

Chapter 5

George

BIBLE

Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand,¹ you will be cursed in the city, and you will be cursed in the field.”²

“Brothers, don't be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature.³ Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.”⁴

Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory.⁵ Yahweh alone led him. There was no foreign god with him.⁶

Now the natural man doesn't receive the things of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he can't know them, because they are spiritually discerned.⁷ But he who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is judged by no one.⁸

Yahweh's Spirit will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh.⁹

COMMENTARY

¹ **Revelation 14:9** [*George is the “third angel”*]

The “beast” is our beastly nature. A person who “worships the beast” is someone stuck in a lower state of consciousness, feeling threatened by their environment and habitually reacting to their circumstances in the way that an animal would.

² **Deuteronomy 28:16**

³ **1 Corinthians 14:20** “Although your mind's opaque, try thinking more for your own sake,” George advises us in “Think For Yourself.”

⁴ **Proverbs 19:20** George urges us to listen to counsel in “Taxman”: “Let me tell you how it will be.”

⁵ **Ezekiel 43:2** George, “the glory of the God of Israel,” embraced Eastern religion and philosophy.

⁶ **Deuteronomy 32:12**

⁷ **Romans 12:4**

⁸ **1 Corinthians 2:15** George was known as the “spiritual Beatle.” What would become a lifelong interest in Indian music and philosophy began during the filming of the Beatles movie *Help* in 1965. Two years later, he encouraged the others in the group to get involved in Transcendental Meditation.

⁹ **Isaiah 11:2**

He will not shout, nor raise his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street,¹⁰ but his delight is in Yahweh's law. On his law he meditates day and night.¹¹

His delight will be in the fear of Yahweh. He will not judge by the sight of his eyes, neither decide by the hearing of his ears.¹²

He will dwell on high. His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks. His bread will be supplied. His waters will be sure.¹³ He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God.¹⁴

"Now I will arise," says Yahweh; "Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted."¹⁵ Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit on him. He will proclaim justice to the nations.¹⁶

"I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I took it from him that was before you."¹⁷

"Behold, my servant will deal wisely. He will be exalted and lifted up, and will be very high."¹⁸ No enemy will tax him. No wicked man will oppress him.¹⁹

"Hear, and give ear; don't be proud; for Yahweh has spoken."²⁰

¹⁰ **Isaiah 42:2** George was also known as the "quiet Beatle."

¹¹ **Psalms 1:2** Meditation, along with chanting, was part of George's spiritual practice. George: "Christ said 'Seek the kingdom of heaven that lies within.' Well, [meditation] takes you to that state, that state which is the kingdom of heaven that lies within. It's within everybody."

¹² **Isaiah 11:3** To "fear" Yahweh is to be filled with awe and wonder for the power of the Divine. To "see" this power we go within. "The more I go inside, the more there is to see," George shares in "It's All Too Much."

¹³ **Isaiah 33:16**

¹⁴ **Luke 1:16** George: "The world is ready for a mystic revolution, a discovery of the God in each of us."

¹⁵ **Isaiah 33:10**

¹⁶ **Matthew 12:18**

¹⁷ **1 Chronicles 17:13**

¹⁸ **Isaiah 52:13** George: "You can be standing right in front of the truth and not necessarily see it, and people only get it when they're ready to get it."

¹⁹ **Psalms 89:22** George gets the last laugh in his social commentary "Taxman." The taxman is so oppressive that he will "tax the street," "tax your seat," "tax the heat," and even "tax your feet."

²⁰ **Jeremiah 13:15**