

The Twenty-third Psalm Interpretation

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I think at this Thanksgiving time that there is no scriptural reference which will show to the Heavenly Father our thanks as the twenty-third Psalm. And so at this time I'll read the lines of the twenty-third Psalm and interpret them.

"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want." The "Shepherd" is the Master of the Universe, God, who has created all things. How can we want? We must realize that we have a Unity with God the Father, who has created the universe. He is our Shepard; surely we shall not want.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters." In God's Consciousness, in His Omniscience as the Christ Consciousness within us, we will find all things. Those are the green pastures of God's Consciousness in us. "He leadeth me beside the still waters," where no delusion of outward consciousness can enter; nothing but the stillness of His All-Pervading Omniscience.

"He restoreth my soul." Our soul is one with God, and so by uniting in the Christ Consciousness – spoken of as the Lord – by uniting in that once more, we have restored our proper place. We have once more gained our heritage: oneness with God; oneness with God's Consciousness in creation - the Christ Consciousness.

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake." Now, the "name" of Christ Consciousness is the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost. If we merge in that, then whatever we do will be righteous. Then we can follow in the paths of righteousness.

"Yeah though I walk through the valley and shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." In God's Consciousness is the Unity of Consciousness. There is no break in God's Consciousness within us as the Christ Consciousness. The "shadow of death" means that, if we stay in worldly consciousness, then we will be subject to change – we will lose the continuity of consciousness. But, if we, right here and now, merge in the Christ Consciousness within – in that there is no death, because that Consciousness is Eternal.

“Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.” The Rod of God’s Discipline is wonderful, because when we follow it, then we feel His Staff, His Goodwill, with us.

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.” That is, in the presence of all outward disturbing factors, or conditions, there you have the “table” of God’s Presence with you, every time you want to sit at that table, you have that power, because you are made in the Image of God.

“Thou annointest my head with oil” – that is, those who merge in the Christ Consciousness, feel the Great Spiritual Energy in the Thousand-ray Lotus – they feel that flowing through them. That is the oil spoken of in the twenty-third Psalm. The Sanskrit word for “oil” means “energy.” And so the psalmist is speaking of the Great Spiritual Light, and Consciousness, and Energy, which is found in the Thousand-ray Lotus where Christ Consciousness dwells.

“My cup runneth over.” I feel the Spiritual Presence in every cell of the body – my cup is filled.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Having united my little bubble of ego with the Great Ocean of God’s Presence within me as the Christ Consciousness, my consciousness will be eternal, because God’s Consciousness is Eternal.