

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Culmination of the Ministry

The Rite of the Triumphal Entry (Cont.)

JESUS was set upon the colt only after the Disciples had placed their garments (works, fruitage of their labors) thereon. He was the ideal whom they were attempting to emulate. And as He went they spread their clothes in the way. Bethphage means "a house of dates" and Bethany, "house of figs," "fecundity or growth through the multiplying of fruits." As the Disciples visioned the new Earth and the new Race, when the more profound Christian teachings would be understood and manifested, they began to rejoice and praise God for all the mighty works they had seen. The king, one who attains in the name of cosmic law, is always heralded by Angel songs, that same joyous caroling that was heard on Holy Night: *Peace on earth and glory in the highest*. This peace was brought to the Earth for the solace of all mankind by the King of Peace. Blessed indeed are those who find and walk in His way.

The Initiations brought to Earth by the Christ are the very lifeblood of humanity's future; they *are* the future. If these were withdrawn, man's spiritual evolution would cease and the very stones would cry out for the life urge that would depart therewith. The Christ wept over the city of Jerusalem because it was so enmeshed in materiality and external forms and ceremonials. The Temple devotees, the priests, who should have been the first to accept and aid in the furtherance of His work, were the most active and hostile in their denunciation and persecution of Him. History repeats itself. It is the prevailing established form of religion that is strongest in opposition to any new or advanced teaching. Yet, since the love and wisdom of God are infinite, so, too, are His continued and progressive revelations of Himself.

The two most advanced of the Disciples, Peter and John, found the colt (wisdom) tied without in a place where two paths met. These two paths, the way of knowledge and works and the way of faith and vision, meet at the cross of liberation from the body. This was demonstrated by the Christ. The blending of the powers produced on the two ways — the path of the head and the path of the heart — produces the superman, the Adept.

This is the work of the Christian Mysteries, and the ceremonial of the Triumphal Entry symbolizes the entrance into these higher truths. That this work is difficult of attainment is shown by the fact that Palm Sunday (the ideal) precedes the sorrows of Passion Week. But that this ideal will be ultimately accomplished is assured in the glorious consummation of Passion Week, the Resurrection Morn or Easter. Easter symbolizes not only the Christ as the Way-Shower teaching man the way of immortality through His resurrection from the grave—or liberation from the body through Initiation—but also signifies his eventual liberation from the wheel of birth and death upon the physical plane. Advanced Egos, however, are still free to return as teachers and helpers of the race if they choose. This is the inspiring goal of the Christian religion. It heralds the return of both the Master Jesus and the Christ in the active preparation of turning the kingdom over to God the Father.

Astrologically this work refers to the cycles of the Sun's passage through the paired zodiacal signs of Capricorn-Cancer and Sagittarius-Gemini.

Every event enacted in the life of Christ during the Passiontide represents some phase of Initiation into the Christian Mysteries. The Triumphal Entry typifies the joys of the Path as Calvary symbolizes its sorrows.

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BIBLE INTERPRETATION

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The culminating work of discipleship is that of being able to become *en rapport* with the Teacher at any moment and in any place. This ability was demonstrated perfectly by Mary all during the days of the Passiontide. Her continuous prayer at this time was that she might know in its totality all the sufferings of her Lord.

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THE FIERY TRIPLICITY

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prolonged period. The open spaces are his — forest and seashore, moor and river, with all belonging thereto. He will marry for love without much regard for practical considerations; compassion may possibly influence the choice of a mate. He will always be an idealist and absent-minded in everyday life. Lacking the impetuosity of Aries or the dominance and arrogance of Leo, he is yet ambitious, but hardly possesses the magnetic qualities of a leader of men. He is rather the good comrade.

All differentiations of fire are basically the same, originating fundamentally from the cosmic ray which created the universe. Bodily life in the microcosm contains the elemental fire of Aries, and with the cessation of this ever-burning fire death ensues. There is the ardent love fire of the heart which must unite with mind and become the center of microcosmic life as the Sun in Leo is the center of our system. Those currents of the etheric body which keep the physical body vitalized and magnetized correspond to Fohat or the power of Sagittarius. This is the hidden spinal spirit fire rising from the base of the spine to the brain. This fire is little understood as yet, but in the true knowledge of those vibrant currents lies the secret of perfect health and prolonged youth.

From cosmic fire all manifested creation came forth, and thence it must return at last. "Hear thou the voice of Fire."

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