

# WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

## Suggestions for Meditations on the Gospel According to John

### Part 2

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*"God is spirit."* — John 4:24

What is Spirit? What are its characteristics and properties?

*Christ said to the lame man, "Do you want to be healed?" After he healed the lame man, Christ said, "Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you."* — John 5:6 and 14

When is healing desirable? Are there some circumstances under which healing is not desirable?

*Starting with five barley loaves and two fish, Christ fed five thousand people.* — John 6:9-14

In any situation in Nature today, is it possible that something little can be multiplied through the power of God?

*Christ walked on the water of the sea.* — John 6:16-21

We are in a sea of astrological forces, the waves of which continually try to push us first in one direction and then in another. Are we currently riding in a boat which is tossed to and fro with each new wave? Where can we find something to hold onto which is not tossed by the waves? Where can we find something which can stand firmly above the waves?

*"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life."* — John 6:27

What activities on Earth will bring us lasting benefits, which we can take with us even after we leave Earth?

*Christ said, "I am the bread of life."* — John 6:35

What is the role of bread in our everyday life? What plays this same role in our spiritual life?

*Christ said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."* — John 6:44

What aspect of the creative Trinity does the Father represent? Is this aspect active within us, drawing us to the Christ-consciousness?

*"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. . . . He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. . . . I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me."* — John 6:53

In what way are we related to our own flesh and blood? What is related to Christ in this same way? Does this give us life?

*Christ said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* — John 8:12

What do we currently not see, that we should be described as being in darkness? What must we do to follow Christ? Will this bring us illumination?

*"The truth will make you free."* — John 8:32

From what will the truth free us?

*The sheep hear the voice of the shepherd and follow him, for they know his voice. Christ said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* — John 10:1-16

When we hear that which comes from the Christ, do we recognize it? Have we ever heard it before? What leads us to the recognition?

*Christ said, "I am the resurrection and the life." — John 11:25*

What occurred at Christ's Resurrection? Are we currently in need of being spiritually resurrected? What would this accomplish?

*Christ washed the disciples' feet. — John 13:4-14*

What jobs in the world today are equivalent to washing someone's feet? Are we willing to do these jobs when the need or opportunity arises? From the spiritual point of view, does Christ even today wash our feet, and do we likewise spiritually wash the feet of one another?

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." — John 13:34*

What is love in the most ideal sense?

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. . . . I am in the Father and the Father in me." — John 14:6-10*

What other evidence have we that Christ and the Father were united? See *John 4:34, 5:30, and 18:11*. In what ways are they united, and in what ways separate?

*"As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches." — John 15:4-5*

In what way are we united with Christ?

What fruit can we bear as a result of this union?

*"In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." — John 16:33. (See also John 18:36).*

If we are to follow Christ and overcome the world in like manner, what must we do? Will it involve a material overcoming or a spiritual overcoming?

Did Christ give us any specific advice which might help us overcome the world? See *Matt. 6:10, 6:20, and 10:28, and Mark 7:15*.

Much more in John's Gospel is worth meditating on, but with this start the student can proceed by himself. ★

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emphasis should begin to emerge. These clues should blend together and present a general trend of past-life causation which, to be valid, also should be reflected in the general trends of the entire chart as a whole.

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given to us in the very beginning. It's a loaned instrument, and we are not taking care of it properly. Fortunately, life is constant change, and if you don't like the life you lead, move over.

My mother told me when I was young —and I am realizing it more and more now — "Son, one of these days you'll know more about the truth, but the more truth you have, the more alone you'll go." And for that reason, I believe that the natural healing art will have its growing pains, and I don't believe it will become a majority movement unless people are so shaken up that they realize that Nature is supreme. Only by living in harmony with Nature can we have better lives within ourselves, within our families, within our communities, and within our countries. ★

