

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Seventh Commandment

The seventh Commandment ominously reads: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

On the seventh day of Creation God rested from His labors. If a child is prematurely born after seventh months' gestation it has a good chance to survive — but not after six months. The number seven stands for complete manifestation; nothing can be upset easily; the danger of death does not lurk as under the rulership of six — form.

The seventh zodiacal sign is Libra; its symbol is the scale — balance. In the body Libra holds sway principally over the kidneys. An esoteric understanding of the kidneys will help give a clearer understanding of this Commandment.

Unlike other organs, the kidneys are not held in place by any distinct ligaments, but only by pressure and counterpressure exerted upon them by neighboring organs. The right kidney, the right bowl of the scale, is somewhat lower than the left. Therefore, none of us have attained Libra balance. The right side of the kidney is out of balance because the liver upsets — it presses down the balance. The liver is the organ of overbalanced emotions, the organ of our digressions.

The kidneys have three functions, and with these ennoble four organs. The best known function is filtration and selection of urine from the blood. The portion which is not sent away is an exalted, precious portion and constitutes the material of the reproductive fluids. This is the second function. The third function is that the blood of the kidneys is ripened and rendered more subtle and vaporous by the body electricity from the spleen. It is then sent to four organs: heart, spleen,

stomach, and lungs. Through this ennobled blood, the Spirit of man has the power to send ecstasy, exhilaration, inspiration, love, and bliss over the entire body. Balanced kidneys express themselves in calm, joy, and cheerfulness, which equals utmost happiness. That is what man would have, had we obeyed the seventh Commandment.

After six months of prenatal life the pattern of the man-animal is complete in form. During the seventh month the process continues to bring about the birth of the man-god. Man is more than bodily perfection; man is also soul and Spirit. In the seventh month the Spirit spins its threads between the organs of the body; it links and binds itself to the body and becomes indwelling. A similar function takes place all through life by means of normal, healthy kidneys. The shining soul body weaves its bond of marriage by means of the kidneys. The exquisite shiver that runs up through our bodies in times of exhilaration is the work of the kidneys reaching out to the soul, asking it to be indwelling. "And man became a living soul."

The world, of course, calls desire and emotion love, but esoterically that is incorrect. Love is a virtue, and as such belongs to the realm of the heart, not the kidneys. But it is Libra and the noble function of the kidneys that raise feelings and desire to the heart and convert them into purified love. Nevertheless it is desire, intense desire, mistakenly called love, which is the prerequisite of all creation. Without it Sun and Moon, men and atoms, could not exist. Without desire they never could have begun; without it they never could be kept alive.

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period -- most significantly a sense of duty and devotion to the work ethic. "Work was a positive, almost religious value in itself for the Grimms."

Consciously or unconsciously, the Brothers Grimm understood the sacred nature of language. Jacob called it a "natural miracle" and said: "The Creator gave us as precious gifts. . .the power to think and . . .power to speak, but we do not think until we use that ability and we only speak by learning language. Thought and speech are our property on which the developing freedom of our nature rests. . ."

Jacob also understood the true nature of mythology as the repository of divine truths: "I find repugnant the arrogant view that the life of whole centuries was absorbed in gloomy, joyless barbarism; that would be contrary to the loving kindness of God, Who. . .at all times gave man the consciousness of a higher divine guidance. . . . In our heathen mythology there appear in purity and vigor those ideas which the human heart needs most and by means of which it maintains itself."

We recommend this excellent biography, by the Chairman of the German Department at Amherst College, to anyone interested in the Brothers Grimm, the German Romantic Movement, and the development of folk lore and linguistics in general.

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SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

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In true partnership, reached not only through pure love but also through intense desire, the wavering uncertainty of incompleteness and imbalance comes to rest in equilibrium. Such partnership, such marriage, the union with our Higher Self, is our seventh day of creation, our day of rest. There we find that portion of ourselves without which we are incomplete.

And in this completion and wholeness we approach the altar of creation.

The seventh Commandment does not forbid the approach to the altar of creation; it forbids the self-centered, possessive, pleasure and power-seeking approach, for that in every way is adultery. In committing adultery, the poisons of impure desires are not eliminated, but react on the kidneys. For this purpose — to heal the kidneys — the seventh Commandment was given. Selflessness heals the kidneys. Selflessness never commits adultery. Self-centeredness always commits adultery. Adultery never acknowledges God, but makes a God of self. Purified emotions help us to find God.

The seventh Commandment for the New Age reads: Purged of self-seeking, thou shalt find thy rest in bliss and ecstasy.

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STELLIUMS

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new Moons.

The comments on the five children born within a few days of the February 5 new Moon range from "popular, delightful, good looking" to "way up in gifted range." Only one is seemingly withdrawn, although not with great problems but with a typical 12th house urge to seclusion which, according to the chart progressions, will be modified toward greater openness later in life. Of the five charts, three have the six inner planets other than the Moon placed in Aquarius and in various houses. This should allay fears parents have that their children may be seriously unbalanced by having a strong concentration of planets in a sign or house.