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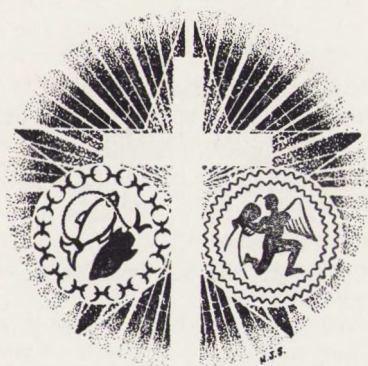
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THE INVOCATION

At the beginning of this lecture, I am going to ask you for a few moments of inner silence, so please relax your physical body; make yourselves as comfortable as possible; relax your emotions and hold them quiet and still. Also hold your mind still, like cool, clear water, ready to receive reflections of light that come as from above. There is no ripple—a perfect mirror.

You can close your eyes for a while and focus your attention in the centre of the forehead. Bathe in the Love of God, in the Wisdom and the Light of God, His Peace and Joy and in the realisation that there is only One Self and One Truth, and it manifests in varying degrees of brilliance through every human being incarnate and ascended, and likewise in the Master's exalted ones and Great Spiritual Hierarchies, and Planetary Logos, the Solar Logos, and all of the Great Ones, the Angels and the Archangels.
(silence)

Thus Spake The Voice

I AM THAT I AM

I AM the all-pervading Life in all Creation,
the spirit that moves without cessation.

I AM the Being in all beings, all existence exist in ME,
that which was in the beginning,
is NOW and ever more shall be.

I AM all Love and loves including,
I AM the Lover, the Beloved and LOVE unending.

I AM the Substance of all Form,
to My Will for good shall all conform.

I AM all Joy and Bliss enduring,
Beauty, Purity and perfection everlasting.

I AM the Universe in all its glory,
in the atom and the star I write My story.

I AM the Thinker, all thoughts, and thinking,
the One and Only Power of all creating.

I AM the ONE that changeth NOT in all that change,
the Vision of Peace that lies within man's range.

I AM the SELF, thy Self in thee.
the Light of Truth by which you see.

I AM the Way, the Life Eternal,
at one with ME, man is Immortal.

I AM the Omnipresent ONE.
By knowing this, My Will is done.

I AM and naught exists between
the Seer of this and the Seen.

I AM THAT I AM.

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THE TITLE of this address is Cosmic Christianity. The New Age will bring out aspects of Wisdom and Truth to the understanding of man beyond his previous knowing and his wildest dreams. It has been written of the Christ that he said "I AM with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Christ Spirit is the Light that abides in the innermost heart of man, waiting for your conscious response to IT.

Tonight, we are, as it were, to expand our vision, to enter into flights of aspiration and Inner Knowing which will be an adventure of the soul. To assist in this task of officiating, I shall close my physical eyes and focus my attention as within and above. This is a special gift that has been allotted to me to render this service to humanity. My physical body enables me, the Self, the I AM in me, to communicate with you on the level of the physical brain consciousness.

It is important to remember that we are not this body, that we are not the emotions, and that we are not the mind. These are vestments of the Soul of man—the I AM THAT I AM. These subtle vestments in due course will pass away. Heaven and Earth shall pass away but my spirit will dwell forever.

As the title suggests—Cosmic—meaning the Truth of the Whole Cosmos, peculiar to the manifestation of the Light manifesting behind the Cosmos, can be understood by those who raise their consciousness accordingly, for man is of the same spirit and the same light and the same love.

We are walking, as it were, in our invocation, on Holy ground. We are concerned with Divine Love, the greatest power in the Universe. We know of the little human loves and how we come to distort the divine outflowing of Love and Light and Wisdom and the Holy Words, and limit it to people, to circumstances and things. We must lift our consciousness to realms of bliss if we are to understand the sacred hidden mysteries of that Exalted One we call the Christ, the Sun, S—U—N, of the Living God.

Most people associate the name Jesus Christ with the Divine Avatar, the esteemed and most Beloved of the Masters, Jesus. They mistakenly refer to Him as Jesus Christ in the same way as we would refer to John Brown, or Mary Gray, thinking it is a kind of second name.

