

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Spiritualizing the Mind

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (*Matt. 23-37*)

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. (*Heb. 10:16*)

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ. (*11Cor. 3:14*)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (*Rom. 12:2*)

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. (*Eph. 4:23*)

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (*Rom. 8:6*)

The perfect harmony of the teaching of the Bible with that of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* is well exemplified by the statements given in both concerning the nature and importance of the mind, man's least developed vehicle. "The mind is the most important instrument possessed by the spirit, and its special instrument in the work of creation," it is stated in the *Cosmo*. The work which is to be done in perfecting the mental powers involves a complete scheme for correct living, as taught in the Western Wisdom Teachings.

The nucleus of material from which we are now seeking to build an organized mind was radiated into our being in the Earth Period by the Lords of Mind, and from the World of Thought has come the mental substance added since that time. The separative tendency appertaining to the plane of reason as contrasted to the World of Life Spirit, since it is contrary to the principle of an all-

pervading unity, is considered "evil." This, added to the fact that the mind is linked to the desire nature and has its activities instigated by the Lucifers, brings to man a major problem during this stage of his evolution: the "renewing" of his mind, or the constant infusion of it with the highest spiritual vibrations until it comes under complete direction of the Spirit, or Higher Self.

To gain control of the mind requires concentration. Through the use of the will in concentration one learns to make his mind one-pointed and imbued with sufficient power to accomplish the object toward which it is directed. For most people this is difficult, as the mental body is yet but a shadowy, unformed vehicle. Patient persistence, however, will eventually bring the desired results.

Along with this bringing of the mind under the control of the will comes the important process of imbuing it with the Love-Wisdom Principle so that it will not be used selfishly. This "Christing" of the mind involves the transmutation of all the propensities of the selfish lower nature into the sublime spiritual qualities inherent in every individual Spirit, so that "the veil is done away in Christ." Thus do we come to follow the injunction to "love the Lord thy God. . . with all thy mind."

Every thought we think does its part in coloring our aura and in establishing about us that indefinable something which is yet a potent part of our being. Unselfishness, kindness, tolerance, etc., lift us into a higher consciousness and bring us the peace and life which are a result of being "spiritually minded."