

phony. So in reply to the question, "Was Carlyle's message a whole-message?" we may say that even if it is not, it is quite sufficient to merit serious consideration. And we surely can but agree with the sentiment he voices in the following well known poetic gem:

"Here hath been dawning
Another blue day;

Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?
Out of Eternity
This new day is born;
Into Eternity
At night will return.
Here hath been dawning
Another blue day;
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?"

Esoteric Bible Studies

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FAMOUS SONGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

VI—*The Song of Deborah.*

The book of Judges is one of the most deeply mystical in the entire Bible. Through it runs the thread of the evolution of man, and hidden beneath the stories of its various characters shines the path of light, the way of spiritual attainment, not only for those men and women whose names are written there but for every man and woman living today who will study these sacred truths in an earnest endeavor to find and walk this shining way that leads to the unbarred gates of gold. This path was found by Deborah and these gates swung wide for her. This is the theme of her song of thanksgiving, which is recorded in chapter five of this wonderful book.

Bible scholars say that this ode of Deborah's is one of the most important historical documents which the Old Testament contains, and that no historical theory that is inconsistent with the events described in the Ode of Deborah can be accepted as correct.

The occasion of this song was the fact that Sisera, the captain of the hosts of the Canaanites, representing the power of evil in manifestation, had been slain by Jael, or the feminine or heart prin-

ciple. It is love that always overcomes evil: "Perfect love casteth out fear."

Through the awakening of the great love power within herself—for the process of transmutation can only be accomplished through the power of love—Deborah sings her song of gladness, her song of regeneration, her song of spiritual ecstasy that only those may sing who have been born again. No longer does she walk in byways of worldly interests and attainment; now she walks in *the way*—the way of Initiation where she communes with those who sit in judgment, the Great Ones who guide evolution from the invisible planes.

The references to the different tribes allude to the spiritual meanings of the twelve celestial Hierarchies which we term the twelve signs of the zodiac

15. And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

16. Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

"*Great searchings of heart,*" has reference to the attainments of the Aquarian Age.

18. Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field,

Zebulun is Pisces and Naphtali is Capricorn. Pisces represents our virgin humanity, and Capricorn the attainment of the Christ consciousness, which is the purpose of man's evolution through his many earth lives and the ultimate attainment through Initiation.

19. The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.

Verse 19 recounts the age-old battle of truth and error which must be continually waged until every man has become an *awakened* son of God, or to express it esoterically, has reached the stage of *conscious* visible and invisible helpship.

Verse 20 contains the statement so often quoted, "The stars in their courses fought against Sisera," which means the working of destiny. The ultimate redemption of all humanity is the divine plan. And though for many lives we may all enact the role of the prodigal son, finally there must come a time when we shall "arise and return unto the father's house." There is no such thing as humanity being saved *en masse*. Each one of us must find his or her own individual path of salvation, which is called by occultists the Way of Initiation.

Verses 24-30 contain a rhapsody of praise and thanksgiving for one who has found the blessed Way, the Way of Transmutation; who has learned how to overcome evil—not destroy it but transmute its great power into good. When this becomes the accomplishment of mankind, then we shall know the glory of the new heaven and the new earth. There shall then be no more sorrow, no more pain, and no more death. The great vision given upon the Isle of Patmos will then become a reality upon the earth. The four archenemies of man, pain, sorrow, poverty, and death, will cease to exist. "For the former things shall pass away."

"So let all thine enemies perish, O

Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years."

Optimism

Talk Happiness! The world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly
rough;

Look for the places that are smooth and
clear,

And speak of those, to rest the weary ear
Of Earth, so hurt by one continuous
strain

Of human discontent and grief and pain.

Talk Faith! The world is better off
without

Your uttered ignorance or morbid doubt.
If you have no faith in God, or man, or
self,

Silence all your thoughts, till faith shall
come;

No one will grieve because your lips are
dumb.

Talk Health! The dreary, never chang-
ing tale

Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.
You cannot charm, interest, nor please
By harping on that minor chord, dis-
ease.

*Say you are well, or all is well with you,
And God shall hear your words and make
them true.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

He who rushes into the presence of God and hurriedly whispers a few petitions, and rushes out again, never, perhaps, sees God there at all. He can no more get a vision in that way than a disquieted lake can mirror the stars. We must stay with God long enough to become calm, for only in the peaceful soul are eternal things reflected.

—A. T. Pierson.