You hear people say, "In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ." There is nothing wrong with this, but there are limitations to our understanding, the same as there are limitations when we think of Mary Gray and John Brown. We think of him or her as a personality, someone we know, but there is always THE IN-

VISIBLE MAN behind the human form that you do not know. It is this invisible Christ Whose Spirit we seek to understand and amplify in our consciousness this evening, if we are to understand something of the tremendous mysteries and wisdom of God, peculiar to the Mystery of Light.

We are familiar with the teachings of the New Testament and we are all more acquainted with the nativity story, the incarnation of the beloved Master Jesus, than we are with the SPIRIT OF HIS MESSAGE, HIS PURPOSE, AND HIS CONSCIOUSNESS! So the same Christ Spirit once again will reveal His Presence as our consciousness unfolds and as we move into the greater enlightenment of the Aquarian Age, now dawning.

The New Testament brings to our attention a story to the effect that at a certain place, and a certain time, an infant was born. His parents stood by, and we pay homage and exalt the honour of their names, Joseph and Mary. The infant child is born in a stable surrounded by the animals, and the story goes to the effect that wise men from the East come to pay homage to the birth of this child, and angels appear to shepherds on the hillsides, and make known to them that a Prince has been born, a Prince of Peace, Who brings a message of Goodwill to all mankind.

The story unfolds. This child is taken to Egypt; then there is a jump or gap in the story. The next time we hear of Him is at twelve years of age, in the temple, speaking with the Elders, asking questions and confounding them with the answers He gives and His questions. Then the pages are turned, and we hear this Great One eventually receives a baptism, and the officiator is John, the Baptist, and that a voice spake from Heaven, and He became the Christed One. Then He went forth to teach, and heal, and we have a record, a rather flimsy record, of His ministry. Then he is arrested and is scourged and crucified. On the third day, it is recorded, He rose again from the dead, and after final preparations with His disciples and friends, He ascended into the inner worlds. This is how we are familiar with the story.

What I seek to do is to show that hidden behind this sacred and most treasured nativity story there is hidden wisdom. From Bethlehem to Calvary, this is the path known as the "Path of Initiation, for every soul."

There is one gospel, or record, the first book of St. John, which does not fit into this pattern. It is different. It does not mention the birth of Jesus. It starts off by saying: "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So the emphasis is in a different field of consciousness. It is not focussed on the personal life of Jesus, but on the Cosmos. Now we will, together, move through this drama and seek to understand something of this sacred path that every mystic, every soul who faces the Light, must work his way through, step by step.

We will commence with the presence of the animals in the stable. Now when we say, "How is this event related to us in this our modern age, other than being a very sentimental and

unusual story?", I assure you, it is connected with you in a very intimate way, for here is dramatised a sacred mystery.

The infant born in the stable, surrounded by animals, represents in our individual spiritual awakening, the presence of the Christ Spirit in the sanctuary of our hearts, the hidden place, surrounded by animal passions. Yes, every one of us fosters, in our heart and in our being, in this body, animal passions, and they are present as the Christ Child (the Light Principle) is born within us.

Then come the wise men from the East who follow a star. It is recorded that these three wise men came from a distant land. According to esoteric records they were the Initiates and at least one of them came from Persia. The religion of Persia is Zoroasterism. The word Zoroastrianism holds a secret. Zo—meaning Life; Astar—the religion of the inner star, or the inner light, and according to their records and their writings (esoteric astrology), they were expecting the appearance of an inner light that would guide them to where the infant was born.

Now, some people think the star they saw was a meteorite, or some exterior or external phenomenon, and that they actually saw a demonstration of a star moving so slowly that they could follow it on a camel. We all know that stars travel faster than was told here, so there is only one conclusion, that, having their inner eye opened, they were following an inner light. There is nothing strange about this, for all mystics and initiates, when the "third eye" is opened, see a Light within.

The whole Universe is revealed to them, so these Wise Men, who represented the Great Spiritual Hierarchy, the Elder Brothers, The Masters of Wisdom, followed that star within, and on their way they called at the palace of Herod, and, as you know, Herod was concerned lest another Prince rise up and make things uncomfortable for him, because the people were restless. And so, listening to these Wise Men, he sought to destroy the Prince of Peace, and he instructs his soldiers to go and destroy the infant. The Wise Men, being sensitive to the situation, leave early and go a different way.

Now, if it had been a physical star, the soldiers could have followed it themselves, but they were dependent upon the guidance of the Wise Men, and so the Wise Men went alone, and the soldiers of Herod could not follow to this Holy Place. We will reflect this to ourselves, stage by stage, through the drama.

