

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

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The Raising of the Widow's Son of Nain

And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.—*Luke 7:11-15.*

The raising of the Widow's son as recounted by Luke contains also the outline of Lazarus' illumination or Christing. *Nain* (the name of the village) means nine,, and *the death of the Widow's Son* is mystic phraseology descriptive of one who has traveled the tortuous Way which leads through death (of the personal) to resurrection (into the impersonal). Such an one is no longer "the son of a widow." Luke explicitly states that after he arose Christ Jesus "delivered him to his mother." Equilibrium between the two poles of Spirit, masculine and feminine, was established. This is the supreme attainment of the Christian Mysteries, foreshadowed in the Rites of ancient times but consummated in the Mysteries established by the Christ. Thus it is that Christ is the Light of the World, the goal of all ancient Teachings. Equilibrium in Spirit had been lost under the old regime; even the Mysteries had degenerated into almost meaningless (and frequently cruel) ritual in many instances. Christ Jesus came pointing the way back: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." To become Christed or initiated in *His Name* is the supreme purpose of Earth evolution.

The son of a widow is an allegorical phrase that has reference to one who is

attempting to develop the polarity of Spirit within. From the days of ancient Egypt to the present, members of the Masonic Order have been so styled.

The "widow's son of Nain" refers to one who has passed through the nine Lesser Mysteries and is now prepared (as was Lazarus) to be raised by Christ into the Greater or Christian Mystic Initiations. This is the ultimate of the 33rd degree (3x3=9). It is foreshadowed in the 18th degree (8-1=9).

Beginning with the Degree of the Rose Croix (18th degree), and continuing through the 33rd degree, the Candidate is working definitely on the completion of his own selfhood, that Temple made without hands, but eternal in the heavens. This is his golden wedding garment, or perfected soul body. With the consummation of this Work he is no longer the Widow's Son. Polarity is attained, and his "healing" is complete.

The Deaf and Dumb Man Healed

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he sat, and touched his tongue.

And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.—*Mark 7:31-35.*

We are in bondage under the Law so long as we remain in ignorance of its true nature, but in the wisdom of the Christ we become free, because there is no longer any dissonance between our individual keynote and that of the Universe. This is the meaning of the teach-

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Chilean Andes, and much new information comes from these observatories.

As for the life which evolves in this evolving universe, many astrophysicists and biologists concede that life may be present in every part of space, everywhere, ready to start evolving, and that it may also travel from one part of the universe to another, perhaps wafted on light waves or other types of radiation. Occultists have not committed themselves either to one theory or another of the evolution of the universe—the “Big Bang” or the “Steady State”, but think a modification of both is necessary, as both include points of view which are needed for a complete understanding.

Magnetic Field of the Galaxy

Some years ago (1965) in an article in *The Scientific American*, authors Glen Berge and George Seielstad wrote: “Astronomers have recently begun to suspect that large-scale magnetic fields play a major role in determining the structure and evolution of galaxies. Although these fields are exceedingly weak by terrestrial standards, their presence may explain how the arms of a spiral galaxy such as our own can remain extended in space through billions of years while the galaxy as a whole makes many revolutions — perhaps 50 in the ten billion years since it was formed . . . Following clues first provided more than a decade ago by optical telescopes, radio telescopes have recently traced out a highly oriented magnetic field in our galactic neighborhood that may provide the ‘backbone’ of the spiral arms in which the Sun and its planets are embedded.”

The authors say further: “The Sun is situated about 30,000 light years from the center of a galaxy that has a radius of some 50,000 light years . . . Our galaxy appears to be a fairly typical open spiral with arms that curve gently outward from the nucleus and make two or three turns before they trail off into intergalactic space.”

Opinions vary as to the life span of both our solar system and our galaxy. Some give 13 billion years for the galaxy, 10 billion for the solar system, 6 billion (or more) for Earth, and 250 million years for one revolution of our system around the center of the galaxy. (All such figures are approximations.) The theory that the magnetic field holds the spiral arms in place has also been modified very recently, for this new branch of astronomy using radio-telescopes is still receiving much fresh data which has to be analyzed and worked in with the old.

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ing of Paul, the great biblical metaphysician.

“Behold, I make all things new,” declared the Christ. When we are worthy to be freed from past karmic bonds, we contact the Law of Liberation. The choice is then ours, to reject or to accept, to remain under bondage or to be free. All biblical healings were so ordained by the worthiness of the recipient.

“The soul’s faults of today crystallize into the body’s ailments of tomorrow. Spirit is always the builder of the body. The miracles of the Master’s healings are only for those who have ears to hear and eyes to see.” Thus wrote the great Paracelsus.

Impediment of speech follows upon a misuse of the sacred life force. An injury or loss of the tongue is a consequence of blasphemy, the injury of others through gossip, or the betrayal of a sacred trust. Other illustrations of the Law may be observed in the loss of fingers, as the karmic result of unfair and dishonest practices; loss of hands as a result of committing wanton destruction, as frequently occurs in wars; loss of feet, resulting from walking the paths of wrong-doing, and leading others therein.

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