian sage said to the eminent American religionist, E. Stanley Jones, when he was in India on a mission: "What the American people do speaks so loudly that

I cannot hear what you are saying," so the phrase "preach from the housetops" must not be taken too literally.

Mark also had had a mystery revealed to him. Until the time of the Crucifixion when the veil of the Temple was rent, only those who had been chosen and had undergone rigorous training were eligible for initiation into the "Mysteries." John the Baptist is a good illustration of the old type of those men who, through ascetic discipline, had prepared themselves for baptism. But now there were enough people spiritually advanced so that the way to spiritual unfoldment could be proclaimed openly — but only to those who had "ears" and could understand. From now on the great Christ Spirit would control this planet and He would put His teachings into the heart of everyone. He would "hide" it there, and they, through their actions, would manifest them openly. One need not be clairvoyant to look into men's faces and tell which one loves his neighbor, and which one hates his. If a man loves money he surrounds himself with it and the things it buys; his every thought is concentrated on how to get it, to spend it, or to hoard it. If a man is genuinely interested in others he does not need to shout it from the housetops, all people love and trust him and flock to him. Truly we acknowledge the Christ's love or lack of it in our every action.

But illumination comes only to those who have disciplined themselves just as rigorously as John the Baptist had, and have opened their "ears." Christ has chosen all to be initiated and has pointed out the path, but we must learn to walk on that path alone.

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care, rather than subject ourselves to the harder way of suffering in the latter part of life.

For the tensions of the Sagittarian natives, we suggest that by performing the evening retrospection of the day in orderly fashion, as explained in the Rosicrucian Teachings, as well as the morning exercise of concentration, the native will experience results more beneficial than from any other form of mental therapy. Relaxing the muscles and fixing the mind on high ideals should not be difficult for the aspiring Sagittarian.

Finally, let us not forget that anyone, be he a native of Sagittarius or any of the other signs, who really gets at the root of his health problems does so by working on the inner man. The inner man has built and is continuing to build the outer form.

reactions. We can now truly "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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Luke, the beloved physician and friend of Paul, tells us the same truth, but he cannot forbear preaching a little about it. If we do not set our light on a candlestick and help to dispel the fogs of superstition and half truths that lurk in the dark, then that light which we thought we owned shall be taken from us. But if we do live our life "in the light" to the best of our abilities, then more and more mysteries will be cleared for us and our light will shine all the brighter until we can walk joyously along the path indicated by our Christ.

DAILY THOUGHT AND GUIDE

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ets make this day a special one. Success should be possible in many directions today as "The Heavens declare the Glory of God."

TUESDAY — December 29

Today again there can be a happy day and we acclaim with the Psalmist: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

WEDNESDAY — December 30

This day of Mercury brings with it wonderful aspects, and Uranus with its keyword Compassion is akin to love. We remember that "God is Love" and that this Love surrounds us.

THURSDAY — December 31

Today it is apparent that we should look back upon the year just past so that we may evaluate the happenings of this year, learning valuable lessons from our

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and was given a piece of honeycomb and some fish. It is stated that he ate, but not that he ate the fish. Anyone who had been brought up among strict vegetarians like the Essenes would not have eaten the fish any more than he would have eaten flesh if it had been set before him."

It should also be remembered that in the New Testament "fish" is used symbolically. "The disciples were fishermen and had miraculous drafts of fishes. Parables were told of them and people were fed with loaves and fishes. The story of Jonah and the whale, and all other such narratives have an esoteric and astrological significance."

"At the time of the advent of Christ the Sun by precession was in about seven degrees of Aries and within orb of the next sign, Pisces, the fishes. He was the Savior of the coming dispensation. Therefore He sought *fishermen*, and as He took them from their vocations, He stated He would make them *fishers of men*."