When there is a soul whose Christ-Consciousness awakens, or is inwardly reborn, or inwardly focussed in the Light, he gives off a radiation beyond that of ordinary men. This is visible in the auric field surrounding that individual. Such an awakening, when it is experienced, is sometimes called the level of the novitiate. When this happens, the Masters of Wisdom take such an awakening soul under their wing to train him for world service, and eventually lead him to the inner realms of light. Such is the destiny of the soul of man. If he does not pass through this inner awakening,

there is no other alternative, after periods of rest in the astral and mental regions, but to keep coming back into incarnation.

In this way the Great Masters of the positive powers seek to liberate man from any further rebirth. You are of special concern to them right from the beginning. You may not know of their presence. They know YOU by the light of your STAR.

Herod represents the negative powers who seek to put out the Light. This applies to every one of us. Eventually the wise men come to pay homage to the beloved Master Jesus. Now why should there be three? Three is a sacred number, and the gifts they bring are symbolic of will, love, and intelligence, illumined and dedicated to Divine Purpose, outwardly symbolised as gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Behind every gesture and symbol there is a sacred meaning.

When the will of man is attuned to the Will of God, and when the heart of man is open to the Love of God, when the mind of man is open to the creative Power of God, then he has received a special blessing, that comes through the assistance of the Elder Brothers who know the way, having passed through it themselves, and they still watch as the star shines above each initiate.

The Angelic Kingdom is concerned with this as well, for they know, from the Light that shines from that star, in the case of each initiate, that another Prince of Peace is dedicated to the Will to Good, the Will of God. They call the shepherds who watched over the sheep and lambs, the awakening, developing souls, and the sheep the adult, maturing souls, in different grades of initiation. So it is with each soul, each one of us who is called to the higher life and service.

Then, as the story goes, Jesus is taken to Egypt, where He receives His spiritual education. Egypt was at that time the spiritual, cultural centre of the known world. Initiates from all parts of the world went there for their training. Was not Moses learned in the wisdom of the Egyptians?

Pythagoras received his training there before he established his own school in Greece. Initiates from India, and all parts of the Mediterranean countries and thereabouts, came to Egypt. It was in Memphis and Alexandria where the two major spiritual, cultural centres were built. They held the sceptre of spiritual enlightenment for nearly three thousand years. So it was the natural thing that Joseph should be led from the inner planes of spirit to take the boy Jesus to be trained in the spiritual centres of that mystical land of Egypt.

In the case of each awakening soul, we too are taken to Egypt, but not the physical Egypt. We are taken to the inner realms of consciousness, mostly while we are asleep, to receive our training in preparation for whatever it is we are called to do. Not everyone is called to be a spiritual teacher. It depends upon which ray the soul is on, and on which ray the personality is expressing its self, etc.

However, we turn the pages and see that, at the age of twelve

years, Jesus is in the temple in the presence once again of the Elders, who represent the great spiritual Hierarchy, the Masters of Wisdom. They ask questions and also teach, and eventually Jesus passes His training and His preparation. So absorbed is the boy at twelve years of age—twelve is a very important mystical number related to the mystery of the Christ and His instrument, the Master Jesus.

Eventually it is recorded that Jesus astounded His associates, parents and friends; and when they find Him in the presence of the Elders, He rebukes them by saying, "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

This is the same response for every soul who is called to serve, when he reaches that level of initiation, passes his training, and knows he has special work to do for humanity under divine direction.

Then, as the years pass, we hear of Jesus again at the age of thirty. So it is with each of us. We reach another level of consciousness, another degree of preparation or introduction to a great spiritual event. In the early years, there is the need for spiritual maturity, in the case of each initiate, as he goes through the lesser grades of initiation.

In the case of Jesus, He prepared Himself for a major initiation. As you know, John, the Baptist, was waiting. He had been prepared, and he said to his disciples, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear . . .". Water is the symbol of the astral plane.

In other words, John could raise the consciousness of his disciples to the higher levels of astral consciousness, but he could not take them any further. ". . . He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire", a much higher level of initiatory consciousness.

Jesus went through the preparation the same as any other initiate and walked into the water, and John the Baptist, officiated accordingly. And as he did so, a voice spake from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I AM well pleased".

