

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Fourth Commandment – Exodus 20:8-11

“**R**emember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

On the literal side, this Commandment leaves little to the imagination; it is explicit and clear. But the Sabbath is more than a Saturday, as with the Jews, or a Sunday, as with the Christians. The Sabbath is that day and hour within us when the dawn of Spirit illumines the darkness of our life; it is the hour of prayer. It is the hour when the effulgent light of the heavenly Cancer pierces the dark waters of Cancer. It is the sun of life rising within the soul of man; it is the hour of revelation of holy truths. This is the hour we must keep holy – the hour of our meditation. This is our Sabbath.

In the days of the ancient Israelites, God commanded that one day be set aside that man might enter into the stillness and listen to the voice of silence. God knew that man would never find Him in the turmoil of daily life, so in His understanding he gave a day of rest. It is the day He blessed – the day and hour of meditation, our Sabbath. Let us keep it holy. It is the Lord's day.

This Commandment esoterically

is related to the emerald and the virtue of truth. Cancer is the fourth house sign; the number four, as the square of two, becomes the number of evolution on Earth. Evolution is the measure of truth. Cancer reveals the truth, earthly and celestial, as far as our Earth is concerned. Earthly evolution begins and progresses at home; therefore, we learn much of truth in the house of Cancer.

Going home, to most of us, is as entering the Sabbath. Here we find our haven of rest. Home is a haven in proportion to the holiness that pervades its atmosphere and is lived by its inhabitants. An unkind word in the home is written with fire on our sensitive hearts. Loving words in the home raise our hearts up to the heavenly light of Cancer. The home is the testing ground of our virtues and morals.

Today's humanity as a whole has broken away from holiness – away from morality, holiness, and sanctity of the home. Even more deplorable is that many people believe they have a right to break the standards of morality and holiness within the confines of the home. That is not so. On the contrary, there is no place on Earth more heavenly than a home in which shines the brilliant light of moral holiness.

Even as our meditation is marked by the nearness of God and gives us the feeling of Sabbath, so, too, is the home our "sabbatical country" where the sun of holiness should shine always. Behind the closed doors and secret places of home, the all-seeing eye of God penetrates.

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this day one of the most beloved. Under his able and kindly leadership, the Abbey grew into a respected religious house without parallel or precedent in England. Succeeding centuries continued fortuitous and, among other distinctions, the Abbey built up one of the finest libraries in England. It remained, then, for the savagery and pillage during the reign of Henry VIII to reduce the long-esteemed spiritual sanctuary to a place of utter desolation.

One reading alone cannot do justice to this book. The historical, legendary, and speculative threads and counter-threads that weave their way through it could each be the subject of a volume in itself. Prolific literary endeavors to romanticise Glastonbury traditions – climaxed by the various Parsival and other Grail stories and Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" – are scrutinized. The accounts of venerable, respected historical writers such as William of Malmsbury and Geoffrey of Monmouth contribute also to the wealth of material in this volume.

Although not new, this book, containing an author's preface added in 1972, is well worth study by occult and orthodox students alike, and by anyone intrigued by the Arthur and Grail legends, the rise of early Christianity, and the historical past of the British Isles.

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#### FOURTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:8-11

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words reads: Keep thine hour of meditation holy, it is thy Sabbath; in it there is no need for labor for thee, thy family, thy friend or stranger, for in it thou art to find the source of harmony, thou art to identify thyself with it and within thyself increase it, so that thy whole life shall become sabbatical.

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enterprising, fitted for sales work, supplying domestic needs, writing, or working along healing lines.

September 19 -- 21, the Moon is in Leo. The Leo-Virgo influences are similar to those discussed for August 23. However, Venus is now in Libra and the Sun is on the Virgo-Libra cusp, giving a more stable love nature. Leo is the 12th sign to Virgo. This position often carries karmic lessons of power and pride, such that these natives feel more power and ideas than they can fully express. Desire for authority must be sublimated to fulfill the Virgo service role.

The solar month ends with Venus and Mars in Libra. Mercury has retrograded into Virgo, the Sun is on the Virgo-Libra cusp, and the Moon is in Virgo September 21--22. These placements emphasize a Virgo-Libra mixed influence likely presaging an Ego who feels tied to the practical work-a-day world but who looks ahead to freeing himself and working along purely artistic lines. Both the Virgo intellect and the Libra artistic abilities are easily developed, and a combined intellectual-artistic work such as art used for advertising would be one example of ideal work for such people.

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#### VENUS: PRINCIPLE OF PERFECTED MANIFESTATION

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version, ignorance, or fear; enforced discipline of the aesthetic or love impulses as a karmic return from past excesses; Venus otherwise well-aspected and strong, the square from Saturn may indicate limitation of scope for the perfection of quality. Harmoniously aspected Saturn-Venus is expression of love *through* responsibility; fulfillment of responsibilities is a channel of flowering of the love capacities; love

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