

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with man, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

—*Revelation 21:1-7*

In this passage is given a description of the condition of our Earth and its inhabitants which will prevail at a future time designated in the Western Wisdom Teachings as the New Galilee (the Sixth Epoch). The Earth at that time will be so etherealized that actually there will be "no more sea." Further information concerning conditions at that time is given by Max Heindel as follows:

"Lemuria perished by fire and terrible volcanic cataclysms. In its stead rose Atlantis. In time that was buried beneath the waves and gave way to Aryana, the Earth as we see it at present in the Aryan Epoch, but that is soon past. The salamanders are beginning to stir the fires in the forge to make a 'new heaven and a new earth,'

which the Western School of Occultism calls the 'New Galilee.'

"In the first two Epochs man evolved a body and vitalized it; in the Lemurian Epoch he developed *desire*; the Atlantean Epoch produced *cunning*; and the fruition of the Aryan Epoch is *reason*.

"In the New Galilee humanity will have a much finer and more ethereal body than now, the Earth will be transparent also, and as a result these bodies will be more easily responsive to the spiritual impacts of *intuition*. Such a body will not get tired either, hence there is no night, and the twelve cranial nerves, which are the gates to the seat of consciousness, then as now, consequently never close. Besides, New Galilee will be formed of luminous ether and transmit sunlight. That land will be a land of peace (Jerusalem), for Universal Brotherhood will band all beings of all the Earth together in Love.

"There can be no death, for the tree of life, the faculty for generating vital force, is made possible by means of the ethereal organ in the head (the new wine cup), which will be evolved in those who are even now being taken out as forebearers for the humanity of that coming Epoch.

"That Race is spoken of as 'Christ's Race'; but, be it understood that it is not because of an exterior Christ, but because they will evolve the Christ-principle *within*. They will act as dictated by the Spirit through *Intuition* and all they do will be done in Love." Only by such *individual upliftment* can the salvation of the race be accomplished. As Angelus Silesius put it:

"Through Christ a thousand times in
Bethlehem be born,
And not within thyself, thy soul will
be forlorn."