From the age of thirty—the latter four years of His life, He was the perfect channel through which the Cosmic Christ poured His Light, His Love, and His Wisdom. There was a synchronization of consciousness. Jesus lifted Himself up as each disciple must, and the Cosmic Christ-Power flowed into His Being. The presence of the Christ became personified and pressed a fragment of itself into the consciousness of the Master Jesus. Thus there was an at-one-ment between the Great Cosmic Being and His earthly instrument. Thus Jesus became the Christed One. In other words, He became the instrument of Divine Light.

This produces a difficult thought in the minds of people. Nevertheless, it is so. Let us now listen to some of the profound words that were uttered through Jesus, Who was now at-one with this exalted SUN Spirit, Who accepted the responsibility of the

spiritual welfare of the planet Earth before man inhabited it, and will be with us even unto the end.

He referred to Himself as "I AM THAT I AM". He said, "I AM before Abraham was", and "I AM with you always, even unto the end of the world". He also said, "I AM the Light of the World". And to everyone who open themselves to receive His Light—He says to them: "Ye, too, are the Light of the World". And He beckons man, in Spirit and Truth, to Himself. "Follow Me, I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life".

When man awakens the I AM consciousness in the Light of the Christ, he truly becomes like Jesus—a teacher and healer, and an instrument of the Divine, a co-worker with the Hierarchy and the Christ. Jesus went forth in this new consciousness—this new fire—this Fohat, which manifested in numerous ways, primarily to teach. The greatest of the gifts of the Spirit is to be able to bring through and interpret the Wisdom Divine. This is stepped down from lofty levels of consciousness and is the responsibility of this Light of the World—this World Teacher, Who personifies Himself in numerous ways to every soul who opens himself to His Presence.

Now you can see that every truly inspired man or woman, every Saint and Saviour, every Avatar, and all illumined Beings, become instruments of His grace. Did not Jesus say, "Other sheep have I, not of this fold; they also must come and hear My Voice"? Not only is He responsible for man in the so-called Christian religion, but He is responsible for all men of all religions.

The Christ Power sought to manifest through the founders of all religions in varying degrees of brilliance. Looking back, we can take into our vision Lao-Tse, Confucius of China, the Rishis of India, the Initiate Kings of Egypt, the great Teachers of Greece, and throughout the ages there have been those through whom the Christ Light has manifested.

Perhaps one of the unique figures of our own time was Mahatma Gandhi. He was a Jain by religion, one of the Hindu sects. He was well acquainted with the teachings of the Christ. He was called—his mission was to liberate the people of India. Because of his oneness with the Christ, the spirit of compassion and enlightenment, he fulfilled his mission. Like Jesus, the negative powers sought to destroy this holy man. Mahatma means "Master", and he truly was a lover of the Light of the World. He probably knew more about Christianity than most Christians. He was a very wise and holy man; it would not do for him to change his faith any more than it would be good to change ours. We must be true to ourselves, for the Light of the Cosmic Christ is One.

I seek to point out that the Light of the Cosmic Christ is present everywhere, and seeks to manifest through all men, just as electricity is everywhere, but we have to have a power station that harnesses the power, directs it through cables and the countless bulbs that light the cities of the world, that are all manifesting the light. The light may be of low radiation or voltage; when you are

an advanced soul, the light of the Spirit shines with greater brilliance.

In the case of the Master Jesus, it had perfect, unhindered expression. The Christ through Jesus was able to speak direct. The scriptures state, "He came from Heaven and dwelt amongst us." So Jesus went forth as a teacher, as every initiate does, and when he had fulfilled his mission, the people—the ordinary people—recognised him as a prophet, a teacher of spirit and Truth, and as a healer; they came to love Him and honour Him because He gave them the fruit of the soul, which they so sorely needed. Each disciple goes forth into the world in the same spirit, and he has his periods of acclaim, but it seems that almost too soon negative powers seek to destroy the initiate. So it was with Jesus.

Jesus, being a Perfect One, knew His mission. Many of us know only in part what we are called to do. Each initiate is taught to personify whatever his calling may be. In the case of Jesus, He personified Divine Love and Peace; the Buddha personified Wisdom and Compassion. See how related the two aspects of the Divine are! So, from the level of Christ-realisation, we can take all of the great spiritual teachers into our consciousness, into our hearts, and venerate them as instruments of the One Light.

