

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Christian Initiatory Teachings

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Qualities and Attributes of the Twelve Disciples

PETER is the man of action; John, the man of prayer; Thomas, the skeptic; James, the aspiring; Nathanael, the dreamer; James, the methodical; Andrew, the humble; Philip, the commonplace; Thaddeus, the courageous; Matthew, the servant of Rome; Simon, the rebel against Rome; and Judas, the betrayer.

Twelve is the most important number of the New Testament, for twelve is the perfect number of Deity in a cycle of expression. The new Holy City as portrayed in Revelation has twelve gates that are never closed. With the ending of the cycle of twelve a new manifestation of life begins on a higher round. Thus the incidents in the life of every Teacher who brings a cosmic message to humanity parallel the passage of the Sun through the twelve zodiacal signs.

There always have been twelve physical and twelve spiritual powers manifesting in humanity, corresponding to twelve spiritual centers in the body, which, when awakened, are symbolized by twelve lights, or the "flowers that bloom upon the cross." These centers are to be awakened as man progresses into higher phases of development; they represent the divine consummation of God's great plan for the entire human family at the end of the present Earth Period.

The following table correlates the Twelve Disciples with attributes of character and with the twelve signs of the zodiac.

James — Hope — Aries.

Andrew — Strength — Taurus.

Thomas — Doubt — Gemini.

Nathanael — Intuition — Cancer.

Judas — Passion — Leo.

James (son of Alpheus) — Method
— Virgo.

Thaddeus — Courage — Libra.

John — Regeneration — Scorpio.

Philip — Spiritual knowledge —
Sagittarius.

Simon — Enthusiasm — Capricorn.

Matthew — Spiritual Will —
Aquarius.

Peter — Faith — Pisces.

The twelve cosmic principles manifesting in the universe may be correlated with the twelve Disciples thus:

1. Will — James — Hope.
2. Wisdom — John — Love.
3. Activity — Peter — Faith.
4. Contraction — Thomas — Doubt.
5. Expansion — James, the Less —
Growth of Spirit.
6. Attraction—Andrew—Strength.
7. Repulsion — Simon — Zeal.
8. Crystallization — Matthew —
Custom.
9. Construction — Thaddeus —
Courage.
10. Destruction — Judas — Passion.
11. Addition or Increase — Nathanael — Intuition — Imagination.
12. Reflection (As above, so below)
— Philip — Spiritual Knowledge.

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