

The Bible in the Light of the Rosicrucian Teachings

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(PART TWO—CONCLUSION)



THE Sons of Seth and the Sons of Cain are referred to in Rosicrucian terms as the School of Faith and the School of Knowledge. They are also spoken of as the Mystics and the Occultists. The one is represented by the priestcraft of the church. The other is represented by statecraft, arts and sciences, and the Free Masonic organization. Thus we can see that these ancient Biblical and historical characters carry a great deal more than can be literally attributed to them from the surface. The Rosicrucian philosophy is esoteric Masonry. It gives the esoteric meaning of the Masonic doctrines and principles.

This division of humanity into two groups, namely, the School of Faith and the School of Knowledge, was again brought into prominence at the time of the building of King Solomon's temple. King Solomon was the executive of Jehovah carrying out the plans of Jehovah for that part of humanity belonging to the School of Faith. But when King Solomon arrived at the point of constructing his Temple he was required to employ those who were skilled in the arts and crafts, or the School of Knowledge, and he employed Hiram Abiff as recorded in Masonic tradition. Thus we have a later differentiation dating from this time which we refer to as Universal Catholicism and Universal Free Masonry, but it is in reality only a further accentuation or differentiation of this ancient division of humanity into two groups.

King Solomon in a later incarnation became Jesus who, as we shall see gave his vehicles to the great Christ Spirit for His three years' ministry on earth. Hiram Abiff became Christian Rosen-

krenz, the founder of the Rosicrucian Order which is one of the seven lesser mystery schools. Both of these great divisions of humanity, the Sons of Cain and the Sons of Seth, needed the services of Christ in order to carry on and complete their development. In the sixth epoch which is spoken of as the New Galilee Christ will be both King and Priest after the order of Melchizedek as were the kings in the days of ancient Atlantis.

The Fall is spoken of in Biblical literature as the greatest catastrophe to which the human race has ever been subjected. We have briefly touched upon the basic facts in the paragraph devoted to Adam and Eve where we showed that the Lucifer spirits invaded the consciousness of man and showed him how to use the creative force independently of the direction of Jehovah. Man naturally used this creative force ignorantly and destructively and therefore it has resulted in what is called the Fall. That is, man fell from his high spiritual state of consciousness into the state of consciousness of the material physical world in which we find him today. The misuse of the creative sex force crystallized his bodies at a rapid rate and forced him to automatically leave the Garden of Eden, that is, the state of higher spiritual consciousness in which he had previously lived.

The Lucifer spirits, however, in bringing this about were not an unmitigated evil. Of course the Light Bringer has stimulated mental activity in all humanity ever since by virtue of the fact that he worked his way into the consciousness of humanity back in Lemuria and has retained that position in his consciousness ever since or exercised that influence over man since that period. The Lucifer

spirits were stragglers of the angelic life wave, half way between man and the angels and they seized upon this opportunity of using infant humanity to make progress for themselves. They outwitted Jehovah by getting into the consciousness of man. However, they saved humanity from being the God-guided automatons which Jehovah desired. Thus we shall be much further ahead in the end on account of what the Lucifer spirits did to us and for us although it has been a severe experience. The misuse of the creative force which was taught by Lucifer was "the original sin" spoken of in the Bible. The misuse of the creative force is the great sin which has brought humanity down to its low status of today and it is the transmutation of the creative force which will raise him again to his high spiritual status.

Noah built an ark we are told in the Bible history, in preparation for the great flood which he had been told would come upon the earth and in that ark he made his escape when the earth was submerged. Is this true according to the Rosicrucian doctrine, or is this to be classed as a fairy tale? The Rosicrucians affirm that there is a great truth concealed in this symbology.

The great flood as recorded in the Memory of Nature was the inundation which took place in ancient Atlantis, which was at the time of the fourth or Atlantean Epoch. At that time the atmosphere was watery or penetrated by intense fog so that primitive man lived and breathed by means of gills, much as do the fish today. The evidence of these ancient Atlantean gills is found in the foetus or embryo of the unborn infant, showing that the infant recapitulates this early Atlantean stage before it is born. Gradually, however, as evolution proceeded, this watery atmosphere of Atlantis condensed and the clear air appeared. By that time a certain portion of humanity had built embryonic lungs in preparation for this great change. The stragglers however had not built these lungs. When the process of condensation

of the atmosphere had proceeded far enough man found himself emerging into the clear air and was compelled to use his lungs in order to continue living. Great numbers of the inhabitants who had not built lungs perished at this time and this is the record which has come down to us in symbolical form as the great flood.