Buddha, who incarnated some six hundred years before Christ, is a great Brother of the Master Jesus. He too, was concerned with the initiation of souls, and taught them the wisdom of the inner way. The word "Buddha" means "enlightened". He is the Light of Asia. The Christ—the Light of the World. These great Masters are not in conflict with each other; there is no competitiveness in high places. They all work together because they personify Divine Life, Love, and Wisdom, and all the other aspects of God. They are both human and divine, but the Light is ONE in all cases. There is only ONE Spirit and ONE Truth, and we human beings, must come to understand this Truth. This enables us to explore with a sense of expectation and adventure the wisdom concealed in the scriptures of the great religions that man has inherited.

Jesus, fulfilling His mission as a teacher, is arrested, and goes through the humiliation, AND HERE COMES THE GREATEST MYSTERY OF ALL. We hear that Jesus is taken and nailed upon a cross. Every one of us is on a cross of matter. It is recorded that the Christ said, "I was slain from the foundations of the Earth", meaning that His Spirit, His Light, and His Love, were crucified upon this planet. He accepted this responsibility. Did He not say, "I AM come that they may have Life, and have it more abundantly"?

In other words, He brings the Light that transcends the natural life, and thus Jesus releases spiritual power. He demonstrated spiritual power in the consciousness of all He taught. He was releasing it into the visible world, even as we are at this moment, but of course, with intense brilliance; and as Jesus hung there upon the cross, there was fulfilled what may be called the greatest mystery of all time, the Mystery of Golgotha.

We are taught that the centres of His hands, His feet, His side and His brow were pierced. These are chakras—points through which spiritual power radiates. His arms were stretched out and He was releasing Divine Power even whilst on the cross. He said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; nevertheless . . . Thy Will be done". This does not mean that it was God's Will that Jesus should be crucified, but this was the trend of events which Jesus knew of. The Cosmic Christ said, "I was slain from the foundations of the Earth" and He dramatised this through the perfected vehicle of the Master Jesus.

Our blood is the instrument through which spiritual power flows. The redness of the blood is concealed in a fragment of Wisdom teaching. The Red Sea is our blood. When one becomes soul-awakened, or self-realised, added spiritual power flows through the blood. It acts in a similar way to the electric current that carries the light, to light our homes from the power station; just as that cable is necessary to carry the current, so this blood, this Red Sea, carries with it spiritual energy.

Jesus was the instrument of the Cosmic Christ. It was not only the soul power of Jesus flowing through this blood, but the Cosmic Christ Power, and as this Power flowed through Him and dripped upon the Earth, it released into this planet, and all who dwelt upon it, spiritual forces, that had not been available before. It was the Cosmic Christ Light.

It is recorded that as Jesus hung upon the cross and was fulfilling His destiny, there was a mighty storm. In other words, there was a conflict in the elemental kingdom. There was a great darkness that covered the earth, and there was lightning and thunder, and water and blood flowed from the crucified one and dripped on the earth and the great Christ Power flowed through Him. While Jesus retained His consciousness, He was aware of this tremendous task.

It is written, that "The veil of the Temple was rent in twain"—not the temple veil in Jerusalem, but the veil that surrounds our planet, the etheric envelope was rent, allowing the Light to flow through it, and it has been flowing through ever since. So Jesus is instrumental in anchoring His Light on Earth. It brought a tremendous change in the consciousness of humanity, and it is still flowing.

The disciple who is called, in every age, goes through his own particular crucifixion. He is misunderstood; his words are misinterpreted and misquoted; when he speaks of the "I" in the Light of the Christ consciousness, people point to him and say, "He says he is God". Was not this the charge that the elders of the Synagogue brought against Jesus? "Art thou then the Son of God?" He said, "Ye say that I am". We are all sons of God! But He showed it clearly that we all must raise our consciousness accordingly, in spite of any persecution that may come on the level of the physical plane.

Ever since that day there has been a link—a conscious link

—with the Christ Principle in man and the Light of the World. “I AM with you always—even unto the end of the world!” When people say, “What about the reappearance of the Christ?”—*He has never gone anywhere!* Where is there to go? The universe is ONE and He is EVER present.

