

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

THE TREE OF LIFE



And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of

fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servant shall serve him.

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

—*Revelation 22:1-5*

God, the architect of our solar system, is triune, His attributes being Will, Wisdom, and Activity. The Wisdom Aspect is that with which the highest Initiate of the Sun Period (the Cosmic Christ) became united. A Ray from the Cosmic Christ entered our Earth as its indwelling Spirit, thenceforth impelling man toward the Christ consciousness. Christ ordinarily uses the Life Spirit as lowest vehicle, functioning consciously in the World of Life Spirit, the first of the universal worlds. This world is reflected in the Etheric Region, as the Life Spirit is reflected in the vital body of man.

It was to the Christ realm and consciousness that St. John referred in speaking of a "pure river of water of life," and which Christ Jesus spoke of in John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of

water springing up into everlasting life," and in John 7:37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

The tree of life is "the faculty for generating vital force," and "is made possible by means of the new wine cup mentioned as an ideal for the future epoch, the New Galilee—an etheric organ built within the head and throat by the unspent sex force, which to the spiritual sight appears as the stem of a flower ascending from the lower part of the trunk. This calix, or seed cup, is truly a creative organ, capable of speaking the word of life and power.

"The present word is generated by clumsy muscular motion which adjusts the larynx, tongue, and lips, so that the air passing from the lungs makes certain sounds, but air is a heavy medium, difficult to move in comparison with Nature's finer forces like electricity which move in the ether. When this new organ has been evolved it will have the power to speak the word of life, to infuse vitality in substances that were hitherto inert . . . At the present time those who drink from the cup of self-abnegation that they may use their force in the service of others, are building that organ, together with the soul body which is the wedding garment. They are learning to use it in a small way as Invisible helpers when they are out of their bodies at night, for then they are taught to speak the word of power which removes disease and builds in health tissue." (Max Heindel)

In the New Galilee humanity will live in the air in their luminous soul bodies, on the Earth made of ether. Love and brotherhood will prevail, and the Returned Christ will reign as King and priest.