

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Christian Initiatory Teachings

Rebirth and Causation

Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of woman there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

—*Matthew 11:11-14.*

See also *Matthew 17:1-13*, and *Matthew 16:13-20*.

In these discourses the Master asserts that John and Elias (Elijah) are one and the same. The Ego once known upon Earth by the name of Elias had been reborn as John. Rebirth was at this time a generally accepted truth. The people, on seeing the works of Christ Jesus, understood Him to be a re-embodiment of Elias, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. The subject under discussion was not the truth or falsity of rebirth, but concerned only the identity of the Ego that reappeared as Christ Jesus. That the Master himself took these teachings for granted is indicated by His further question: "And whom do ye say that I am?" Peter's reply is not a refutation of the fact of rebirth, but conveys a knowledge of the deeper truths of the present mission of the Christ, namely, to bring the Christian Mysteries to humanity. Because Peter possessed this knowledge Christ Jesus added: "Upon this rock (the rock of Initiation) will I build my Church."

The Master also elucidates the Law of Cause and Effect in the statement: "Whatsoever you loose upon earth shall be loosed in heaven." Man gains experience upon the Earth which he incorporates into spiritual powers in heaven during his sojourn in the inner worlds between Earth lives. These added powers become available to him in his next life

on Earth, there to be further strengthened and enlarged upon by extended experiences in the physical world. In this lies the distinction between the so-called "old soul" who has amalgamated the experiences of many lives and the "young soul" who has passed through fewer such experiences and whose strength and wisdom are correspondingly less. The oftener an Ego spends an Earth day in this school of experience, the greater the understanding, the deeper the sympathy, the broader the compassion, and the profounder the love nature. At length the time comes when one proclaims with Christ Jesus in His all-embracing understanding: "Judge not lest ye be judged."

The young soul or Ego, with its fewer earth-day experiences, is characterized by egotism, a love of self, and a desire to acquire worldly fame, position, and power. He has not yet learned the evanescence of earthly treasures, a fact learned only through sorrow, disillusionment, and renunciation. Thus it is that the wise ones affirm: "The gates of Initiation swing wide only through pain."

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

—*John 9:1-3.*

In this statement Christ Jesus affirms clearly that the law back of all physical limitation is not punishment, but enlightenment, pointing to the perfect justice of the Law of Causation which is behind all disease or infirmity of whatever nature. When an Ego breaks a law in one life on Earth, it (the Ego) returns in another life under the limitation which applies directly to the law violated. Through the sorrow and suffering coincident with the

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currents as it goes around corners and into crevices.

Man's halo contains many more bacteria than are present in the surrounding air. It also contains dead scales from the skin on which microbes ride; some fall to the ground. The highest bacterial counts are obtained from parts of the body where the flow of air is slowest. Since many of the microorganisms are inhaled with each breath, Dr. Lewis believes that this may be one of the missing links in how we acquire airborne infections.

It is well-known that many planets and stars orbit the sun. This study demonstrates that particles and bacteria are orbiting man. Who knows but in the microscopic world, smaller germs may be orbiting larger germs.

—*Virginia Pilot* (date unknown)

This description of the "halo" of microbe-filled air with which human beings are evidently surrounded brings one of the most important functions of the vital body strongly to mind. In the *Cosmo-Conception*, pp. 63-4, we are told:

"During health the vital body specializes a superabundance of vital force, which, after passing through a dense body, radiates in straight lines in every direction from the periphery thereof . . . In health the great force of these radiations carries with it germs and microbes which are inimical to the health of the dense body, but in sickness, when the vital force is weak, these emanations do not so readily eliminate disease germs. Therefore the danger of contracting disease is much greater when the vital forces are low than when one is in robust health."

Although, according to Dr. Lewis' observations, more bacteria are congregated immediately around a person than in the air farther away, it would seem likely that the strong vital force which emanates, in time of health, from the periphery of the dense body and removes bacteria contained therein, might also in like manner be able to dispose of many germs immediately outside the dense body. In adults, the vital body extends about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches outside the dense body; thus, the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch "halo" described by Dr. Lewis is within the area encompassed by the vital body and there is every reason to assume that its powers are as active there as within

the dense body itself.

Here, then, is another reason for keeping the vital forces within us strong and active. Not only are they essential in ridding us of bacteria already within the dense body, but also, it is very likely that they protect us from ravages of those microbes which continually and closely seem to surround us.

It would be interesting to know more about Dr. Lewis' demonstrations. For instance, does the microbe-count in the "halos" of people in radiant health differ radically from that of people who are ill, or who, although not sick, are not vigorous or energetic? In any case it is certain that, as our doctors learn of the existence, nature, and functions of the vital body, much will be revealed to them concerning both the cure of, and the maintenance of immunity to, disease.

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limitation, the Spirit learns its lesson and the infirmity is removed. Any other form of healing is impermanent. Christ Jesus made this plain when, by the pool of Bethesda, He healed the man who had been lame for thirty and eight years, saying, "Thou art made whole, go and sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee."

John proclaimed: "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins." The word repentance is derived from the Latin, meaning "creeping" or "prostrate", which later came to mean a change of mind as a result of sorrow for conduct that had laid low the Spirit. John adds: "Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance." Only thus is the Law of Consequence nullified. One law may always be superseded by the workings of a higher law. Hence again the wisdom of the maxim: "Humanity moves in circles, the wise ones in spirals."

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