

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Being All I Am Created To Be:

Gospels Interpretation

Part 4

JESUS: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

"...his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'" (Isa 9:6) The ministry of Jesus of Nazareth was one of a Counselor/Healer and Rabbi/Teacher. He not only healed us and showed us to heal ourselves but he taught us to "...do the works that I do; and greater works than these..." (Jn 14:12)

As a Spiritual Counselor he worked with three basic premises: 1) The individual is whole and complete just as they are; there is nothing to fix. See John 5:2-18 for example, 2) The Christ within each individual desires perfect expression. See John 10:31-39 and 14:20, and 3) guidance is not rationally or logically determined but is intuitively (Divinely) directed, see John 3:1-5. If we truly wish to assist another in finding their perfect, Divine, guidance or healing we can follow his example. Consciously call forth a recognition of the individual as whole and complete, affirm the individuals perfect expression of their infinite potential and encourage their own intuitive knowing of the solution to their desired good.

Jesus' teaching methods include not only oral: sermons when talking to large numbers of people (Mt 5:1-7:28) and dialectic when speaking with his disciples (Lk 10:23-37) but example (Jn 9:1-12). He was a master who lived and demonstrated what he taught. He made effective use of the simile (Mk 10:13-16), the metaphor (Jn 15:1-11), the analogy (Mk 4:26-29) and the parable (Mt 13:1-52).

He especially utilized the parable. These earthly stories with heavenly meanings not only make the lesson concrete and interesting but drive home the message so that anyone can derive meaning. Upon study and reflection many levels of meaning can be derived from each story. They involve common experiences for the people to whom he spoke so that they might easily relate to the characters and events. Few masters throughout history, notably LaoTze, Budha and

Socrates, have woven such depth of understanding and expression into their teachings.