

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The Soul's Journey, part 9

THE APPEARANCE OF DUALITY

Following the death of King Solomon his son, Rehoboam, ascends to the throne. Rehoboam is not so wise as his father "...he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him..." (I Kings 12:8). Solomon's wisdom was used "...for his own selfish and sensuous pleasures" (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, pg. 550), which brought forth a son, the fruit of his actions, who is only cognizant of his own selfish sense demands. The result of this rule by our sense thoughts is that the kingdom is divided.

The ten northern tribes, Israel, want nothing to do with an oppressive king. They withdraw from Judah, the southern kingdom, and make Jeroboam king over all of Israel. This represents a separation of the objective and subjective levels of consciousness: the thoughts and the feelings, the assertive and the passive, the intellect and the intuitive natures of consciousness. Even though they appear separated they are closely related, evidenced by the similarity in the names of the leaders (only two letters are different), on the mental level of being.

From this point on in our Bible the northern kingdom is increasingly reviled in the narrative; all of their kings are recorded as doing "...what was evil in the sight of the Lord..." (I Kings 15:26). Only the writings of the southern kingdom, Judah, have survived the dispersion and exile. This gives us a somewhat slanted view of the history of the north and is representative

of the domination of our feelings by our thinking nature and their eventual submersion into the realms of the subconscious as symbolized by the dispersion of the ten northern (lost) tribes.