

The Metaphysical Jesus - John 6: 35 - 66

In John 6 we have the first of the many magnificent monologues spoken by Jesus in this Gospel. These monologues are so deep, so powerful, and so esoteric that they cannot be comprehended by conventional thinking. We cannot simply read them, memorize and quote them, or even really think of them in terms of literal statements from a literal human intellect. They are discourses with food for thought of a quality which can generate the very special type of energy needed for further evolution in consciousness at this particular time in our evolutionary history.

In this first monologue (John 6:25-59) Jesus dwells on the theme of His being the "bread from heaven" which we are to eat if we would enter the process of regeneration. When reading these paragraphs it is important to keep in mind what Jesus symbolizes—spiritual awareness of the Truth of God regarding man and man's evolution. This is vital. The acceptance of Truth and spiritual awareness (eating of it as bread come down from heaven) becomes the very substance of our existence.

35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. 37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

- The bread you eat comes from heaven which is our own consciousness, or the Spiritual Power within us. You can enter the Secret Place now in your own mind, and feast on all good things.
- When you feast of the good things within, you shall never want for any good things on the external plane.

41 At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

43 "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. 44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

- Some people can't see beyond what they think they know about you.
- We can experience nothing unless it is a part of our consciousness. Our level of being, or consciousness, attracts to us all experiences, conditions, and events.
- We cannot escape from the contents of our mind unless we decide to change.
- Before the old can be destroyed something new must be accepted mentally.
- The last day refers to the time we die to all sense of limitation and frustration, we are the raised up, or spiritually awakened. – Joseph Murphy

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- Last Day --All shall attain who believe or have faith in the spiritual source of life. Whoever enters into the Mind of Spirit will have poured out to him its life essence and be wholly raised up from material conditions when arriving at the "last day"--the last degree of understanding. (Revealing Word)
- Every day is the last day in the sense that our last, waking estimate of ourselves, as we fall into the deep

What is meant by [believe on him whom] God hath sent, as mentioned in this lesson? God hath sent Christ, the "living bread" who is the spiritual identity of Man. To believe in Christ is to become conscious of him as the living substance within.

What is the Will of God? The Will of God is holiness and perfection in Mind and in Expression (heaven and earth).

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

To drink of the blood of Jesus means to live the life of spiritual awareness by following the teachings of Jesus in our day-to-day existence.

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died." ([John 6:48, 49](#)) This illustrates the need for the human family to connect its sense of I Am to a new energy source. The old source (manna in the wilderness) symbolizes NATURE ONLY. This was once good enough for sheer survival, but it is temporary and no longer suffices for our next evolutionary step. We need the energy that comes from the body and blood of Christ, which symbolizes a higher energy source than nature and physical matter. That higher source is spiritual awareness in consciousness. The higher level is called "heaven." The result of this new energy appropriation is not just survival, but is regeneration. Regeneration is the next step in humanity's evolution, and the teachings of Jesus all pertain to attaining this next step through CONSCIOUSNESS--not through ritual, through nature, or through "good behavior." - **Spiritual Interpretations of the Gospels - Unity School of Christianity**

Eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood signify that we mentally appropriate and pour life into our desire by feeling the reality of it.

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Blood is life. We must, therefore, animate and make alive our idea, desire, plan, or purpose. There must be a union of the mind and heart. As we do this, we are eating and drinking of our desire. Except we do this, we have no life. We are dead. We must be creative and cause our ideas to take form in our experiences because our state of consciousness resurrects and makes alive all that we believe and give consent to.

This Is A Hard Teaching

John 6:60

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

John 6: 62-65

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

- Jesus explains that he is speaking psychologically and not in the literal sense.
- Being, the original fount, is an impersonal principle; but in its work of creation it puts forth an idea that contains all ideas: the Logos, Word, Christ, the Son of God, or spiritual man. This spiritual man or Christ or Word of God is the true inner self of every individual. Man therefore contains within himself the capacities of Being, and through his words uses the creative principle in forming his environment, good or bad. So we make our own heaven or hell. – **Charles Fillmore**
- The ideas that make words constructive are those of life, love, wisdom, substance, power, strength, and all other ideas that express divine attributes.
- Words are made active in the body through their receptivity by the mind and are carried into the body through the subconsciousness by one's thought. Constructive words that renew the body are made a part of the body consciousness by prayer and meditation. These are the words that are Spirit and give life.
- Many people start out to walk in the light of Spirit, to unfold Truth, but they become entangled in their own misgivings and disbelief and therefore return to their old limited way of life.

Resources

Peace Within Yourself – Joseph Murphy

Mysteries of John – Fillmore

Interpretation of Scripture – Unity School