

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Culmination of the Ministry

### *The Sublime Rite of the Eucharist*

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**T**HE degree of sanctity with which the Last Supper is observed varies according to the development of the peoples to whom it is given. Regeneration is typified by seed and grape. The vineyard, throughout ancient symbology, is mankind: the vine is life; the fruits, the essence of experience. The king and a son of the king partake of the wine from above, through which is born wisdom and understanding. The early Christians celebrated the Holy Supper nightly, and mighty works were done through the spiritual influences generated in these assemblies. The bread consecrated in these sacred feasts was so imbued with spiritual power that it could be taken out among the sick and used as a means of restoring them to health.

Origen says: "If thou wilt go up with Christ to celebrate the passover, He will give to thee that bread of benediction, His own body, and will vouchsafe to thee His own blood."

St. Ambrose of Milan describes the spiritual status of one who partakes worthily of this sacred feast thus: "Purer than any solar ray should be that hand; the mouth filled with spiritual fire, the tongue purpled with that glorious blood."

This mystic ceremonial was divided into three separate steps or degrees, to each of which participants were admitted according to development. Only two, Peter and John, were ready to receive the deepest work.

The first part consisted of a prayer of general thanksgiving and ended with a seraphic hymn in which the participants were joined by many invisible hosts. The second part included the consecration of the elements by invoking the power of

the Holy Spirit. Not so many were eligible for the advanced work of the second degree as for the first. After the invocation the consecrated elements were taken out and distributed among the sick and the imprisoned to aid in their healing and redemption.

Through the Bible study of the present Piscean era, the reign of orthodox Christianity, the sacrifice of the Holy Supper has been merely an external concept held in commemoration of that last evening the Saviour was with His own. The New Age Bible study seeks to reveal the inner workings of this sacred ceremonial so that modern disciples of mystic Christianity may again manifest the powers possessed by those holy men and women who sat at His feet and learned to follow in His steps. The New Age demands a revitalized Christianity capable of demonstrating the truths taught by the Master and made manifest among the first Disciples. Nothing less than this will satisfy. Reason demands an answer for the truths which the heart has always sanctioned.

Read Matthew's Gospel, 26:17-30. Called the "Gospel of Dedication to the Path," this Gospel contains only the outline of work symbolized by the Last Supper. The more definite steps of accomplishment are described in the Gospels of Mark and Luke.

"Take, eat, this is My body." These were not mere words spoken as the bread was eaten. As previously stated, only those partook who were able to infuse into the elements a spiritual power and only holy men were able to do this.

The "blood of the New Testament which is shed for the remission of sins" refers to the spiritual development offered to humanity in the new and deeper Christian Initiations. It is the Law of

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PISCES is the twelfth period of the cycle of life and is the final stage of evolution in this great circle of manifestation. This plane corresponds to the World of Life Spirit on the evolutionary arc just as Taurus signified this region on the downward journey. Our own human life wave is directing the activities of this period, that is, when we have reached that stage of perfection, we shall be great spiritual intelligences and creative hierarchies in the true sense. The symbol of Pisces is the two fishes, the personality and the individuality, and at the close of the cycle, the lower self (Jesus) becomes one with the Higher Self (Christ) or the redeemed Spirits become one with the Redeemer; the lower consciousness unites with the higher (the two fishes). The fish symbol was used in early Christianity; on the catacomb lamps are two fishes, one swallowing the other. The keyword of Pisces is complete renunciation; love and compassion is the real nature of the perfected neophyte in this sign. The two Egos (fishes) have finished their journey and are swimming out of the mouth of that pure river of the water of life, bound together by a cord of pure love, back into that great Ocean of Spirit to become united again with Divinity.

The crucifixion in matter is complete, the ram has now become the Lamb, meek and lowly, and as we turn again into the sign Aries, at the vernal equinox, we have the resurrection, or the complete liberation from matter.

This is the story of Milton's *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*. It is the story of each and all of us, the journey of the human life wave around the Circle of Existence. The Prodigal Son now returns to his Father's Mansion where he is eagerly awaited by those gloriously illumined hosts of heaven, as he receives the greeting: "All hail our new born brother." No matter how deep we may sink in this pit of materiality and crystallization, if we will but call on the Spirit within, who has ever been the guiding light on our cyclic journey, He will gladly respond to our plea and lead us on to that golden shore.

## MAX HEINDEL'S MESSAGE

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*Cosmo-Conception* explain that whenever an occurrence takes place, a certain thought form generated in the invisible world makes a record of the incident. Every time the event is talked about or commented upon, a new thought form is created which coalesces with the original and strengthens it, provided they are both true to the same vibration. But if an untruth is told concerning what happens, then the vibrations of the original and those of the reproduction are not identical; they jar and jangle, tearing each other to pieces. If the good and true thought form is sufficiently strong, it will overcome and break down the thought forms based upon a lie, and the good will overcome the evil; but where the lies and malicious thoughts are the stronger, they may overcome the true thought form of the occurrence and thus demolish it. Afterwards they will jar among themselves, and all in turn will be annihilated.

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Love superseding that of the earlier dispensation which was under the Law of Consequence, decreeing an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Through repentance and reform this Law of Cause and effect may be surmounted here and now. The Master knew that the ideals He inculcated in the pioneers of the Piscean Age would not be accepted and demonstrated fully by humanity until the time of His return when He would drink the new wine (the enlarged powers of the spirit) in a new age with a new and regenerated race.

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