

THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE BIBLE

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According to the 1st chapter of Genesis the first man was the image and likeness of God. God is Spirit. Therefore the first man created was and is a spiritual being. Thus the hidden man is the perfect-idea man in God-Mind.

God's perfect-idea man is made manifest through Jehovah God; and His perfect manifestation was the first Adam.

The key to the character of the hidden man is found in man's mind faculties, both positive and negative. The positive faculties are termed masculine and the negative feminine. Thus it was that "male and female created he them."

The original environment of God's man provided all things for his sustenance. It is called in the Bible "the garden of Eden," which represents the invisible, everywhere present cosmic source of everything that appears in the visible universe. The soil of this garden is mind substance and the seed that man plants is his thought and word.

The four rivers in Eden that flowed from the one source represent four emanations of spiritual energy going forth from Divine Mind for the man to use. Pishon represents the baptism of Spirit. Gihon represents the purifying of the Spirit (breathing). Hiddekel represents the conscious communication of divine ideas through cell life, and Euphrates is the life-carrying germs in the blood.

The main theme of the Bible is the revelation of its hidden man. From Adam to Jesus Christ the great characters Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, and Solomon are partial expositions of the mighty ideal man created and planned by Elohim God and revealed by Jehovah God, in cooperation with Adam and finally Jesus. Jesus was the great demonstration of God's ideal man, and in Him is the God-head made bodily manifest. He was both the Son of God and the Son of man. In Him the Son of God was merged into the Son of man, the divine and the human were amalgamated into man as God idealized him in the beginning. Hence Jesus is the pattern for all men who desire to measure up to the ideal man of God.

The whole human family have become so submerged in the miasmas of mortal thought that they cannot break the negative influence without the help of a higher power. Jesus had supermind power, and He broke the chain of error that binds the race to the earth with all its miseries. He overcame sin, sickness, poverty, disease, death, and showed His followers how they can do likewise. "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne."

Men have been taught that the saving power of God was in externals; now we begin to see that it is within man. As Jesus taught, "The kingdom of God is within you." The life-germs of infinite Mind have been within all of us from the beginning, awaiting recognition and the call to action.

Modern physiology tells us that the germ-cells of the central nervous system in man are inherited from our remotest ancestors. The issues of primal life are here found to be planted in the very center of man's body, waiting release at his thought and word. All the elemental forces that were so obedient to the word of Jesus Christ are coursing in and out and through the minds and bodies of all men and will obey all those who have the faith in God that Jesus had.

Call upon the Lord Jesus for guidance and overcoming power, and His light and life will help you to awaken and use equal abilities in yourself.