

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

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The Second Journey

I Cor. 10:16.

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

We say again, the Bible is the great Mystery Book of the world, summarizing ancient Temple teachings as preparatory to the coming of the supreme Initiator whom Paul calls the "Rock that was Christ," the great Master Builder who transforms those who receive Him into the Stone (*petra*) with a new name—that is, into that new temple of wisdom which Paul had learned to build and which he described as the temple made without hands and eternal in the heavens.

That he himself had joined this celestial company while yet remaining in his physical body is revealed many times for those who have ears to hear and eyes to see.

I Cor. 16:9.

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

I Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:14, 15, 18-20.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I Corinthians 15:36, 37.

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

Sacrifice is fundamental to all progression. The seed sacrifices its form that its life may flow out in the plant. The seed, or creative force in man, gives of its life that the natural body may be raised a spiritual body. Perversion of the use of this holy seed of man in certain black magic rituals may ultimately result in depriving the ego of its seed atoms so that reincarnation on the physical plane becomes an impossibility.

I Corinthians 15:48-54.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are

they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

As the life becomes increasingly spiritualized, the seed atoms attract finer and more tenuous material with which to build new bodies of an ever rarer and lighter texture, until at length the corruptible puts on the incorruptible and the mortal puts on immortality. "We that have borne the image of the earthly shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

Paul teaches that we shall not all sleep (in death), but that we shall all be changed (by Initiation) and thereby gain a conscious continuity of being, through waking and sleeping, life and death. With this knowledge and understanding death is indeed swallowed up in victory.

I Corinthians 15:25, 26.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

As upon the seed atom of the earthly body which is formed through generation

there is inscribed the insignia of decay and death, so in like manner the seed pattern of the celestial body bears the impress of immortality.

I Corinthians 15:21, 22.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Adam represents man in generation. Christ represents man in regeneration.

Love is the mightiest motive power, the principal incentive of life. Love made man in the image and likeness of God. Love causes the song of immortality ever to sound within the human heart.

The Orphic Mysteries of Greece taught that in the Beginning only Love existed; but Love could not live alone in chaos and so It created the universe and all that manifests therein. In this, as in all legends, there is concealed the cosmic truth, that the heart or center of all created things is potentially divine, for divinity in its highest expression is love. Love is the great urge of life in manifestation from the atom to God.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians contains the greatest love song ever given to man: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

In these magic words formed in letters of flame, Paul gives of his own heart experience that which will be a help, a healing, and an inspiration to multitudes so long as the words endure.

This Epistle is a divine mantram, the *power* of love in expression. One in whom this power is awakened becomes a magnet for the reception and transmutation of all expressions of inharmony and all limitations of disease, death, poverty and crime.

In the statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," the Presence

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"We find patients are just as happy if you really give them information," Newman said. "They don't really say, 'Dr. So-and-So would give me a pill.'"

Dr. Samuel Bessman of the University of Southern California is a more severe critic of the new movements. He attacks the moneymaking "high priests" of new, unscientific "cults" who discourage patients from seeing doctors when sick.

All the new movements, all experts agreed, badly need study to separate the useful among them from the merely silly or commercial. Prevention, now an official new policy of federal health agencies, needs to be developed and tested not out of sentiment but as rigorously as vaccination. . . .

Still, Gordon said: "We're overdue for some change."

As the months go by, some drop out of the Reston Medical Center's Wellness Group and some enter.

A man of 60 was about to have surgery. Dacher suggested that he begin trying another new technique: "visualization" or "suggestive imagery," that is, intensely imagining desired bodily responses or mental attitudes or even interpersonal situations.

"You can do a lot about your own recovery," Dacher said. "By resting beforehand. By eating right. And by visualizing the recovery you want."

Another man said, "I'm taking fewer pills for my blood pressure, and I'm still on my low-fat diet. I'm under 200 pounds — I haven't been there in years. But the really great thing, what I've gotten out of this, is awareness — of food, of my feelings, of myself. I feel more in control."

When other patients told of being "better able to cope," Dacher told the group:

"Clearly, all of you are feeling better in one way or another. Some of you have forgotten your abdominal complaints. Some have fewer pains. And you've taken responsibility for who and what you are.

"It's a long process. It'll go on for a lifetime. But these are incredible changes in two or three or six months. Doctors don't usually see that in their practices."

The wellness movement may have been born in part out of the self-fascination of the

"me" generation. But, given true expertise and a reasonable use of traditional medicine, it can become a more mature road to health.

— by Victor Cohn,

Los Angeles Times, Dec. 7, 1980

We are pleased that the holistic health movement appears to be picking up momentum. To the information in this article, however, we would add an admonition from Max Heindel about the spiritual foundation without which *total* health and well-being cannot be achieved:

"Again, we may say that disease is a manifestation of ignorance, the only sin, and healing is a demonstration of applied knowledge, which is the only salvation. Christ is an embodiment of the Wisdom Principle, and in proportion as the Christ is formed in us we attain to health. Therefore, the healer should be spiritual and endeavor to imbue his patient with high ideals so that he may eventually learn to conform to God's laws which govern the universe, and thus attain permanent health in future lives as well as now." (*Teachings of an Initiate*, pp. 131-2)

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referred to is the Christos, who anoints with love those to whom He comes. This anointing or Christing with the emanations of the Cosmic Christ was what Christ Jesus came to Earth to demonstrate to all men, and Paul became one of the first fruits.

In the illumination of his own powers, gained through first-hand knowledge of spiritual truths, Paul ends his triumphant love song of the spirit with these words: "And now abideth faith, hope, and love" (the three chief attributes of the Initiate, symbolized in the Gospels' formula of attainment by the life and works of the three foremost Disciples, Peter, James and John) "but the greatest of these is love" (John).