

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Crowning Works of the Ministry

### *Preparatory Work for Initiation*

Sagittarius — Begins the work of re-generation.

Leo — Its power awakens the esoteric centers as vortices of Light upon the Cross of the Body.

Aries — Awakens the power of the pineal gland and pituitary body.

Cancer — Works with the Christ force (life substance in the body).

Scorpio — Turns generation into re-generation.

Pisces — Represents the Egos who work toward the Christing of consciousness.

To be born of water is the natural birth through generation. To be born of Spirit (or Fire) is the new birth through re-generation, or Initiation.

Cancer is said by esoteric astrologers to be the sign through which incoming Egos enter the Physical World. Cancer is governed by the Moon, the symbol of generation, and represents birth through water. Cancer is also the exaltation sign of Neptune, the planet of Initiation. Initiation is the birth through Fire.

“The kingdom of heaven is within us,” said the Christ. That kingdom belongs to the consciousness of the Initiate, and is not to be found until we are born into the unbroken consciousness of life.

The last verse of the above quoted paragraph is an accurate description of the Ego liberated from the body. It is a life of loving, selfless service that builds the soul body with which to “travel in foreign countries, and which prepares one for the new birth of the Spirit. It was necessary for Nicodemus as it must always be for every aspirant who seeks this deeper illumination, “to come to the Christ by night.”

Jacob Boehme says: “Man sows fire and reaps spirit. Woman sows water and reaps soul.” The two together, through interaction, build the body of water in

generation. When they learn to work in conjunction, the deathless body, born of Spirit, will be built through regeneration. This is a part of the truth taught by the Master in the verses quoted above.

The Gospel of John contains eleven priceless discourses given by the Master. Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, a sect composed of strict ritualists. Though a member of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus had been attracted to Christ Jesus and became one of His private disciples.

“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. Since the Pharisaical religion obscures the spirit beneath certain prescribed rites and ceremonies, Nicodemus found the vast horizon of this new religion at once amazing and captivating. Every spiritual truth begins to crystallize soon after being given; the only hope for spiritual progress, therefore, lies in keeping the mind fluidic to added revelation and the heart awake and active to service.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—*John 3:16.*

These words sound the keynote of the universal Gospel; their truth belongs not to the Christian sect alone, but enfolds the entire world in its cosmic meaning. This has been considered the very heart of the Gospel message and the most precious passage in the whole Bible. More than four hundred vernaculars possess these words at the present time. The “only (alone) begotten Son” is that Word or Love Principle which, manifesting through the great Planetary Christ, becomes the Life and the Light of the World.

Whosoever believeth in Him — not merely by faith alone but in manifestation of His works shall have everlasting life (powers transcending those of ordinary humanity), and, through Initiation, enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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