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The Transfiguration

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And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

And there appeared unto them Elias and Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him. (Mark 9:2-13.)

This sublime experience is repeated in the life of every follower "in His steps." Actually, a process of transmutation is going on in the vehicles of every spiritual aspirant, and the time will come when the effulgence of the Spirit within will shine forth in all its glory.

When a real spiritual awakening occurs in anyone, there follows a downpouring

of Spirit, which is an actual fact, and the spinal Spirit Fire is augmented enormously. Forthwith begins a process of regeneration which purges the threefold body of gross substances and makes the vehicles more responsive to spiritual impulses.

The spiritual awakening which starts the regenerative process in the Christian Mystic who grows by prayer and service, acts in a different way in those seeking God through knowledge and service. In the Christian Mystic the Spirit Fire is concentrated largely upon the lunar segment of the spinal cord, his spiritual growth being accomplished by simple faith. He draws down the white Light of Deity reflected through the Holy Spirit, and attains the wisdom of the world without intellectual effort. His body is transmuted into the white Philosopher's Stone.

In the strongly mental person, the regenerative Fire plays upon the segments of the red Mars and the colorless Mercury, infusing desire with reason, purifying the former of the primal passion and thus transmuting the body into the red Philosopher's Stone.

Everyone on the Path, whether occultist or mystic, is weaving the *golden wedding garment*, by inner and outer work. In some the gold is very pale, in others deeply red. Ultimately, when the process of Transfiguration is nearing completion, the extremes will blend, and the transfigured bodies will be balanced in color. In the Kingdom of Christ the diversities of present attainment will disappear, and a uniform color indicating both knowledge and devotion will be acquired by all. Then the Transfiguration of humanity will be complete.