

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Gospels

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The Visitation

ANOTHER feminine Initiate of the Essenian Order who had also advanced far upon the path of soul attainment was Elizabeth, wife of the high priest Zacharias and a cousin to the blessed Virgin. Both Zacharias and Elizabeth, like Joseph and Mary, were Essenes, and received an angelic annunciation and were agents of an immaculate conception and holy birth through which that Ego described by the Master as the "greatest born of woman" returned to earth, in the person of John the Baptist.

Both Mary and Elizabeth knew their sons before their incarnation, while as yet they were among the Angels of heaven, and it was the soul-call of these two great Masters which awakened the latent spiritual powers of the women destined to be their mothers in the flesh. Elizabeth's visit with Mary, the memorable weeks which they spent together companioned by Angels in the solemn sanctity of the hill country, was a high adventure of spirit which is emblazoned upon the cosmic records for the emulation of all prospective mothers for all time.

If the Gospel of Luke is read carefully it will be observed that the Ego who was to bear the name of John the Baptist was at this time already working with his mother Elizabeth in the preparation of his physical vehicle, and that he, as a Spirit, recognized the coming of Mary and greeted her with joy.

To such exalted beings there are no barriers between the inner and outer planes, nor between life and so-called death. They function always in the

sublime state of conscious and continuous being and becoming.

Elizabeth and John were alike benefitted by the visit with Mary. The story of their communion together, these two holy women and the Master-egos who were to be their sons, amid the silence of the secluded hill country, is one of the most beautiful of all biblical gems and will serve as an inspiration for every New Age mother.

Every prospective mother is influenced by the Spirit that is incarnating through her during the months of ecstasy. The holy Mary was particularly susceptible to the tremendous spiritual forces of the high master Jesus. She walked with a new beauty and grace; her words possessed an ever greater wisdom than formerly and the radiations of light that surrounded her were dazzling to ordinary vision.

The moment Mary entered the garden of Elizabeth, the latter was suffused with the power of the spirit and she greeted Mary as the mother of heaven's anointed. Mary, too, was lifted into an exaltation of consciousness wherein she saw the role that Elizabeth would assume in the life of Jesus. In gladness and thanksgiving she sang the beautiful words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

During the visitation Mary occupied Elizabeth's shrine or prayer room and many were the ecstatic hours of spiritual communion that these two prospective mothers spent together in that room and in the lovely, quiet garden. This was, indeed, a passing of the three most important months of the prenatal epoch in the hill country of physical beauty and also in the hill country or the heights of spiritual knowing.