

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Crowning Works of the Ministry

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The Mystic Marriage in Cana

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there.

And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water, and they filled them up to the brim.

And he saith unto them, Draw out now and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was; (but the servants who drew the water knew) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.

And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. —*John 2:1-11.*

Bible commentators count the miracle of Christ Jesus at the wedding of Cana as His first because it is given first place in the Gospel of John. The miracle marks the beginning of the deeper work given after the Transfiguration, and the feast marks the time of the great transmutation. Every step toward higher attainment is celebrated by a feast of soul ecstasy. When Matthew was chosen to follow the Master he proclaimed a feast to announce his renunciation of all earthly things. At the Mystic Marriage the glory of the white light in the soul of the mystic is united with the ruby splendor in the soul of the

occultist; water is transmuted into wine.

The increasing wonder of the Bible is found in the fact that actual physical events are used to conceal profound spiritual truths. Thus it was that the attendance of Christ and the Blessed Lady at the wedding feast in Cana became the opportunity for illustrating the high spiritual process of the mystic marriage within the individual.

There are three principal steps leading to mastership, so there were three days of celebration preceding the wedding, and on the third day there was "a marriage in Cana of Galilee."

Mary, the heart, or love power, is the first to say, "There is no wine." The servants represent the lower nature which works under obedience to the Christ within, instructed by the heart: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Six is the number of new life. A stone is the body of the Initiate. The Disciples were present; that is, they were being instructed in the art of building that soul body wherein the water of emotion is alchemically transformed into the new wine of Life Eternal.

The Bride and Groom represent the two neophytes who are being prepared for the Holy Rite of the Mystic Marriage. . . . As the Bride and Groom typify the masculine and feminine aspirants working in equality together upon the outer plane, so Christ and Mary represent the harmonious relationship of the masculine and feminine polarities within.

Astrologically the six pots are Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury, and the Moon. It is the Sun which, as center and source of all our solar system, works through the planets and transforms all nature into the wine of new life.

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