

The New Wineskin

Understanding the Metaphor of the New Wineskin
and the Un-shrunk Cloth

The Gospel of Thomas

- (1) And he said: He who shall find the interpretation of the words shall not taste of death.
- (2) Jesus said: He who seeks, let him not cease seeking until: finds; and when he finds he will be troubled, and if he is troubled, he will be amazed, and he will reign over the All.

A time of exchange

- There comes a time when the old no longer serves us
- The old is an historical interpretation of Scripture and other spiritual texts
- We must forsake the history for the mystery
- Grasping the mystery does not negate the history but rather the mystery fulfills the history
- We desperately need a new conscious awareness
- Being conscious means being aware

What is a Metaphor?

- A figure of speech in which an implied comparison is made between two unlike things that actually have something in common.
- A figure of speech in which a term or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable in order to suggest a resemblance.
- A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else, esp. something abstract.

What is an allegory?

- The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form.
- Galatians 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman.
- 23 Howbeit the [son] by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the [son] by the freewoman [is born] through promise.
- 24 **Which things contain an allegory**: for these [women] are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, bearing children unto bondage, which is Hagar.
- 25 Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is: for she is in bondage with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is our mother.

What is the Wine-skin?

- Matthew 9:14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"
- 15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
- 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.
- 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and **both are preserved (SAVED)**."

Understanding the symbolism of the Bridegroom

- Jesus referred to himself as the Bridegroom because the union of God and man had taken place within him
- Jesus was able to manifest the kingdom only for a while before it was taken
- The un-shrunk cloth is this Christed being whose vibrational makeup was not compatible with that of the Earth, its presence would cause a rend in our immature consciousness
- Our immature consciousness could not yet contain the "new wine"
- New wine is what is extracted when the realm of heaven is compressed or comes to the earth - thy kingdom come thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven
- Through our Earthly experiences we learn - Our Garden of Gethsemane surrender brings death to self/ego

The pattern of Gethsemane

- Gethsemane means “olive press”.
- Olive oil is symbolic of the spirit
- Jesus petitioned his Father 3 times to “let this cup pass from me” and it is said that he sweat drops of blood (DNA, the shedding of blood)
- In this press he stated, “Nevertheless *not my will* but *thy will* be done.”
- Jesus brought his carnal nature (his will) into death in the Garden called Gethsemane or “olive press.” This death was precedent and necessary to death on the cross.

Being Saved

- In 1999 I began to question the word “saved.” Today it means something completely different to me than it did over a decade ago simply because I put the term and the concept on the chopping block.
- How could the process of something so marvelous as the body material becoming the body immortal be relegated to something so trite as an accepted invitation to an altar call?
- How can our glorious inheritance of eternity be reduced to its embrace only after death? How can we continue to externalize our concept of the kingdom when Jesus said it was inside of us?
- We have missed so many clues to these mysteries because we are afraid to let our old comfort systems of belief die, and die they must if we are to experience conscious resurrection.

Who will be saved?

- Some have to raise their hand and walk an aisle and recite a prayer*
- Some have to speak in tongues*
- Some must be baptized*
- Some must wear special underwear*
- Some must go to confession*
- Some must never cut their hair, wear makeup or wear pants*
- Some must not read the Old Testament or use musical instruments*
- Some must not use electricity*
- Some must smoke a pipe or eat a hallucinogenic plant*

The Law will not save

- The Law is our historical understanding and application of scripture - it is the letter that kills
- Hebrews 10:1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never** with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect**. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

Saved = IMMORTALITY

- ❑ Jesus is an immortal being after the order of Melchizedek that came to the Earth realm to leave for us a pattern of ascension
- ❑ Jesus is not and was not the only pattern but he has left the freshest footprint
- ❑ Our purpose as humans bearing the Christ within is to raise the body mortal to immortal so that we may be the helpmate for Spirit to occupy
- ❑ We needed a pattern to follow
- ❑ Our human body has a very low vibration and is presently incompatible with heaven - Christ Jesus could not have the unshrunk cloth of his presence on the Earth realm for very long because of this incompatible vibration would break the old wineskin (our human consciousness) and "spill the wine"

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- Once the new consciousness is established both the wine and the container are "SAVED"
- Awakening means seeing things as metaphor rather than historical, exchanging the history for the mystery
- Begin Welcome to the Gap