We are told that many of the ancient Atlanteans are reincarnating at the present time. Atlanteans were possessed of knowledge of great scientific inventions many of which have not been recaptured in the present era. However, as these ancient Atlanteans reincarnate they are bringing back with them a subconscious remembrance of some of the ancient Atlantean inventions and this accounts for the great era of inventions which we are living in today, our present-day scientists being some of the reincarnated scientists and inventors of early Atlantis. At the time the water in the atmosphere condensed there was a simultaneous sinking of a portion of Atlantis, carrying with it large numbers of the population. This was another phase of the flood.

A large percentage of people of Atlantis, located in what is now the south central Atlantic Ocean and a portion of the West Indies and Central America, had become very wicked. Wickedness thrived. Black magic was practiced intensively and it was the wickedness of the people which brought about the submergence of the continent and also was a factor in the condensation of the water in the atmosphere, causing an automatic separation of the righteous from the wicked, and the wicked perished by being unable to breathe in the air or going down in the submerged portion of the continent. All these records are preserved in the Memory of Nature and can be read by the properly qualified seer.

The Jews have a tradition that there were ten lost tribes which in early history disappeared and that the Jews themselves are the descendants of the two tribes which remain incarnating on the earth. They also claim to be the chosen people of God. The facts in the case are

these as disclosed by an examination of the Memory of Nature: The original Semites were the fifth of the Atlantean races. They were selected by Jehovah to be the seed for the Aryan Epoch and the Aryan race of today. Certain restrictions were put upon them as regards intermarriage. They were not permitted to intermarry with the other Atlantean races because to do so would have brought an inferior blood and incapacitated them for being a seed race. The greater portion of the original Semites, however, disregarded the commands of Jehovah and intermarried as they chose, and thereby cut themselves off from being the ancestors of the coming race. Those who did this became the lost races and their descendants are the Jews of today.

The Christian nations of the world today are the descendants of those who were true to the commands of Jehovah and thus they actually became the seed for the new race, that is, the race or humanity as we find it in the Aryan Epoch today. This is recorded in ancient literature by the statement that the sons of God married the daughters of men. Those who had been selected by Jehovah for the seed race married into the inferior Atlantean races symbolized as the daughters of men. The issue have paid a great penalty for this ancient disobedience. They have failed to progress at the same rate as have those who carried out the commands of Jehovah and thus they are much further behind in evolution today than are the Christian nations which represent the descendants of those who were true to the commands of God.

We are told that Moses was given the tablets of the law, which we speak of as the Ten Commandments, and that these Commandments were given him direct from heaven. This is almost literally true and represents communications which Moses, a great initiate of that period, obtained direct from the higher spiritual regions through his spiritual faculties. The Ten Commandments were given to him spiritually to be passed on to hu-

manity. They are in reality great cosmic laws. The Ten Commandments must eventually be impressed upon the minds and hearts of mankind so that they are almost automatically observed. We shall not have completed the present phase of our evolution and be able to progress into the coming New Age until we have accomplished this. We must arrive at the point where we will not steal or kill or violate any of these cosmic laws, and it must be entirely voluntary and automatic so far as our consciousness is concerned.

The Christian church today is built up about the figure of Christ and His mission on earth. Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian church. According to Bible doctrine Christ is the Savior of mankind, without Him mankind would have gone down to destruction and oblivion. The Rosicrucian philosophy is a Christian philosophy. It is esoteric Christianity and it confirms the Bible statements relative to Christ almost in their entirety. Moreover, it gives a key to the inner meanings of Christ's ministry so we are able to understand a great deal more about what happened 2,000 years ago on Calvary than we otherwise would be able to do.

The Memory of Nature discloses to us the fact that 2,000 years ago the human race had gone about as far as it could on its own spiritual strength. It had arrived at the point where a large percentage of humanity were about to become stragglers, in which case the desire body would have become so strong that it would have prevented further spiritual progress. Humanity at that stage had to have help from outside sources or it would have become largely a failure. Evolution might have come practically to a close.

