CHAPTER 21

SECRETS OF THE MAGI

The Wisdom of the Magi

PRINCIPLE #1

Not only do the heavens declare the glory of God on a daily basis, but they speak and display knowledge at night.

A disciple of Christ masters the revelation of life. The Magi, also known as the wise men, understood the science of the stars. Most people learned about the Magi (wise men) through the story of the birth of Christ. However, the story of Christmas is presented with a number of falsehoods. After the birth of Jesus, the Magi came from the East to Jerusalem to search for the newborn King of the Jews. The story of the magi in the New Testament, as told by the Jews who converted to Christianity, is spurned from the elements in the Old Testament which are used to prove that Jesus was the Messiah of the world. The Old Testament predicted that the non-Jewish nations of the world would come to adore the Jewish Messiah and would bring international treasures.

The 12 constellations are based upon the magnitude of the stars and their degrees of brightness. The names assigned to

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these constellations are the Latin words for the symbols displayed in the stars. We should not worship the sun and the stars. The Word of God says, "Thou shalt have no other God's before me." (Exodus 20:3) This is one of the reasons that the Church is skeptical when it comes to astrology. Astrology was considered demonic. However, astrology is not the worship of the stars; astrology is the study of the stars. Everything has a positive and a negative side. Fire is a very powerful element. It is good for cooking and heating our homes. However, if handled incorrectly, fire also has the ability to destroy. In the same way, the study of the stars is very beneficial in understanding the move of God in the earth, but you have to have the proper training to fully understand the signs and their meaning.

Psalms 19 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God and a further mention of His handiworks. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge." Not do the heavens declare the glory of God on a daily basis, but they speak and display knowledge at night. This is a clue that we are to study the stars to see what they are saying. Everything speaks, but you have to use your prophetic ear to hear. What you behold you become. If you concentrate on something long enough it will make a deposit in your mind.

Dreams

PRINCIPLE #2 God is the God of details.

Studying the stars is important because the symbols of the stars will show up in your dreams. We usually think of our dreams in terms of a narrative story, and fail to recognize significant sym-

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bols that God may place in our dreams. Become a forensic scientist when it comes to analyzing your dreams - details, details, details. Details unfold the mystery behind your dreams. Don't just remember the story, remember the details. For example, remember the shoe that was sitting on the floor, or the color of the dog running through the door. Study the colors that were present in your dream. When you become a forensic dream scientist you will be able to interpret what God is trying to tell you through your dreams. God is a God of details. Every dream has two you's in it. There is the you that is watching the dream as it happens, and there is the you that is the actor in the dream. You are in the dream while you are watching the dream. Learn to take control of your dreams and pay attention to every detail.

The Signs

PRINCIPLE #3

A sign is usually smaller than the entity to which it points.

"There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." (Psalms 19:3-4)

God talks in symbols. Night after night the stars communicate their knowledge. God reveals His message in the stars. Therefore, do not be afraid to study them. God has given His message to everybody. All peoples of the earth can receive this word. "And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years." (Genesis 1:14) A sign is something that points to something outside of itself. A sign is usually smaller than the entity to which it points.

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Virgo

The symbol for Virgo is the virgin. The Virgo symbolizes "I analyze." A person whose zodiac sign is Virgo is generally very analytical and critical. Virgos are highly critical of people they love.

Libra

The symbol for Libra is the scale, which represents balance. The scale symbolizes "I balance." Christ balances our deficiencies. Our imperfections are covered by His perfection. You are not equal with God because of your purity, but because of relationship. Good comes to you not because of performance, but because of relationship. We are equal with God, but not the same.

The Libra is about balance and making sure that everything has its place.

Scorpio

The symbol for Scorpio is the scorpion. The scorpion symbolizes "I desire." Scorpios seek to wound; they are the strikers. They like to get even. They are very adamant about having what they desire.

Sagittarius

The symbol for Sagittarius is the archer, which is a twonatured conqueror. The archer symbolizes "I see." Sagittarians are worshippers.

Capricorn

The symbol for Capricorn is the goat. The goat symbolizes "I use."

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Aquarius

The symbol for Aquarius is water. Water symbolizes "I know." Aquarius is the constellation of stars that represents a man pouring water from a pitcher or vase, symbolizing the living water of blessings poured forth for the redeemed. Aquarius is the symbol of the Holy Spirit being poured out on us. Aquarians are philosophers and thinkers.

Pisces

The symbol for Pisces is two fish tied together, which represents the two natures in people. The two fish tied together symbolize "I believe." You are in a struggle to emancipate your mind. You are in a struggle to let the mind of Christ exist in you. There are a lot of things that bind you. The fish is the symbol of Christianity. Christianity was a backdoor religion. Christians hid in caves because they were afraid of being persecuted. So they used a sign to identify whether or not a person was a Christian. They would draw in the sand half of a fish. If a person sat down beside them and completed the drawing of the fish, they knew they were a Christian. Even today you will see the symbol of the fish used by Christians.

Aries

The symbol for Aries is the lamb. The lamb symbolizes "I am." Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. I Am the way; I Am the light of the world; I Am the truth; I Am the life; I Am the bread of life.

Taurus

The symbol for Taurus is the bull. The bull symbolizes "I have." The bull represents energy and strength. In biblical history, the bull

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was sacrificed as an offering before God. They cut the bull into pieces and would do a heave offering. When the shoulder of the bull was offered up to Christ, it symbolized strength and the government being placed upon Christ's shoulders.

Gemini

The symbol for Gemini is twins, which represents two-natures. Twins symbolize "I think." Gemini represents the two-fold nature of Christ. All of the zodiac signs have their foundation in Christ. Christ is two-natured. He is both divinity and humanity. He was the fullness of divinity and the fullness of humanity. What proves He is God is the fact that He could walk as perfect humanity. Only God can walk as perfect humanity.

Leo

The symbol for Leo is the lion. The lion symbolizes "I will." A lion knows what he wants and takes it. The lion is the symbol of Christ. Leos are unstoppable and determined.

Pay close attention to your astrological sign because it is going to tell you why you do some of the things you do, why you repeat certain things, why you have developed certain habits. God reveals hidden truths about you through the stars. When you are dealing with your astrological sign, you will find that certain stars and planets are supposed to be in certain locations, meaning certain things are supposed to be happening in your life. People painted all of these signs in different ways. The magi saw the star. God did not chastise them for following the star. They used the star to guide them to find Jesus.

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You have a star. The day you were born there was a star that appeared. It is important to understand signs and symbols. God speaks through everything. Everything is a symbol that points to God or points to something that God wants to say to you about Himself and about YOU.

<u>AFFIRMATION</u>

As of today, I will only seek after the positive.

I love knowledge and knowledge loves me.

I embrace knowledge and knowledge embraces me.

I fear no-thing. But I embrace all of God's things.