The leaders of the great world religions all refer to the Cosmic Christ in His various personifications as the World Teacher. The followers of the different schools of Yoga in India refer to the World Teacher as the Bodhisattva; the adherents of Islam, the Muslims, refer to Him as the Great Imam; the Buddhists refer to Him as the Lord Maitreya. The Jews are still waiting for their Messiah, and the Christians are waiting for the reappearance of the Christ; but He is ONE, and He is present all the time, and He seeks to awaken the Christ Principle in every one. The old interpretation of Christianity was a kind of Jesus-worship—rather than Christ realisation; not that we do not venerate the Master Jesus—we do! But the emphasis is being put in the wrong place. There is a tendency to want to worship Jesus outside yourself instead of awakening the Christ Light and Love WITHIN yourself.

If Jesus Christ a thousand times be born in Bethlehem, and not within our hearts, then it is all forlorn! The Christ Light is the exalted Sun Spirit who loves us beyond our knowing, and He volunteered to guide humanity through the ages.

Now I wish to simplify some of His teachings, in the Light of what has been revealed. We will take the story of the Prodigal Son first. As you know, there were two brothers, and one of them asked his father for permission to go to a distant land. He asked for his inheritance, and went on this long journey. Eventually he comes to the level of the swine, the animal kingdom; he sickens of this, and once again remembers his father's house. Then he prepares himself for the return journey. The father sees his son, as it were, from a distance, and comes to meet him, and takes him back to his heavenly abode. The prodigal Son is humanity, and the other son is represented by the Angelic Kingdom, who did not go out into externality, i.e. physical incarnation. They evolve along a different line, and so this humanity, you and I, and all human beings, incarnate and discarnate, are those who descend into lower levels of consciousness.

As the spirit seeking individualisation (humanisation) leaves the Throne of the Most High, these sparks of God clothe themselves in Light, and move out to acquire experience. They are not conscious of separateness until they come to the level of the mind (which is the plane of duality), ruled by the Law of cause and effect. This is referred to in Eastern teachings as the Law of Karma. Then they clothe themselves in the subtle energies of the astral plane; this is the substance of the emotional body. Eventually they are absorbed into the vital etheric sea of energy, and this enables them to be linked to the new, physical body, waiting to come into incarnation. Humanity moves in an outward-going arc, or what might be called Evolution. We take upon ourselves a

human body with animal tendencies, desires and cravings. A time eventually comes when there is a deep, inner stirring, and an awakening, a spiritual rebirth, takes place. We transmute the emotions, transcend the mind, and return once again to the Father's house, and claim our divine heritage. The disciple is taken under the wing of one of the Silent Watchers ("Just men made perfect", Who have already ascended and know the way) and he progresses, plane by plane.

Some people are only aware of the physical body; others are ruled by their emotions, and there are many who are conditioned by their mental fixations or intellect, and try to reason their way back into the Light, but it cannot be done this way.

The Soul, the true Self, is a singular being, neither negative nor positive, male nor female. The Soul is Individualised Spirit.

Listen to the words of the Prodigal Son: "Father, I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants". Thus every disciple on the way becomes a servant; he earns his way through the inner realms of light by acting as a channel of Divine Grace and Wisdom, and gives service as a gift to all who are ready to receive it. This is the responsibility of every prodigal son.

The next story upon which I wish to focus your attention is the one dealing with the feeding of the five thousand. If this is just an event that took place when Jesus lived, then we can hardly say that it concerns us today. What was the secret behind this drama? Astrology will be helpful to us in understanding the symbology of the two fishes. The two fish, the symbol of Pisces, is the astrological glyph of the Piscean dispensation, approximately 2,500 years, during which the Christ Teaching was given out, so obviously there is an esoteric meaning to the whole story. Jesus, when instructing His disciples, taught them the way of release. Turning to the initiated ones, He said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of God", and, looking across to the masses, He said, "but to others in parables". Many are still receiving the Teachings in parables—the shells, which they mistake for the Truth. The time has now come when we must cast the shells away, like the disciples of Jesus, and receive the Wisdom Teaching of Eternal Life.

There are countless references in the scriptures to Jesus, and the prophets of all religions, going up into the mountain; this means that they went into a higher plane of consciousness.

It is written that He taught five thousand people all day. I very much doubt if someone was appointed to count this large number of people; so again we are confronted with a mystery. There was a reason, a very profound mystical reason, why there were five thousand. We will deal with this; already there is some indication—mention is made of a small boy with five loaves and two fishes. Bread is representative of the Manna of Heaven, or the Bread of Life; the five loaves represent the food, the Divine nourishment, that we require on the five dimensions of consciousness.

