METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION:
"Mysteries of Genesis"

Part 8

THE MENTAL SUPPLANTS THE PHYSICAL

"...Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre." (Gen. 23:19) Not only Sarah but Abraham, their son Isaac, his wife Rebekah, their son Jacob and his wife Leah were all buried here. "As in the case of Sarah, when the aggregation of thoughts symbolized by Abraham has done its perfect work in the conscious realm of mind, it gives way for the time being to other activities of mind and sinks back into the subconscious (cave)." (MG 191-2) The spiritual ideas of faith and soul growth symbolized by Abraham and Sarah have completed a stage of unfoldment and are now planted in the subconscious realm to later flower into a fuller level of expression.

The wonderous story of Isaac's servants spiritual revelation in his search for a wife for his master demonstrates the divine guidance that is acheived when we seek to establish a spiritual balance. Rebekah, symbolizing "the soul's natural delight in beauty" is the perfect balance for the joy of spiritual awareness symbolized by Isaac. The great value that is realized by this union is symbolized by the gold rings and bracelets given to Rebekah.

The result of this union produces a strong physical vitality (Esau) and an active mentality (Jacob): the two natural phases of life. Esau (physicality) is born first (at this stage of development) but is followed close by Jacob (the mental). Issac (joy) loves Esau (physicality), but Rebekah (the divine natural) loves Jacob (the mental level of being).

The mental is closer to the spiritual level of being and therefore receives the blessing of the father principle (Isaac) even though Esau was born first. As we develop spiritually, we transcend a purely physical level of expression and develop an awareness of spirit. This begins on the mental level. We can make a conscious choice, a change of mind, to remake our consciousness, our life, in the divine image (Chirst) of God that we are.

Jacob is a man of great spiritual insight. His dream (angels ascending and descending a ladder to Heaven), while traveling to be reconciled with his brother, shows his link in the journey from the first glimmer of faith (Abraham) to the manifestation of God's perfect idea (the 12 sons/tribes of Israel).