

Song of Solomon (12-23-12)

Song of Solomon Series

LILY OF THE VALLEY: REBUKING PORNO-MYSTICISM!

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Song of Solomon 2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

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8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

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Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; **and also after that**, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination** of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

8 **But Noah** found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was **filled with violence**.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them;

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Mark 9:21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And **ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him**: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

Isaiah 47:11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off...

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

-Comstock Laws. Comstock Act, 1873. It was illegal to send anything lewd or obscene through the mail. Anthony Comstock (1844-1915)



Ida Craddock

1857-1902

"The more I think about the way that *Heavenly Bridegrooms* has been put together, the more I am amazed. Certainly, I, by myself, should never have been able to concoct it as it now stands...an outside intelligence seems to be running the machine...lases corrects my work...lases has arranged these quotations in such order as suited him best, I acting, as I have said, as a secretary for him...From first to last, his great insistence has been that the book should be 'suited to the general public,' and that it must not contain anything upon which the obscenists could lay a finger...a Catholic priest with whom I was discussing my experience [tried to frighten me] by telling me that my husband was a demon. As I didn't believe in demons, and didn't believe that any evil-minded person, who had passed to the world beyond the grave, had power to communicate, much less harm me, I simply laughed at what he said...he at first told me there was a great deal of literature written on the subject [and that] my experience was nothing, as similar experiences had been known for centuries in his own church..."

(Ira Craddock, *Heavenly Bridegrooms: An Epilogue*, January, 3rd, 1895)

"To the Public: I am taking my life, because a judge, at the instigation of Anthony Comstock, has decreed me guilty of a crime which I did not commit - the circulation of obscene literature - and has announced his intention of consigning me to prison for a long term...For over nine years I have been fighting, singlehanded and alone, against Comstockism...Dear fellow-citizens of America... I must lay down my life for you...you not do something for me now?...it is for you and for your children that I have fought..."

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"...dear, dear mother; the world beyond the grave, believe me, is far more real and substantial than is this world in which we to-day live. This earth life which the Hindoos have for centuries termed 'Maya,' that is illusion. My people assure me that theirs is the real, the objective, the material world..."

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"...she became increasingly interested in spiritualism - that is, communing with spirits, whether through mediums or Ouija boards - and, through those experiments, she became a visionary all her own, even founding her own Church of Yoga in Chicago...Also, at the same time, she re-imagined herself as a marriage reformer - or, as she liked to say, 'an expert....'[Her] pamphlets were repeatedly outlawed as obscene literature...in battling the grand censor and vice-fighter Anthony Comstock, she became a martyr for civil liberties...Comstock always thought of her as doubly guilty: a purveyor of both blasphemy and obscenity..."

(Biographer Leigh Schmidt)

"...I may say that it is one of the most remarkable human documents ever produced...The authoress of the MS. claims that she was the wife of an angel...Her learning is enormous...she certainly obtained initiated knowledge of extraordinary depth. She seems to have had access to certain most concealed sanctuaries. I should personally be inclined to attribute her suicide rather to the vengeance of the guardians of those palaces than to any more obvious cause. She has put down statements in plain English which are positively staggering. This book is of incalculable value to every student of occult matters. No Magick library is complete without it."

(Aleister Crowley, A Review of *Heavenly Bridegrooms*, in *The Equinox*)

"It has been my high privilege to have some practical experience as the earthly wife of an angel from the unseen world...I appeal to Spiritualists, Theosophists, and Occultists generally...Psychics and [lewdness], Laurence Oliphant has shown, are so interwoven that you cannot take up one wholly separate from the other...The Middle Ages are strewn with wrecked lives - mainly those of illiterate women who, beginning by dabbling with magic in an empirical fashion, ended by confessing themselves as witches, devil-haunted in body as well as in mind, and pledged to sins against nature...In the Bible an entire book - the Song of Solomon - is given up to expressing the raptures of the Heavenly Bridegroom and his Bride...Genesis is silent as to the character of these angelic bridegrooms, while it lays stress on the fact that the imaginations of men's hearts were evil continually..."

(Craddock, *Heavenly Bridegrooms*)

Jack Schaap, Marriage: *The Divine Intimacy* (2005):

"_____...or romantic love represents an intimate union between God and man...The person who deeply loves Christ understands that when he receives Christ as Saviour, it is spiritual_____...A Christian is the female gender in the spiritual realm, and God is the male gender...When a person receives Christ as Saviour, he is receiving Christ as a lover...The subject of romantic love is not a

taboo subject with me...I discuss physical romance almost everyday of my life in marriage counseling..."

Agneiszka Tennant, *Dating Jesus - When "lover of my soul" language goes too far:*

"God is a hen, and we are the chicks. God is a Shepherd, and we are the straying sheep. God is a Bridegroom, and we, his church, are the bride...But does all this closeness mean that Jesus is the personal boyfriend of Christian women? That God is my fiancé? That the First and the Last is my husband? That he and I are dating? So it appears to some. In a popular book, I learn of women who set up date nights with Jesus...She casts these retreats as exciting dates. 'You are running away with your Lover, not confining yourself to a convent'...'His gaze is fixed on you,' she writes. 'He is captivated by your beauty'...These teachings have spread into churches. My friend's mother took part in a 'tea with the Lord,' during which she and the other women wore their wedding gowns -those, at least, who managed to squeeze into them - and fancied themselves as brides of Christ. An influential Kansas City church teaches thousands of people the so-called Bridal Paradigm, which encourages a quasi-romantic relationship with Christ. And who among us hasn't detected an eerie resemblance between a contemporary Christian song and a pop diva's breathy rendition of a sensual love ballad? But such eros-laced sentiments directed at Jesus aren't a new trend. Neither is reading the Song of Solomon and other biblical passages as erotically charged letters addressed directly to the reader. Several of those whom liturgical Christians call saints considered themselves wives of Christ...Some men, too, managed to see themselves as brides... I have little patience for taking biblical metaphors too far and giving one's relationship with God an air of irreverent chumminess...Somehow, the scenario in which 'his princess' [pampers herself] for a date with Jesus seems to leave little room for fear of God...The Bible is replete with breathtaking metaphors that hint at God's love for us. Thank God, we don't always take them to illogical ends: I've never heard a preacher take the Good Shepherd image to mean that God raises his children to ultimately kill and eat them..."

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church...

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.**