At this critical stage the great Christ Spirit from another field of evolution came to earth and at the baptism took the vehicle or body of Jesus, a highly developed man and initiate of our human life wave. Christ used the body of Jesus for His three years' ministry. At the

expiration of this came the Crucifixion and at the Crucifixion the Christ through the flowing blood entered the earth and became its indwelling planetary Spirit and has remained such ever since. It is by virtue of Christ being the indwelling planetary spirit that He became the Savior of humanity because His highly spiritualized body was infused into and through the body of the earth, purifying it and enabling mankind today to obtain purer desire stuff for the construction of their individual desire bodies. Thus we are much better equipped to control our desires than we would have been had Christ not come to our rescue.

Moreover, Christ as indwelling Spirit of the earth is continually sending out His ethereal spiritual vibrations through the surface of the earth and through man, and this emanation of Christ creates in mankind the urge to higher, better living. Thus man is compelled to move forward and to work out his salvation for himself. Had Christ not given him this impetus he would have sunk down deeper and deeper until eventually he would have become a straggler as the anthropoid apes are, and then his evolution would have come to an end. Thus Christ actually was the Savior of mankind or at least of a very large portion of it.

This becoming the indwelling planetary spirit was accomplished at great pain and sacrifice by the Christ on account of the discomfort experienced by one of such high spiritual vibrations confining Himself to the earth with its low vibrations; thus it was a great sacrifice on the part of the Christ to come and save humanity. This is the occult or Rosicrucian description of the vicarious atonement. Without Christ man would not have been able to progress in evolution. The vicarious atonement in reality constitutes a cosmic loan. Christ, our great Elder Brother, advanced this help

to us. This version of Christ and His mission when carefully observed and compared with the Bible doctrine will be found not to contradict the latter but it reinforces and supplements it. #

Previous to the time of Christ the earth was under the jurisdiction of Jehovah and the race spirits, who inculcated the spirit of separateness, which has resulted in all the wars of history. Gradually, however, under the regime of Christ humanity is working toward a regime of peace although progress may appear to be slow.

Under the influence of Christ man is learning to build the soul body which will become his individual vehicle of salvation. This is composed of the two higher ethers of the etheric or vital body which are spiritual in character. They are built through love and service and in the next great era of humanity this soul body will become the universal body in which humanity will function. Thus man today must be building his soul body; otherwise when the next great change comes he will perish as did the ancient

*Govern thyself in heart
and mind aright.
Thou wilt not taste of
power Divine until
Feeling and thought and
word and deed unite
In harmony to work thy
spirit's will.*

—“Tipherith.”

Atlanteans who failed to build lungs.

Christ performed what are spoken of as miracles. The Rosicrucians know however that these miracles were merely the employment of a higher spiritual law in place of the lower material law which ordinary humanity was acquainted with. In the case of raising the dead, Christ knew the silver cord had not been broken. By his spiritual vision he was able to observe that in reality the person in question was not dead. The silver cord was still intact and He merely inducted the consciousness of the man or woman back into the physical body.

The forgiveness of sins through the instrumentality of Christ is one of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian church. According to the Rosicrucians this is an absolute fact although the modus operandi is somewhat different

from that given in church doctrine. We are told there is a subconscious record of every thought and act we perform. This record is in the etheric body, and there is also another record on the seed atom in the heart. Repentance, reform, and restitution gradually remove the record from the seed atom of the evil actions which we may have performed in the past. Thus when we repent and reform we are in reality achieving forgiveness of sins because the record of the sin is not there on the seed atom to cause us pain in purgatory and this repentance and reform is in most cases brought about through the instrumentality of Christ.

The Rosicrucians in addition have the exercise of retrospection which is designed to clear the seed atom of the record of evil done during the day, so we work out our forgiveness of sins day by day. In this exercise the Rosicrucian student also examines the events of the day in reverse order, giving himself praise where he has done well and condemning himself for evil. He is thus enabled to live the first heaven life to some extent and he also shortens his stay in the purgatorial region, thus facilitating greatly his progress in the spiritual realms after he has passed out of earth life.