Jesus came as the Avatar of the Piscean Age. It is interesting to note that the Christian religion has been primarily concerned with the purification and elevation of the emotions of the people, in an attempt to reveal spirituality, and so the Piscean Age has been the age of faith and devotion. This Piscean influence has been reflected in other great religions as well.

Today we are entering a new Cosmic Day, called the Aquarian Age. There is reference in the New Testament to the coming of the Aquarian Age and the feeding of the five thousand. These two parables are peculiarly intertwined.

When Jesus took the fishes and the barley loaves, He demonstrated the Law of Universal Supply. When all had eaten and had their fill, twelve baskets-ful remained. What were twelve baskets doing there on the mountain? Once again we are confronted with a sacred mystery. Twelve is the number of the Signs of the Zodiac, and Jesus was demonstrating the feeding of hungry souls in each dispensation. Undoubtedly this symbolism can be used to reveal this hidden Wisdom, but people were so ignorant of spiritual things in those days; and we are the same, even today. Now the twelve baskets represent the universal food of the spirit that can never be exhausted; in no way can we deplete the power that flows continuously through the twelve great fields of Cosmic energy.

Our planet moves around itself every twenty-four hours, and around the Sun in three hundred and sixty-five days, and our whole Solar System, and the planets in it, move in a greater astrological arc, through all the Signs of the Zodiac, in approximately 2,250-2,500 years, in each dispensation.

The energy flowing in this Aquarian Age is bringing in universal enlightenment. Many advances can be expected in all fields of human endeavour. The vision and consciousness of all men will be lifted to higher dimensions, through the peculiar power of Aquarius.

Jesus referred to the Aquarian epoch by saying to His disciples: "Go ye into the city, and there ye shall meet a man bearing a pitcher of water. Follow him, and he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared: there make ready for ME". Now if anyone had seen a man carrying a pitcher of water in that day and age, he would have been considered a freak. Women carried the water, and they still do in the Mediterranean countries, so this, also, held a secret meaning. Jesus said He would fulfil the second major responsibility that He had undertaken in connection with the redemption of humanity. He was referring to a new dispensation, a new Cosmic Day for man, when the whole Solar System was to receive added Light and blessings from extra Cosmic Sources. The man carrying a pitcher of water symbolises the astrological glyph of Aquarius. It is written that in the latter days (which are now) the Spirit of Truth shall be poured out on all mankind: "Your young men shall see visions, and your maidens shall dream dreams" (in modern terminology, this is extra-sensory perception). Jesus also said, Follow the water-bearer into an upper chamber,

which means a higher level of consciousness; in other words, when we raise our consciousness, the Christ Power will quicken our spirit (initiation), and we will become Christed (Christ-anointed) souls.

These dispensations that I refer to represent tremendous Cosmic Powers, and there is a natural overlapping of energies of the old order and the new, there is no sharp line of demarcation. Add 2,500 years of Pisces, and 2,500 years of Aquarius, and you get five thousand. **THUS HUMANITY RECEIVES THIS GLORIOUS OUTPOURING OF GRACE, FROM THE COSMIC CHRIST, FOR FIVE THOUSAND YEARS!**

Everyone who opens himself accordingly will become a transmitter of LIGHT.

The Elder Brothers, the disciples of the Christ, are the collective vehicle through which the Christ Light manifests, and at this time they are drawing closer to man. There are always a certain number, approximately forty-seven, all down the ages, of these Illumined Ones, Who are responsible for the inner guidance of humanity. They are scattered throughout the nations of the world, they work unseen and unrecognised; nor do they seek public recognition or acclaim. Their work is done on inner realms of consciousness. Because of their high degree of spiritual development, they can leave their bodies at will, and work on all levels, physical, astral, mental, and causal, and even higher. They are ever watching for souls who show the slightest degree of inner awakening and dedication to the Forces of Light. In this New Age they are finding their disciples all over the world, and these Shining Ones are making Their presence known and felt. This is not in order to attract personal attention to Themselves, but to impart Wisdom and Love.

There are, however, masquerading entities on the mental and astral planes, who claim to be Masters; some claim to be Jesus Christ, and they seek to exalt themselves. Jesus warned us of these false prophets, and told us to test the spirits. The first and most important thing is to seek to open our inner eye and the inner ear, through meditation, so that we will be able to discern, and discriminate, through the grace of the Master's Power. Divine Power flows continually from the realm of the Causeless Cause, the Unknowable Manifest Deity ("No man has ever seen the Father"). The Divine Word has been sounded, creating universes, galaxies, suns and stars, the whole Cosmos, and the Invisible, Spiritual Worlds.

