'THE COMING ONE'



This is the second in a series of eight articles intended to ignite the hearts and illumine the minds of all who actively await the appearance of Christ. The contents reflect what Members of the Spiritual Hierarchy would like awakened humanity to know about the Coming One at this time.

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The Eldest Brother of Humanity

Many who have suffered greatly, and have withstood agonizing pain, know that in the aftermath of the darkest night of the soul the light breaks through. But what is the nature of this light? It is difficult to convey in conventional language because its source lies beyond human experience. It is a current of spiritual energy that flows from one point to another, from a source to a destination. It is a stream of illumination issuing from the Realm of Souls, which enters the awareness of the human Soul, the higher Self. Where there is no personality blockage, or where that blockage has been diminished as a result of profound suffering, this illumination can enter the soul. Up until the present, this higher source of light has found relatively few entry-points into human souls. The stream has been blocked by many common personality traits that are inimical to this light. One of the principal obstacles in modern times has been a dwindling belief in the existence of the Higher World, the spiritual dimension of Earth. Where there is no belief in a higher reality, there is no concern about facing the consequences of one's actions, and thus no constraint on the baser human instincts. This is the point to which much of the race has been descending, and the point at which humanity's Eldest Brother *must* reveal himself for the salvation of the race.

To explain why, there is a need to redefine 'salvation' and to clarify the identity of Christ and His mission. Christ has become known to students of the Ageless Wisdom as 'the Eldest Brother' of humanity: the first member of the human race to arrive at the goal for which the race was created by the Lord of the World, the living Being that ensouls our planet. Christ is furthest along in the scheme of evolution by which humanity is destined to become 'the mediator' between greater and lesser realms of consciousness on our planet.

The figure known to Christians as the Son of God was sent into the vale of earthly suffering to reveal the path of human salvation—the path of spiritual love. Declaring himself beyond the rulers of the material realm, his mission was to direct human attention away from worldly powers and toward the spiritual powers governing the planet from the center of Divine Love. His words were a call to the higher Self of the human being to awaken and to demonstrate its divine potential to heal, through love of one another and in the love of the Father of all creation.

Christ's supernatural powers revealed that Divinity had become involved in human affairs. The God above was no longer solely 'in heaven,' He had entered human life. Christ engraved in human minds the image of what a godlike person was: someone who 'took orders' not from human authorities, but from the Divine; someone who lived not for himself but for others; someone who had a vision of the Kingdom of God and a will to make it manifest. His was the vision of a kingdom of souls who would care for one another, respond to the needs of each one, nourishing the highest in all. The Sermon on the Mount outlined the qualities of those who would enter the new kingdom. This was Christ Jesus, the rabbi Jesus, who became known as the Christ, the divinely anointed one, 2,000 years ago. Who is Christ now as he prepares to reenter the world? In contrast to his existence in Palestine, which was documented by his apostles and by Roman and Jewish historians, what we are about to tell you has no evidentiary proofs. It is up to you to accept or reject—in the light of your souls—what we will now say.

When the spirit of Christ left the dense physical plane in Palestine, it did not evaporate into thin air. It had a destination on a plane of Earth's life that has been invisible to incarnate humanity, with rare exceptions. To picture this destination, visualize a vast monastery stretching into the distance, whose luminosity draws you toward it. As you approach closer, you realize it is not made of clay but of pure white light threaded with streams of golden light.

Seated in this 'monastery' are figures clothed in white garb, seated in circular rows, stretching outward as far as the eye can see. In the center stands an altar, also circular, upon which sits a large bowl containing an opalescent flame. Rising above the bowl is a blazing triangle of light composed of three figures whose faces can be identified as the Masters of Wisdom of the ashrams bearing the three most prominent Rays influencing humanity at this time: the Ray of Power, the Ray of Loving Wisdom, and the Ray of Order. In their center and rising above is the rose-colored flame of The Christ.

The flame of Christ's spirit, which ascended from the crucified body, came to rest at the pinnacle of the Spiritual Hierarchy of this planet, in the fifth kingdom of Earth's life, the spiritual kingdom that is soon to be revealed to awakening humanity. Withstanding the torture of this body, in acquiescence to Divine Will, had prepared Him to preside over the constellation of enlightened Beings who would oversee the resurrection of humanity by the light of Spirit, in the coming era, when the vehicle of the soul will be more permeable to light.

The suffering of Christ occurred not only 'for the remission of sins,' as historically interpreted, but to provide humanity with an exemplar of the advanced stage in evolution where everything to which the personality is attached, including the physical body, is given in service to the divine plan of evolution. Christ's true mission was to show the way back to the Father, the Source of life on Earth. What human minds retained was his sacrificial act of *obeying* 'the will of the Father,' whereas the higher intent was to illustrate the nature of the path of return to union with the Divine, by means of self-willed transformation and transfiguration by light.

In his role as head of the Spiritual Hierarchy, the Christ has presided over a corps of Illumined Souls, each of whom has a part to play in the unfolding plan of evolution, all of whom have been prepared to serve in this pivotal moment. He leads through emissions of thought-energy, interpreted by the Masters closest to him and spread telepathically through the rows of white-clad Beings in the great lighted 'monastery.'

Christ ascended to this role as the first member of the human race to achieve the recognized status of Divinity, and the first to have endured the wrath of humanity for his embodiment of this status—so alien was it to the race at that time. When He returns visibly to Earth, He will be entering a community of souls that will have begun to ascend the arc of evolution, and whose pioneers will have gained enough light of understanding for them to welcome what He brings to humankind at this time.



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