Heaven and purgatory are high lights in the Bible. The skeptics say there are no such places, but the skeptics are wrong. Rosicrucian research proves conclusively that both of these places or states of consciousness actually exist. After a person passes out of the physical body he enters into a long period of assimilation of the spiritual essence of the acts of the preceding earth life and it is this long experience which is classified under the double head of Heaven and Purgatory, or as some branches of the church say, Hell instead of Purgatory.

According to the Rosicrucians the first experience after passing out of the body is a purifying process by which one is

purged of the evil desires which he acquired during earth life, and also where he experiences the feelings of his victims in those cases where he did wrong and this constitutes purgatory, as a result of which conscience is gained and this conscience will tend to prevent repetition of such evil acts in the next incarnation. After the purgatorial stage is passed the person rises into the first heaven where he enjoys the spiritual essence of all the good he did in the past earth life. This is incorporated in the spirit in the form of right feeling which will be a guide to right action in the next incarnation.

The second heaven is the real home of man where he learns to work with the archetypes of material things. Hundreds of years are spent in the second heaven, in most cases, before the person

returns to earth again by rebirth ready for another session in the school of life. Conversion, which is such an important feature in the church procedure and doctrine, is also important from the Rosicrucian standpoint because it signifies the obtaining of a new viewpoint regarding the

meaning and object of life, and the determination to conduct one's self in accordance with cosmic law or the laws of God. Thus conversion is a very important step. It is not conversion, however, that saves a person, but rather the kind of life he lives after conversion. Conversion is merely the initial step.

The Rosicrucians in accordance with the preceding maintain there is no such thing as eternal damnation because sooner or later the spirit is purged of the evil it has done and comes back again through rebirth for another lesson. Only in the case of a comparatively small number of spirits who embrace evil life after life is there any possibility of losing out completely in evolution and going back to chaos whence they came. For the great majority of humanity this will never happen.

*He who all things forgives
Conquers himself and all
things else, and lives
Above the reach of wrong
or hate or fear,
Calm as the gods, to whom
he is most dear.*

—Whittier.

The question of eternity on the other side of death is one which has bothered humanity from the beginning. The Rosicrucians, however, state that eternity does not mean what it literally implies. Eternity means an age, because rebirth is a sure part of the sequence and thus eternal life after death is not literally true. The Greek word from which it has been translated is *aiōnian*. This actually means an age and not an eternity. It is the wrong translation of this word which has been responsible for the idea of eternal punishment and eternal bliss in the future state, but this is a wrong conception as we have seen. On the higher planes, however, there is no time as we know it here, therefore a second of time may produce an eternity of consciousness. From this standpoint there is an element of truth in eternal punishment and eternal bliss. It seems eternal although actually it is not.

Finally we come to the future evolution of humanity and what lies ahead of us. Man is progressing slowly and painfully through the school of experience, but he is bound to emerge eventually and graduate with honors; then we will have a glorified humanity and a new age in which righteousness will prevail. The schools of the mysteries, of which the Rosicrucian Order is one, are doing their part in helping to bring about this new and improved regime by teaching the sensitives of humanity these facts regarding the inner spiritual conditions and nature of man. They are leading the advanced members of the race more rapidly toward initiation into the mystery schools where their evolution will progress much more rapidly and where they will reach the stage of supermen and superwomen at a comparatively early date. We are moving forward gradually into the Aquarian Age which will arrive astronomically in about seven hundred years. This will be an age that will be a great improvement over the present one. Social injustice and wars will probably have been greatly reduced by that time and during that period.

The return of Christ is something which has caused speculation and prophecies in all ages. The Rosicrucians state that no one knows when this great event will occur, not even the greatest of the initiates but it is reasonable to suppose that it might occur when the sun by precession completes the Aquarian Age and enters Capricorn, about three thousands years hence. This, however, is nothing but speculation. It may be much later than this although it is not likely to be sooner.

The great fact remains that humanity is moving forward and that all the agencies of philosophy and religion are helping it forward. The time is surely coming when righteousness shall prevail upon the entire surface of the earth which is symbolically prophesied in the Bible by saying that the lion shall lie down with the lamb and a little child shall lead them.

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