As the outflowing Breath continues, this Universe will expand, but there will come a time when it will exhaust its outward-going purpose, and begin to in-breathe, or in-draw, once more. There will be a period when a complete withdrawal from outer life will take place; this is called, in Eastern Wisdom Teachings, a "period of Pralaya, a period of Divine Rest". Not that God, the Absolute, becomes tired, but because He has fulfilled His purpose of inner and outer activity. This principle is reflected in man; i.e. the story of the Prodigal Son.

As the outgoing Fiery Breath of creativity flows down from Spirit, the energy vibrates, and creates a different sound on each level. The disciple has to learn which sound belongs to which plane, and this wisdom is only imparted by the Masters to their disciples, the initiates. This hidden knowledge is not known to those masquerading entities. The negative powers (as they are called) are already on the retreat on the lower planes of consciousness. Work for the Powers of Light must be carried on continually by those who know (those that are called).

The Great Ones work primarily on the level of the soul; their method of contact is by overshadowing and inspiring their disciples. They use a kind of Soul Telepathy, imparting wisdom and direction regarding the Plan of the Logos, of which (so far as man is concerned) the Lord Christ is the Initiator and Teacher. They consider the personal life of their disciples their own affair, and never impinge upon the free-will of man. The only value of the personality, as such, is to enable us to communicate on the physical, emotional and mental levels. The Masters invite, hint, and suggest, but never compel.

Love-Wisdom is our protective fire. If we fulfil the commandments of the Cosmic Christ, and walk in the path revealed by the Master Jesus, we have to *live* the life, and become *doers* of the word. We have to seek to open our inner eye, for, in His words, "If thine eye be single, thy whole body will be full of light". Yes, our whole body will be full of Light, our physical, astral, and mental bodies, and we will be radiant souls, for we are all sons of God, SUN in the making, serving a greater God. Christ wants to awaken the knowledge of the essential divinity within each one of us. The accumulation of occult knowledge will get us nowhere, unless we *live* the life.

There are dangers on the inner path of all religions, and fanaticism should be avoided at all costs. It is important that we are faithful followers in the path of the Master Jesus, and open ourselves to the glory of the Cosmic Christ. There is much that could be said about the Life of Jesus. In the teachings on the Sermon on the Mount, it tells us that Jesus spoke to the masses all day, revealing His inner wisdom, and yet we can read this fragment of the scriptures in three minutes. What then, was this hidden Wisdom that took Him all day to teach? Nothing other than the titles of the instructions concerning the Path of Initiation. We need to lift the veil, and do some research into the Beatitudes. The word "Beatitude" means "being in accordance with certain attitudes".

Who was this One called Jesus? What was His secret Name? Was it not "Immanuel"—"I-AM-IN-YOU-ALL" . . . Im-man-u-el. Was not His lineage from the Royal House of David? He was of the House of the Solar Man, SOLOMON, the Light of the World. He was of the House of Israel—that which IS REAL.

So much more could be said, and unfolded, but sufficient has been given to let us see behind the New Testament story, that there

is something wonderful and profound that concerns each one of us, and that we have here a Secret Wisdom which we can explore at all times.

Let us, each and every one, give thanks that the Glory of the Light of the Cosmic Sun is shining with ever-increasing brilliance in the inner life of all mankind.

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY
YOUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

*To conclude this address on Cosmic Christianity, I will
invoke the sunshine of Divine Love, the greatest power
in the Universe, through these words of mantric power:—*

THE MYSTIC WAY

The higher the higher, your loving desire,
More glorious will be your indwelling fire,
So holy will be your thoughts, words and deeds,
That from the bondage of earth you'll be freed.

Let love be your light in your heart, soul and mind,
And then to the world a beacon you'll shine,
This is the way, the truth and the life,
Given to all, by the Lord Jesus Christ,

Open your heart to the powers above,
Then from the Divine, you'll draw a great love,
And from his sweet presence and glorious rays,
You will draw power to live in His ways.

This is a truth that is sweeter than wine,
Its secret is ancient, its essence divine,
This truth it is given from heights far above,
You'll find this is simple because it is LOVE.

AUM...AUM...AUM.

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