

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Being All I Am Created To Be:

Gospels Interpretation

Part 11

THE FINAL TEACHINGS

Between Jesus' return to Jerusalem and his arrest and crucifixion lie much of his most difficult and least understood teachings. See Matthew Chapters 21-26, Mark 11-14, Luke 19-22, & John 12-17. When we read these sayings about "The end of the age", "The Great Judgement" and the coming of the Kingdom (second coming) from a literal standpoint, they can be quite confusing and troublesome. If we are, then we have missed the keys to their understanding: "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things take place" (Mt 24:34, Mk 13:30, Lk 21:32), "...the kingdom of God is in the midst of you" (Lk 17:21) and "He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me." (Jn 12:44)

Literally these events did take place within the span of the generation to whom Jesus was speaking. The similarity of these events and later occurrences to the present day are testimony to the truth that our lessons repeat themselves until they are learned. All prophecy is directed to the current age and not a hundred or two thousand years in the future. But the consciousness to which the prophecy is directed is revisited with each generation until we shall have moved into the new age: where we live in Christ consciousness.

These statements are directed to our lower, earthy, selves which resist growth in Spiritual awareness. See 1 Corinthians 15. The part of us that believes it is "only" human and limited to existence on this earthly plain of experience will eventually give way to awareness of our Spiritual Reality (1 Cor 15:45-49). This is the "New Age." But the earthy, physical, sense conscious self of us is as tenacious as a goat. Thus the analogy to the separation of the sheep from the goats in Matthew 25:31-46. The reference is to the sheep which are ideas and beliefs in consciousness that follow the Christ, Spiritual, pattern for expression, and the goats which are resistant to things of the Spirit. In resistance there is pain and

suffering. Through non-resistance (sheep), we flow with the transformative changes of Spiritual growth "into eternal life."

Chapters 14-17 of the Gospel according to John are a beautiful meditation and prayer of Faith, Peace, Love, Comfort and Unity. "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me." "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." "When the Spirit of Truth comes he will guide you into all the truth..." "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."

Our destiny is to grow into the Spiritual awareness demonstrated by Jesus, Budha, Baba Ji as well as other Spiritual Masters. As we grow we may experience the tribulations of the "end times". But as we choose to separate "the sheep from the goats" we learn to flow into the new life of Spirit.