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John 2 with Metaphysical Footnotes (ASV)

The Wedding at Cana

^{2:1}And the third **day** there was a **marriage** ¹ in **Cana** ² of **Galilee**; and the mother of **Jesus** was there: ^{2:2}and **Jesus** also was bidden, and his **disciples**, to the **marriage**. ^{2:3}And when the **wine** failed, the mother of **Jesus** saith unto him, They have no **wine**. ^{2:4}And **Jesus** saith unto her, **Woman**, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. ^{2:5}His mother saith unto the **servants**, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. ^{2:6}Now there were six **waterpots** of **stone** ³ set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. ^{2:7}**Jesus** saith unto them, Fill the **waterpots** with **water**. And they filled them up to the brim. ^{2:8}And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and **bear** unto the ruler of the **feast**. ⁴ And they bare it. ^{2:9}And when the ruler of the **feast** tasted the **water** now become **wine**, and knew not whence it was (but the **servants** that had drawn the **water** knew), the ruler of the **feast** calleth the bridegroom, ^{2:10}and saith unto him, Every **man** setteth on first the **good wine**; and when **men** have drunk freely, *then* that which is worse: thou hast kept the **good wine** until now.^{2:11}This beginning of his signs did **Jesus** in **Cana** of **Galilee**, and manifested his **glory**; and his **disciples** believed on him.

^{2:12}After this he went down to **Capernaum**, ⁵ he, and his mother, and *his brethren*, and his **disciples**; and there they abode not many days.

1. *a marriage* SPIRITUALLY A marriage represents the union of two dominant states of consciousness. Mary, the mother of Jesus, represents intuition, the spiritual soul, Eve, "the mother of all living." Jesus is the personal I AM and His apostles are the twelve faculties.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

^{2:13}And the **passover** of the **Jews** was at **hand**, ¹ and **Jesus** went up to **Jerusalem**. ^{2:14}And he found in the **temple**

2. *in Cana* Cana is a "place of reeds"; so is the larynx found in the body. The name Galilee means "to whirl"; air is rapidly forced through the larynx in speaking or singing. The apostles represent the dominant nerve centers, the spiritual symbolism of each being concealed in the name. Philip means "one who is fond of horses." The horse symbolizes vigor, vitality, power. Vigor or its opposite, weakness, is betrayed by the voice, so we designate Philip as the power faculty, and his place in body expression is in the larynx (at Cana).

3. *Now there were six waterpots of stone* Six waterpots: six nerve centers in the body. Water may be compared to natural or human life, and wine to spiritual life. In the regeneration spirit and body are united, but before this union can be accomplished the exhausted natural life must be quickened with spirit (symbolized by the turning of water into wine).

4. *Draw out now, and bear to the ruler of the feast.* The ruler of the feast, the supreme I AM, pronounced the transformed water to be superior to the best wine. This transformation of the negative, watery fluid of the organism into vitalizing Spirit is accomplished by adding to every word a spiritual idea. The idea of omnipresent life will then quicken the natural life in man, and it will make conscious contact with the one life and draw it out for the benefit of the many.

5. *went down to Capernaum* Capernaum designates or represents an inner conviction of the abiding compassion and restoring power of Being. When one enters this state of consciousness a healing virtue pours out of the soul and transforms all discord into harmony.

those that sold oxen and **sheep** and doves, and the changers of **money** ² sitting: ^{2:15}and he made a scourge of **cords**,

and cast all out of the [temple](#), both the [sheep](#) and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' [money](#), and overthrew their tables; ^{2:16}and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these [things](#) hence; make not my Father's [house](#) a [house](#) of merchandise. ^{2:17}His [disciples](#) remembered that it was written, [Zeal](#) for thy [house](#) shall [eat](#) me up. ³ ^{2:18}The [Jews](#) therefore answered and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these [things](#)? ^{2:19}[Jesus](#) answered and said unto them, Destroy this [temple](#), and in three days I will raise it up. ⁴ ^{2:20}The [Jews](#) therefore said, Forty and six [years](#) was this [temple](#) in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? ^{2:21}But he spake of the [temple](#) of his [body](#). ^{2:22}When therefore he was raised from the [dead](#), his [disciples](#) remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the [word](#) which [Jesus](#) had said.

^{2:23}Now when he was in [Jerusalem](#) at the [passover](#), during the [feast](#), many believed on his [name](#), [beholding](#) his signs which he did. ^{2:24}But [Jesus](#) did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all [men](#), ^{2:25}and because he needed not that any one should [bear](#) witness concerning [man](#); for he himself knew what was in [man](#).

1. *the passover of the Jews was at hand.* In individual consciousness, the "passover of the Jews" represents the time set aside for fasting and prayer, the cleansing

and renewing of the body temple through denial and affirmation, making it ready for the coming of the Lord.

2. *"Those that sold oxen and sheep and doves" and "the changers of money"* are errors in the subconsciousness.
3. *Zeal for thy house shall eat me up* "Zeal," by its very nature, is intense activity. If allowed to take possession of the mind, it turns the attention to observance of forms, following the line of action that brings the appearance of greatest results, and the Spirit is lost sight of.
TruthUnity note: Philip Cary remarks that, to the Greek philosophers, passion (zeal) was a problem. That is because the ancients did not want to become a "beast." However contemporary philosophers are more concerned about becoming a "machine." So passion, for modern philosophers, is encouraged as a means of not becoming complacent to machine like consciousness.
4. *and in three days* The "three days" represent the three degrees or parts of man's consciousness: spirit, soul and body. The spiritual I Am must establish its mastery in these before the Word of God is fulfilled and the perfect man brought forth.

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