

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Christian Initiatory Teachings

The Beatitudes — Matt. 5:3-12

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Keynote: *Humility*, signifying the Christ power to control all manifestations and phenomena of the Earth.

2. *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

Keynote: *Comfort*. Mourning pertains only to the present stage of manifestation. Man's eventual elevation to the Christ consciousness will bring "peace which passeth all understanding."

3. *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

Keynote: *Meekness* or *Impersonality*, that complete renunciation of self which is won through *Gethsemane* and which later lifts one to the consciousness of the *Ascension*.

4. *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

Keynote: *Putting God first*, the power of the superman or the adept.

5. *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

Keynote: *Mercy*, a divine compassion which manifests on all planes in a unity or oneness of all life.

6. *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

Keynote: *Purity through transmutation*, the Christ within awakened in order to contact the Christ without.

7. *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

Keynote: *Harmony*, which is the underlying law of all constructive works of adeptship.

8. *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Keynote: *Persecution*. Most subtle of all tests, and one passed so gloriously by all the Disciples except Judas.

9. *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

Keynote: *Self-mastery*. Self-control is the keyword given to every disciple of the Christian Mysteries. In the words of Solomon: "Better . . . (is) he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

The Beatitudes and Their Planetary Correlations:

1. *Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Mercury. *Humility* through the Christ-ed mind.

2. *Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.*

Venus. Love is the great antidote for evil. "Perfect love casteth out fear." Faith and Hope are combined in Love.

3. *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

Moon. Attracts and increases. The meek are impersonal. "He who loses his life for my sake shall find it."

4. *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

Uranus. A divine yearning for the highest. Passion becomes compassion; self-love becomes altruism; the goal is all for one and one for all. The sole object of life is to make the ideal real.

5. *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

Jupiter. Knows only mercy, charity, beneficence. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The Jupiterian Ray of mercy and compassion attracts to itself benefits of like nature.

6. *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

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prophecy, idealism, are common to all. They have much dignity, are good talkers, being frank and outspoken.

In Aquarius, the opposite pole or sign, we have a power also manifesting on the emotional plane, but instead of a driving force, we now see a selective, discriminating force. Whereas the native Leo is driven by *motives*, the Aquarian conducts, observes, compares, judges, and controls motives. The advanced Aquarian is the keenest of all natives of the signs as a judge of human nature. He has a craving for enlightenment and knowledge of motives and "First Causes," or fundamental principles underlying the mystery of manifestation, which, in the advanced type often leads him into the field of astrology and occultism. He is a keen judge of the truth or falsity of a religious doctrine; he feels intuitively what is fact and what is fiction. In any case, the Aquarian's religion shows his discriminative tendencies. His interest in forms and ceremonies is to examine and compare them with others. The scriptures and teachings of the great founders of religious thought are treated in the same way — he accepts nothing that has not been subjected to his discriminating judgment. He sees both sides of any controversy; he feels the oneness of all humanity, and understands the heart of all. He is the truth seeker.

Comparing the Aquarian to the Leo native shows something of the character of the forces at work. The Leo native is a good talker, even eloquent, whereas the Aquarian is of few words or silent. The Leo native takes his fellowmen on trust, while the Aquarian questions their motives, scrutinizes their actions, words, and thoughts. Both are affectionate and kind, and their home life quite ideal, but whereas the Leo gets on well with his family because of his goodness of heart, he is, nevertheless, always the head of the family, Aquarius is more apt to defer to the opinion of a loved one and yield a point for the sake of harmony. Leo is bold and confident; Aquarius is

apt to be retiring and unassuming.

These two signs, together with Taurus and Scorpio, are the source of the *motive* power back of all human endeavor, the mainspring of action in mankind — the love and affection of Leo, the Aquarian's desire for knowledge and friendship, the physical hunger of Taurus, and the sex urge of Scorpio. Much philosophical ink has been spilled in discussing these forces which are so basic in human behavior.

The ancient Egyptians tried to picture the forces of the quadruplicity by the Sphinx, which has the body of a bull (Taurus), the wings of an eagle (Scorpio), the paws of a lion (Leo), and the head of a man (Aquarius).

The Cherubim as described in the vision of Ezekiel (1:5-10) are descriptive of these four signs: "As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle."

John's vision of God's throne, given in Revelation 4:7 also describes them: "And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast was like a calf, and the third beast had a face as man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."

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Mars. The principal work of Mars is transmutation. The red of the lower nature becomes the pure gold of the higher. The only key to heaven is purity, chastity. Only a life of purity makes it possible for the spiritual centers to flower upon the cross of the body.

7. *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

Sun. The Sun is the Christ vibration upon the earth: only as the Sun or Christ is awakened within ourselves will we come into perfect peace.

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