

Balaam The Mystic
(NUMBERS, CHAPTERS 22, 23 AND 24)

By studying this cryptic incident in the Bible, was found an even more unsuspected statement that is usually overlooked. That appears in the twenty second chapter of Numbers.

Balaam was a prophet of Bel, the god of Light of the Babylonian Triad of Anu-Bel and Ea, in the land of the Medians. He was consulted by princes and great men of his day, King Balak of Moab sent messengers unto Balaam, with gifts, and asked him to come and curse the Israelites who were about to invade Moab. Balaam did not give an immediate reply, but first sought guidance from God. **And God talked to Balaam.**

"Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people." (Nu. 22: 12)

Whereupon Balaam refused to go with them. After more messengers and more princes bearing gifts and promising great honors were sent to Balaam, he gave them a straightforward answer:

"If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of the Lord (Jehovah) my God to do less or more." (NU. 22: 18)

Jehovah God **was** as **real** to the Seer Balaam, as was Bel Marduk of Babylon!

Again, this unusual incident points out that TRUTH IS ONE IN THE ESSENCE WITHIN, NO MATTER HOW DIVERSE AND OPPOSITE THE EXTERNAL APPEARANCES MAYBE. Israel was making war on the followers of Bel Marduk, the Moabites, but the Seer Balaam listened to the Word of Jehovah God. As far as the author knows, this account has not been brought to light anywhere. It is there, buried with many other gems in the Sacred Mystic Text.

After many entreaties from King Balak, and upon receiving permission from God to do so, Balaam finally goes with the men of Balak in order to please the king and to show his loyalty to him. Balaam's ass is the hero of this account. Balaam must have been a very devout and upright man who spent a lifetime in conquering his mind, as did and do many Saints and Seers in the East. His lower mind, the subconscious, is represented by his ass, upon which he rode on all occasions because it served him faithfully. Only trained and purified impulses can do that. This purity saved Balaam's life, as he was the higher mind in action.

It was merely to be patriotic and out of loyalty to his king and country that Balaam went when Jehovah gave him permission. While en route, the angel of the Lord blocked his way because he had put the lesser cause ahead of the greater. Balaam did not see the angel because the sense of duty obstructed his inner vision. But his highly trained and purified lower mind, symbolized by the ass, saw the angel of the Lord. The ass tried to turn back three times, and Balaam smote it in anger. Finally, the Power of Jehovah, as the Energy Essence.

made contact with Balaam's lower mind direct, and it spoke to Balaam within. Then he too saw the angel of the Lord. (NU. 22:23-36).

This is **a most unusual incident** in that a pure lower mind saves the higher mind from destruction through stupidity. It is the reverse of all natural processes, and can only be explained by the purest life and the most severe training over a long period of time. That is much more important as an outstanding incident than that Balaam's ass talketh.

And now comes the Inspiration of Balaam, with the impact of the Current of the Spirit of Jehovah upon him. (NU. 23: 1-9).

"From the top of the rocks I see Him; and from the hills I behold Him." (NU. 23:9)

It is like the vision of Arjuna, when his eyes were opened by Krishna, as recorded in the Bhagavad Gita, and he saw the Vision of the Lord of many Hosts. The next two lines describe the Mystics as a people who conquer the animal qualities, symbolized by idolatry, **in themselves**, and **do not serve them**.

"Lo, the people shall dwell alone, And shall not be reckoned among the nations."
(NU. 23: 9)

This also refers to the individual's inner progress, and to Mystics who stand alone. As we know, the external Israel became a great nation. Even as far back as the time of Balaam, the word '*Parable*' was used; Jehovah taught in parables and the Mystics spoke in parables:

"And the Spirit of God came upon him. And he took up his parable, and said Balaam the son of Beor saith, And the man **whose eye was closed** saith:" (NU. 24: 2, 3) *(quoted from American Std. Edition).*

This refers to the single eye of the Spirit, situated in the center of the forehead and also called the '*third eye*' or '*Tisra Til*' in other Sacred Writings and discourses. Spiritually, he was blind, like St. Paul in the New Testament, then his **inner eye** was opened by the Holy Spirit. What a miracle, by the Grace of God!

"He saith, who heareth the Words of God, Who seeth the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and having his eyes open." (NU. 24: 4) *(quoted from American Std. Edition).*

Here is an incident similar to that recorded by St. Paul many centuries later. Whether the Name applied is the '*Spirit of Jehovah*', the '*Holy Ghost*', the '*Holy Shabd*', or the '*Sound Current*', it is all the same Truth which works the same throughout the ages, and is the keystone and Essence of all Sacred Texts. Again, the same is repeated in NU. 24: 15, 16:

"And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor saith, And the man whose **eye was closed** saith: He saith, who heareth the Words of God, And knoweth the knowledge of the Most High Who seeth the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and **having his eyes open.**" *(quoted from American Std. Edition).*

This is the way of all Truth, and is even now the Way, according to the teachings of the Old Testament as well as the Masters and Saints of Modern times. To recapitulate, according to NU. 22: 31.

"Then Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face." (per American Std. Edition)

This was the first stage of Enlightenment. It happened that way throughout the ages and is happening even now to the sincere followers of the true, living Master. Even the very stages of spiritual progress are revealed in these three instances; namely, first came **Inner Sight**; the second time, **Inner Hearing**; and the third time, **Inner Knowledge** was added. These three repetitions indicate three degrees of Enlightenment and Grace upon the Prophet Balaam, because he was devoted to God and sincere in his actions.

Nu. 24: 5 to 10 reads much like Jehovah's address to Job, in parables. Such are the Wonders of the Holy Spirit of Shabd, whether called the Spirit of Jehovah or any other Name, with men of true devotion and sincerity, in any land or at any time.