
Spirit's Day Studies

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*Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.*

The Eight Worlds

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Abbreviations used in this study
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Christ's Forerunner John the Baptist

Excerpt from 177 Theosophical Questions by Jacob Boehme

Question 103: What was Christ's Forerunner John the Baptist?

[177Q-103:1] The Lord said of him, That among them that are born of women, there has not risen a greater prophet than John the Baptist; that is, in the Father's first administration; Nevertheless, he that is least in the Kingdom of God, is greater than he; that is, in the more clear day and manifestation of Christ.

[177Q-103:2] The Lord said also of him, This is Elias which was for to come: as said the Prophet, I will send you Elijah the prophet, etc. And Isaiah said, The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, etc. The same said John of himself. Let it be said, What is the voice that cries, and what is the wilderness wherein he cries? And the question lies open.

[177Q-103:3] The voice is not properly the voice of Jesus Christ; for this was preparatory to His coming. Nor was it the voice properly of the Holy Ghost; for His administration succeeded that of Christ's. Nor was it a bare human voice; for so much power and conviction was in it, that all men acknowledged him a prophet; and his baptism not of men but from Heaven.

[177Q-103:4] The wilderness was not of earth, rocks and wild beasts; for such are not prepared for Christ: But man as strayed out of the Garden is the wilderness here meant; that was cried in and unto, to repent, because of the near approach of the Kingdom of Heaven.

[177Q-103:5] The voice crying in the wilderness is the Father's drawing; as said the Lord Jesus Christ, *No man comes to me except the Father draw him.*

[177Q-103:6] *Elias* in the Spirit of Zeal is *John* the Baptist's antitype, figuring (as did *John* the Baptist more eminently and immediately) the Father's fiery zeal, in the holy *First Principle*; for *Elias* and *John's* administration was in the Father's property.

[177Q-103:7] The great confluence of all Judea, etc. to his baptism shows the universality of the Father's applications, convictions and drawings.

[177Q-103:8] The reprehension of the Scribes and Pharises, calling them generation of vipers, etc., shows the father's drawings to repentance to be not only general, but particularly in and to his resolved and designed enemies. Also shows the rejection of man's wisdom and outward formality, even in the true religious institutions.

[177Q-103:9] Thus the groans of penitent souls, and impenitent mens gripes, the mournings of the one, and the stings and horrors of the other, proceed from the Father's condemning convictions; whereof *John* the Baptist's ministry and himself is the representation. †††