

Contemporary Mystic Christianity **Bible Self-Study Supplement**

Ecclesiastes and the Stars

Leo

In the sixth chapter the royal sign Leo is the theme. Leo symbolizes the power of Cosmic Fire; it is the Lion's Paw that raises man to the status of superman. Leo also rules the royal house of Judah, from which came both Solomon and Jesus.

Like Aries, Leo signifies the creative Fire energy of God, but whereas the Arian fire is focused through the brain in works of mental creation, the Leo fire is focused in the heart. It manifests here as the creations of love and the courage of love; for does not the word courage point to the heart as its throne and source? "Love casteth out fear," and fearlessness is the fundamental requisite of Initiation.

The humanity of Earth has misused this great cosmic Fire force and suffers in consequence the prevalence of sorrow, disease, poverty and death, as shown in the following verses:

Ecclesiastes 6:1,2

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

The Sun, ruler of our solar system, is emblematic of the royal sign Leo. The hieroglyph of the Sun is a circle with a dot in the center. This dot represents the nucleus of the seed. So long as this seed is in anywise uselessly dissipated, the Lost Word of the Masons can never be recovered. "He that overcometh shall go no more out," said the Initiate-teacher, John.

The keynote of the sixth chapter is contained in these words: "Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit." (Ecclesiastes 6:9) The conservation of the sacred life force unfolds the power of spiritual vision, provided the complementary discipline of service and intellectual prayer (meditation) are also present. Chastity alone cannot achieve this result; but combined with mental discipline and the service which flows from genuine love for one's fellow man, the attainment of clear seeing and high knowing is certain.

In following the Sun through Leo the aspirant is accompanied by the great and glorious Fire Hierarchy of the

Archangels and he stands in the very presence of the Lion of Judah with his coronal of glittering celestial Light.

Virgo

Virgo is the sign of Wisdom. Not only is it ruled by Mercury, the planet of wisdom, but it is also the sign of its exaltation.

Ecclesiastes 7:19,23,24

Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

Virgo was especially associated with Isis, the Mother goddess of the Egyptians, and with Ishtar of the Stars among the Chaldeans. This does not refer to the physical processes of motherhood, but to the Divine Attribute of the Madonna of Primordial Space — that Virgin Space from which all creation came.

Virgo has for her keynotes, sacrifice and service, qualities that alone bring true wisdom; but coupled with these is discrimination, for Virgo learns to serve wisely and well. There is an art of service, for service to be effective must be discriminating; and self-sacrifice without discrimination

may be harmful. When, however, the intelligence of Virgo dictates a path of sorrow that the world may benefit, it does so knowing that "Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better." (Ecclesiastes 7:3)

The keynote of the seventh chapter is the redemption of the lower feminine — "I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets" — into the immaculately conceived and immaculately conceiving Madonna (for Virgo is the sign of the Immaculate Conception): "Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found: but a woman among all those have I not found." (Ecclesiastes 7:28)

The Virgo Hierarchy is made up of Beings called Lords of Wisdom; they work with the Mercurians in aiding man to evolve a new space-sense through supersensitized nerves. When the Sun transits their mansion, these Beings are very close to man and assist those who have made themselves worthy to experience the Immaculate Conception within the precincts of the soul.

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