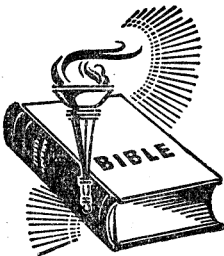


WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Source of Truth



The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever.

II *John*: 1-2

The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth.

III *John*: 1-4

In these passages the Apostle of Love is again emphasizing the cardinal difference between the Old Jehovistic Regime and the New Christian Dispensation. In contrast to the external means of ascertaining "truth" under the Mosaic Dispensation of Law, had now come the "law of liberty," or the "law written in the heart," brought by the Christ. Henceforth the voice of truth (intuition) would come from the heart, its strength being in proportion to the unfoldment of the Love-Wisdom Principle.

Occult philosophy gives a clear and scientific explanation of the process by means of which the intuitive prompting operates and how it may be cultivated. It is pointed out that intuition is a spiritual faculty, the faculty of the Life Spirit, equally present in all Spirits, but functioning best in those whose vital body, the counterpart of the Life Spirit, is positive. The manner in which it functions is as follows:

"As the blood passes through the heart, cycle after cycle, hour after hour all through life, it engraves the pictures it carries upon the seed-atoms while

they are still fresh, thus making a faithful record of the life that is indelibly impressed on the soul in the post-mortem existence. It is always in closest touch with the Life Spirit, the Spirit of love and unity. Therefore the heart is the home of altruistic love.

"As these pictures pass inward to the World of Life Spirit, in which is the true Memory of Nature, they do not come through the slow physical senses, but directly through the fourth ether contained in the air we breathe. In the World of Life Spirit the Life Spirit sees much more clearly than it can see in the denser worlds. In its high home it is in touch with the Cosmic Wisdom and in any situation it knows at once what to do and flashes the message of guidance and proper action back to the heart, which as instantaneously flashes it on to the brain through the medium of the pneumogastric nerve, resulting in 'first impressions'—the intuitional impulse, which is always good, because it is drawn directly from the fountain of Cosmic Wisdom and Love."

Thus we see that the source of the truth "which dwelleth in us" is the Love-Wisdom Principle of the Spirit, and that to develop this inner voice we must follow the example of our blessed Wayshower in living the life of purity and loving service to others. This attracts the reflecting ether of the vital body upon which the intuitive message is impressed and consequently makes one more susceptible to its influence.

Max Heindel also points out that the performance of the evening exercise of Retrospection is of great value in developing the intuitive voice, since in "this impartial judgment of oneself night after night, one learns to discern truth from error in a degree not attainable in any other way."