

The Sign of the Son of Man

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Anselm Hüttenbrenner (a friend of Jakob Lorber, and composer) asked for an explanation of Matthew 24, 30:

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth^[6] will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory." (Matthew 24,30)

The Lord stated the following through His scribe Jakob Lorber:

"Don't you know the difference between the "Sign" and the "Son of Man"? And don't you know what one has to understand under "heaven"?"

Really, you could not think of something more foolish than to see a crucifix in the starry sky. Just ask yourselves, what would be the benefit for the world if not only one but a whole legion of crucifixes could be seen in the sky. Would people improve in their hearts? – Certainly not!

Wouldn't soon scientists come forth and claim that all these crucifixes were the result of priestly deceit? And wouldn't they want to prove that all those floating crucifixes are of simple aerostatic origin arranged by a number of Jesuit councils?

Behold, such a phenomenon would create exactly this result and many more! Yes, some mathematically adept scientists would try to explain those appearances in an optical way.

But what would the man in the street say to that? – I tell you, he would fall silent of excessive fear. Because he would be sure that, based on the wrongly grafted teaching, Judgment day is imminent.

And so such an appearance would first kill the scientists because they killed them by their assessment and explanation beforehand; the simple man, however, would be killed in relation to his permanently active freedom the moment such a phenomenon appears. That would be the benefit of such an appearance.

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That things would take this turn you can deduct if you look attentively to those times where certain would be prophets predicted several ends of the world. How people partly despaired, partly laughed, partly feasted excessively or wallowed in to other pleasures (the same would happen again now). But when even such empty prophesies were able to cause such evil consequences, what would be the result of a gigantic cross floating among the stars? I need not elaborate for you about the deadly success.

Now “heaven” means the true belief of the word which is the “Church” in its genuineness.

The sign of the Son of Man, however, is the again newly awakened love in this Church, with all its attributes like mercy, patience, gentleness, humility, acquiescence, obedience and acceptance of all afflictions of the cross. Behold, this living sign of the son of man will appear in the sky of the inner eternal life and will not kill but exceedingly enliven.

At such an occasion the “tribes of the earth addicted to the world” will howl, moan and lament as all their hellish deception consisting of the uncountable products for sale and for purchase will not be wanted anymore. The reason is the people of My sign will have little to do with the world dreamers, the traders and the money changers.

These will turn their eyes only where they will see the “Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory” – which is the living Word in the heart of man or My eternal love in its fullness which therefore is of “great power and glory”. And the “clouds of heaven” is the endless Wisdom Itself in this living Word. See, this is the brief understanding of this gospel text!

The “clouds” themselves, however, will receive you in the beyond in My kingdom and will be forever your home. That means that only there will you visibly recognize with great bliss the great power and glory of the Son of Man in all fullness.”

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“Watch however, primarily for My arrival within you and worry less about the general one. Tell Me within your hearts in prayer for which you care in general,. Don’t bother about the rest. Because the great When, How and Why lies safely in the best of hands! This I am telling you, your great, holy and most loving Father.”

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