

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## The Gospels

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(Part V)

*The Rite of the Annunciation (Cont.)*

In the story of the Annunciation Luke has given expression to something of the beauty and grace that belonged to ancient Greece, and which, indeed, characterized the whole of his Gospel.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; For thou hast found favor with God.

And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.—*Luke* 1:28-32.

Mary was accustomed to the visitation of Angels and the wondrous light of heaven which they emanated. She did not, however, fully comprehend the import of the angelic message, for Mary in her humility had never even considered that she was worthy to be chosen to become the mother of Jesus; her petition was only that she might be her handmaid. According to legend, Gabriel read her thought and said to her: "Fear not, Mary; there is nothing inconsistent with your vows of chastity; you have found favor with the Lord because of your purity; you shall not conceive in the ordinary way. The power of the Holy Ghost shall come upon you and the Most High shall over-shadow you without any heat or lust." This voices the lofty ideal of attainment that Mary and Joseph came to teach to all mankind. Understood at present by the few

only, it is destined to become the universal teaching of the new race.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah.—*Luke* 1:38-39.

Mary, the ideal woman, becomes the perfect pattern for every prospective mother. An important phase of the New Age teaching will deal with the prenatal effects upon an incoming Ego. An Ego often hovers about its future mother for months, sometimes even years, before the opportunity for re-embodiment occurs. The decided change that takes place at such a time in a woman's taste and disposition may often be traced to the influence of the incoming Ego that hovers near. The prospective mother may be greatly helped by harmonious surroundings and by the inspiration that comes from the beautiful in all the arts. And if these be absent there is always Nature—the sunset and the stars, to which the heart can lift and in the glory light of which it can build. Such is the hill country of consciousness to which Mary journeyed.

The incoming Ego remains within the aura of its chosen mother for about twenty-one days after conception has taken place, after which it enters the body and begins to assist actively in building its new vehicle. This it forms in complete harmony with the archetypal pattern in the higher realms. This archetype is fashioned in conformity with forces set into motion by the Ego itself in previous lives upon Earth. Negative forces of evil, disease, and destruction create inharmonious patterns that externalize as homely fea-

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satellites; the asteroids; Saturn; and the outer planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Six billion Virgin Spirits belong to our Earth's evolutionary scheme. (See pages 102, 109 of Vol II, *Questions and Answers*.)

The sixty-six billion Virgin Spirits comprise all seven Rays, therefore; for there is one "Ray" so-called to each Planetary Spirit; but in the evolution carried on by the Planetary Spirit for the Virgin Spirits in its charge, there are again subdivisions of the Primary Ray, so that there are Seven Subsidiary Rays belonging to each Planetary Spirit Ray.

Max Heindel mentions that there is an ancient legend of "Moon beings" whose life-span is only seven years; but it is not said that these beings still live upon the Moon today. In the beginning of his work with the Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order Max Heindel was advised by the Elder Brother (*advised*, not commanded, for they never command!) to confine his efforts to establishing the Preparatory School on our Earth and not to scatter his efforts investigating the other planets. He therefore had little to say on this subject, and this field remains wide open for the investigation of occult scientists today. Some of the students belonging to the Rosicrucian Fellowship will undoubtedly find here an extremely fertile field for occult exploration.

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tures and weak or distorted bodies. Constructive forces such as peace, sympathy, helpfulness, and love build harmonious lines that favor health, strength, grace of form and feature, and congenial environment. No man lives unto himself and no man dies unto himself alone. Every action possesses a far-flung significance.

The mystic sage, Ralph Waldo Emerson, says: "When a child comes forth from its mother's womb, the gate of gifts closes behind it." To a woman who learns to surround herself and fill her consciousness with only the good, the beautiful, and the true, an unworthy Ego cannot come; the strength of her love and aspiration will draw to her, unerringly, one who is worthy of her ideals.

Elizabeth through her communion with Mary, received a profound illumination in preparation for her holy mission to become the mother of that one of whom the Master said: "Of all that is born of woman, there is none greater than he." In these few words was described the spiritual status of John the Baptist.

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.—*Luke 1:46-47*.

In the Magnificat, the holy Mary voices something of what she, too, had read in the Memory of Nature about the life of Jesus and his mission in preparing for the coming of the Christ. She, too, was then taking another step forward in spiritual attainment. The esoteric meaning of the Immaculate Conception has to do with this new and higher illumination, symbolized in Revelation by the woman clothed with the Sun and with the Moon (generation) under her feet.

The process of the Annunciation is enacted within the body of every neophyte. He becomes conscious, after a certain period of preparation, that particular changes are taking place within himself, due to an accumulation of the higher life essences (ethers) and the acceleration of the vibratory rate of his entire being. The Immaculate Conception consists in the complete dedication of the sacred life forces on the altar of the Holy of Holies. This rite is always accompanied by celestial music

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