

“Personal Redemption, Myths and Allegory”



“Long periods of probation were imposed, so that the knowledge of how to become as the gods might remain the sole possession of the worthy. Lest that knowledge be lost, however, it was concealed in allegories and myths which were meaningless to the profane but self-evident to those acquainted with that theory of personal redemption. ... Christianity itself may be cited as an example. The entire New Testament is in fact an ingeniously concealed exposition of the secret processes of human regeneration. The characters ... are really the personification of certain processes which take place in the human body when one begins the task of consciously liberating himself. ...”

“The garments and ornamentation supposedly worn by the gods are also keys, for in the Mysteries clothing was considered as synonymous with form. The degree of spirituality or materialism of the organism was signified by the quality,

beauty, and value of the garments worn.” ~Manly P. Hall

Myths and Allegory

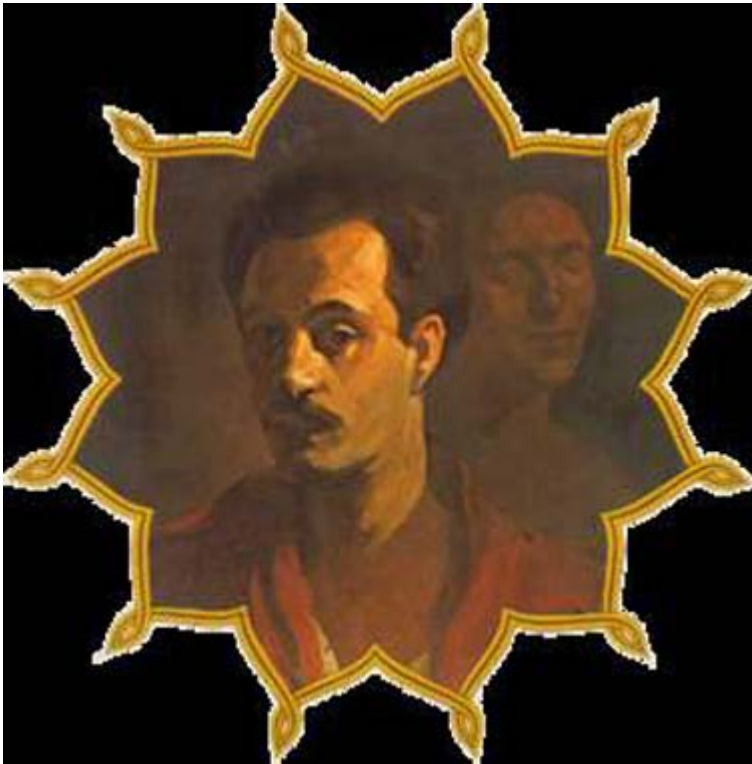
Some Christians don't like the idea that many of the stories found in the Bible, especially the New Testament are allegorical. They think that they cannot be true, historical events, and also allegorical. That is not the case.

Jesus carefully chose his twelve Apostles so that they would have an allegorical meaning. They were still real people. Jesus may have actually turned water to wine at a wedding. But He chose to do that because it has great spiritual significance if one understands the allegory of the tale. And the disciples of Jesus didn't write down everything He did. For the most part, what was written was that which had an important spiritual lesson hid within the allegory of the story.

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“Gibran on False Prophets and Truth”



"Yesterday we honored false prophets and sorcerers. But today Time has changed, and lo, it has changed us too. We can now stare at the face of the sun and listen to the songs of the sea, and nothing can shake us except a cyclone.

"Yesterday we tore down the temples of our souls and from their debris we built tombs for our forefathers. But today our souls have turned into sacred altars that the ghosts of the Past cannot approach, that the fleshless fingers of the dead cannot touch.

"We were a silent thought hidden in the corners of Oblivion. Today we are a strong voice that can make the firmament reverberate.

"We were a tiny spark buried under the ashes. Today we are a raging fire burning at the head of the valley." ~Kahlil Gibran

False Prophets of Gibran

While some of the false prophets and sorcerers Gibran speaks of are men of religion, most are not. They are the prophets of materialism. The scientists who deny that anything beyond matter exists. The business leaders who convince us our lives should be dedicated to working for them until we drop dead or retire. The media that tells us all the important things in lifelike sports, business, money, but nothing spiritual. They are the true false prophets and sorcerers of this age.

