

# **Contemporary Mystic Christianity**

## **Bible Self-Study Supplement**

### **Daniel**

#### **The Fourth Vision: The Ram and the Goat**

*Daniel 8:3-7*

*Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high;*

*but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.*

*I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.*

*And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.*

*And he came to the ram that had two horns, which r had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.*

*And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the*

*ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.*

When reading in the Memory of Nature records of the past and archetypes of the future evolution of continents, nations and races, an Initiate also investigates the causes underlying the evolution and their method of unfoldment. He sees the terrific battle constantly being waged between the forces of good and the powers of evil; he sees, too, the ultimate victory of good. These opposing forces are represented by the ram and the goat.

Matthew describes the same finale: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And he shall set the sheep on the right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on the right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."  
(Matthew 25:31,33,34)

*Daniel 8:8*

*Therefore the goat waxed very great: and when he was strong the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones, toward the four winds of heaven.*

As has already been said, the four elemental forces of God, called by Daniel the four winds of heaven, have their

reflection upon our globe as Fire, Air, Water and Earth,

*Daniel 8:9,10*

*And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding, great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.*

*And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars. to the ground, and stamped upon them.*

From the original or primordial essence of Deity came forth the martial Lucifer Spirits who made fire too fast. For this reason they were expelled from heaven and, in turn, tempted man by teaching him the negative use of the creative Fire. Toward the end of the present Epoch these mysteries will become common knowledge: "And I heard a mans voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. (Daniel 8:16,17)

Astrologically, the ram represents the highest vibratory power of Aries, the Initiate keywords of which are purity, sacrifice and transmutation. The he-goat represents the lowest phase of Capricorn expressing itself in the selfish use of power. Thus, the two symbols represent two paths — the

purely spiritual path leading to transmutation and the wholly material path leading to the transgression and desolation depicted by Daniel. "Yes, he (Lucifer) magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down."

We repeat, the goat is indicative of the sign Capricorn. In this sign the Master Jesus came to earth to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Throughout the Old Testament a goat is symbolic of sacrifice. The Christ came as the sacrificial Lamb for the redemption of the entire earth and its mass of humanity. He came while the Sun was passing by precession through the sign of the Ram (Aries). Thus, we see a twofold and far-reaching significance in Daniel's vision of the goat and the ram. In the whole Book of Daniel there runs a golden thread of prophetic visions dealing with the life and mission of the blessed Lord Christ.

*Daniel 8:13,14*

*Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?*

*And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.*

If the interpretation of this vision be continued in terms of cosmic days, or evolutionary periods, it is shown that these conditions of desolation shall last as long as man functions within the limitation of his five physical senses. They may be likened to the five nails which held the Christ upon the Cross, for they are the five nails that bind the human spirit to the cross of matter — that is, the limitation of the dense physical body as at present constituted. Numerologically, this is revealed in the numbers 2,000 and 300 which, by esoteric addition, yield five ( $2+3=5$ ).

— ***Corinne Heline***