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“Teaching, Learning and Sharing Spiritual Knowledge”



“A wise man, whether teaching or learning, only wishes to learn or teach those things which are useful. He who merely has the appearance of wisdom, whether asking or answering questions, only deals with relatively trivial things.

“A person who through the grace of God partakes of divine blessings is under an obligation to share them ungrudgingly with others. ... He who hides the gift in the earth accuses the Lord of being hard-hearted and mean, ... while he who sells the truth to enemies, and is then revealed as avid for self-glory, hangs himself.” ~The Philokalia

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning are never entirely separate. The wise teacher always learns something from her students. Likewise, the student always has some knowledge to share with the teacher. Instead of teaching and learning, we should probably call it information exchange.

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“Two Roads Through Life: Physical and Spiritual”



“Brothers in belief, there are two roads through life, the Road of Good and the Road of Evil; they are not clearly defined roads and often run side by side and sometimes cross each other. Those who travel without a guide or in darkness often mistake one road for the other. We are those who have chosen to walk in light, in brotherhood of men who travel the Road of Good together in companionship.

“We are companions on the Great Path of the True Way, and when an instructing brother speaks of the Great Path of the True Way, he speaks of a double path. The companions of the Right Hand are those who bear the burdens of earthly labor and advancement. ... The companions of the Left Hand are those who bear the burdens of spiritual labor and enlightenment, things closer to the heart of men.” ~The Kolbrin Bible

(SOF:3:1-2)

Two Roads of Life

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.” ~Robert Frost

In may seem like there are many roads in life, but the Kolbrin Bible is correct is saying there are really only two. There may be many lanes on each road, but really only two roads. And as is also said in the Kolbrin Bible quote, it is often difficult for most of us to know which path is which.

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“Sleeping Soul Must Awaken, and Soon”



“Beloved reader, this is no jesting matter; he that accounteth it so, hath not tried it, neither hath he yet passed the Judgment; but his conscience is still asleep; and though it should be deferred to his latter days, which is very dangerous, yet he must pass through the Judgment or fiery trial. Happy is he that passeth through it in the time of his youth, before the Devil buildeth his fort of prey strong; he may afterwards prove a laborer in the heavenly vineyard. ... This judgment continues a long while upon many a poor soul; several years, if he doth not earnestly and early put on the Armor of Christ, but stayeth til the judgment of tribulation.” ~Jacob Boehme

Sleeping Soul

Boehme says that in many of us the “conscience” is still sleeping. It is more accurate to say the spirit and soul are still sleeping. Many don’t realize that when we are born on the material plane, our body and mind awakens, but the spirit and soul do not. Our spiritual faculties do not like it here. It isn’t their realm, their land. So an effort must be made to awaken them.

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“Spiritual Wings That Take Us To Heaven”



“When God created Adam, He did not provide him with bodily wings, like the birds, but He had designed for him the wings of the Holy Ghost, those wings which he proposes to give him

at the resurrection, to lift him up and catch him away whithersoever the Spirit pleases—which holy souls even now are privileged to have, and fly up in mind to the heavenly frame of thought.

“everyone of us therefore ought to strive, and take pains, and be diligent in all virtues, and to believe, and to seek from the Lord that the inward man may be made partaker of that glory here and now, and that the soul may have fellowship in that sanctity of the Spirit.” ~St. Macarius the Egyptian

Spiritual Wings

Neither Adam, angels, or any other light beings ever had physical wings like a bird growing out of their back. It is understandable that artists centuries ago depicted them that way. Today we have much greater knowledge of light, energy, and the connected world of quantum physics. Yet even now we see angels and other spiritual beings being depicted as having giant bird wings sticking out of their backs.

Adam was a spiritual being when God created him. He needed no bird wings to help him fly. Spirits can move instantly from one place to another. They have no physical bodies, no weight, so they need no physical appendages to help them move. In fact, they don't really move at all because spirits are not restricted by space and time. Without the restrictions of space and time, they are everywhere already. They simply shift their attention to another location and they are immediately there – because they always were. So the “wings” on spiritual beings are not wings in the normal sense at all, but merely beams of spiritual Light. These spiritual wings are the “wings of the Holy Ghost” because they spread spiritual energy into the world much like the Holy Ghost.

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“Spiritual Progress Requires Work and Proper Motivation”



“Those who seek spiritual knowledge with much labor, but do not succeed in finding it, fail either through lack of faith

or perhaps because in their stupidity and jealousy they have in mind to attack those who possess knowledge, just as the people of old once attacked Moses. ... He who pursues spiritual knowledge for the sake of display and fails to attain it should not envy his neighbor or be cast down. On the contrary, ... through the practice of the virtues, by working hard with his body, he will prepare his soul for that knowledge.

“Those who truly and devoutly aspire to an understanding of created beings, and have no thoughts of self-display, will find that they are granted lucid insight into such beings, and that through the insight they attain the knowledge they seek.” ~The Philokalia

Hard Work and Progress

Hard work is necessary for progress on our spiritual journey, as with most any journey or task. But hard work doesn't necessarily mean you are making progress.

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“Hermeticism and Unity with God”



“Another system that should perhaps be fitted into the Gnostic framework is Hermeticism. It is very diverse and it draws its material from many sources within the Western Mystery traditions; it considers that the whole of mankind is on a spiritual journey that is designed to return to a state of unity with the mind of God and this state of unity is its prime purpose; and it holds that spiritual growth cannot be achieved without human effort. If humanity is to reach the Divine therefore, we must aspire to the Divine.” ~Bernard Simon

Hermeticism is Gnosticism

There is really no doubt that Hermeticism is a school of

Gnosticism. While some specific details vary from other schools, the primary tenets are the same. Most experts agree that the writing attributed to Hermes were probably written by several individual and collected together over a period of time.

Spiritual Journey

That mankind is on a spiritual journey is one of the beliefs of Hermeticism that it shares with many other schools. Some schools teach that we were sent here intentionally to learn before we become fully spiritual. Most Gnostic schools, however, do not consider the Great Fall into matter to be something God intended. It is instead the result of the errors made by the fallen angels.

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“Harmony with Divine Will for Continued Spiritual Growth”



“That power of making ‘swift and loving ascents’ to the plane of onwise to which man attained t the end of the Interior Life, that conscious harmony with the Divine Will which then became the controlling factor of his active career, cannot be the end of the process of transcendence. The soul now hungers for a more intense Reality, a closer contact with ‘Him who is measureless; a deeper and deeper penetration into the burning heart of the universe. ... Beyond both the conditioned and unconditioned world, beyond the Trinity itself that love discerns its ultimate objective—the very Godhead, the Divine Unity.” ~Evelyn Underhill

Plane of Onwise

“I don’t know what ‘onwise’ meant to ancient mystics. The only references I find online are to a modern corporation using that name. I believe that it means those who have raised their frequencies high enough to be in regular contact with the fifth dimension. That is the lowest of the nine dimensions considered to be part of the spiritual realms. It is the place where angels and Being of Light dwell. This is usually the highest level spiritual people become a part of while still

living in the third dimension of matter. Quoting and interpreting from the writings of John of Ruysbroeck, Underhill says that this cannot be the end of our spiritual life, or the end of our spiritual growth. She is correct. If the fifth dimension were the highest level we could ever reach, it would be pointless to even bother. Fortunately, it isn't."

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"Sixth Epoch of Happiness and Light"



“It was taught in Manicheism that from our age onwards the souls of men would began to transmute into good and evil which will manifest in full force in the sixth epoch. In other words: human souls must strong enough to bring good out of evil by a process of spiritual alchemy.

“When the Earth begins to recapitulate the previous phases of its evolution, there will first be a reunion with the Moon, and then of this Earth-Moon with he Sun. The reunion with the Moon will mark the culminating point of evil on earth; the reunion with the Sun will signify, on the other hand, the advent of happiness, the reign of the ‘elect.’” ~Rudolf Steiner

Good and Evil Souls

“It is unfortunate that the word “soul” is used to mean several things. It can refer to the mundane soul that every animal including man has. Also it can refer to the Divine Soul. Or it can refer simply to the mind of man.

“The Divine Soul can never become evil. If it did, it would cease to be divine and immortal. Do is become dormant, like a

person in a coma. That is what happened with the great fall and it still happens every time a person is born on the physical level of reality.

“So it is the mind that is really becoming good or evil, not the soul. Not if by “soul” you mean the Divine Soul from God. The mind, and the Ego in the mind become evil. That mind must be overcome by awakening the soul so that it can take control and make us into the good beings God meant us to be.”

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