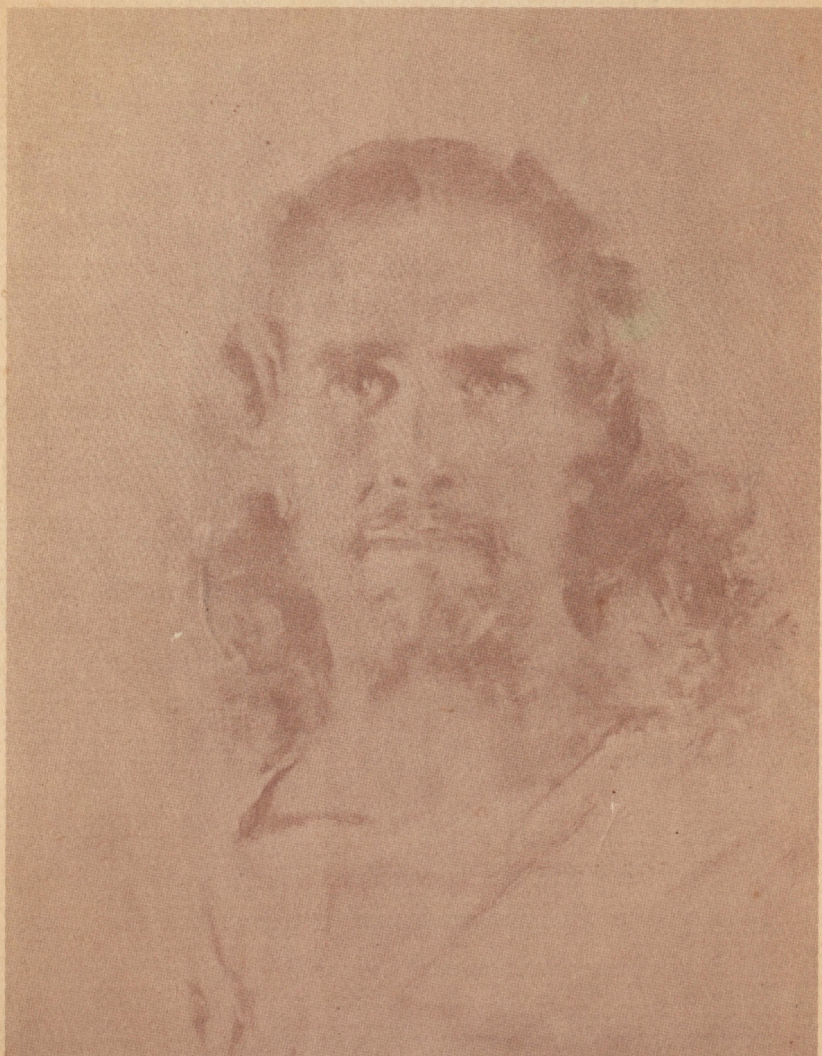




Why Be Interested In Jesus?

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Our Father, who art in Heaven;
Hallowed be Thy Name;

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;

forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom,
and the Power,
and the Glory,
Forever.

Amen.

Many god bless you
I hope you find job
love
Bill

P R E F A C E

This question is asked by so many people. It is becoming more and more necessary that it be answered for every one of us individually.

About ten years ago I realized I had never bothered to look for the answer myself — I had always just accepted what I was told about Jesus. For forty some years I had been just a luke-warm Christian. *That* I couldn't live with any longer. I started asking questions, reading and experimenting with meditation and the answers came fast with a ring of real truth.

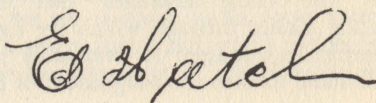
Everything came together to make sense out of this beautiful world, created and guided by a God who knows and loves each and every one of us.

You can also learn whence you came, why you are here and where you are going when you leave this beautiful world. It will give you a real purpose in life, make you useful, happy with a peace and joy of living that God intended for you.

It all comes with an understanding and living of what Jesus taught and demonstrated for us.

Thank you for being interested in Jesus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Hatch". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

WHY BE INTERESTED IN JESUS?

Well! Since you've asked, I will be very pleased to tell you why I think we should all be interested in Jesus.

First, let's get to know Him as a man — Physically He was a little under six feet in height, well built, hair a little on the reddish side, gray-blue eyes, and He spoke with a strong gentle voice. He was not the soft feminine type of individual as He is so often pictured. Rather, He was a rugged person who worked hard mostly outdoors. (This physical description of Jesus comes from the psychic reading by Edgar Cayce given as he was viewing "The Last Supper" thru the Akashic records. His description matches perfectly that given me in meditation).

He learned the carpentry trade from His dad. Picked up a good education in, and understanding of general living and the mysteries of the universe by studying directly under the great teachers of Southern Asia.

With this training and His early associations with His parents and friends, He learned to talk and listen to His Heavenly Father. (This is something that we all should earnestly try to do.) With this ability he gained access to universal knowledge. Thus, He became one with the Holy Spirit, the Christ, with His will coinciding exactly with God's laws. This made Him the perfect channel for God's wonderful love to flow through. He was the first of God's children to achieve spiritual perfection. This was, of course, His mission when God sent Him into this world.

The fact that He discovered His mission early in life and followed the pathway that led Him to complete His training in this "school" called earth makes Him a very interesting person. A man from whom we can learn much to help us on our journey back to God.

The "many mansions" that Jesus spoke of are the many planes through which we must pass to give us the perfection required to eventually be companionable with God and to earn the assignment of creating in the universe.

This life on earth is the plane in which we must learn to live among, and to love our fellowmen. (The more I study into the possibility of our being given the opportunity of coming back time after time until we achieve perfect love for all souls, the more believable it becomes and the more I thank God for this wonderful privilege.)

Another plane of training provided for us is that of watching over and guiding others from the spirit side. We should all aspire to some day qualify for this course or plane of usefulness. There have been many times when I have been very definitely guided by someone with much more training and experience than I personally have.

This guidance is one phenomenon that has been experienced by all of us, whether we are aware of it or not. This is one point for which we are directly indebted to Jesus. Jesus, being the first soul to achieve perfection, was given this responsibility by God. He then delegates to others, who have made sufficient progress, the opportunity to be useful in this field.

This is a tremendous challenge — in short, this is taking care of God's world. It is God's desire that we all return to Him as responsible and dedicated souls who are worthy of being His sons and daughters. This means that we, of our own free will and accord, must learn to live the perfect love that Jesus exemplified.

"In the beginning God created" (Gen. 1:1), "The spirit of God moved" (Gen. 1:2). Here we are given two aspects of God; First, we have what I interpret as "over-soul", "universal soul" or the knowing aspect of God. This could be likened to a very complete library where all information of the universe is stored. All that ever has been or ever will be is in this source. Second, we have the movement or action aspect of God which we call "Holy Spirit" or Spirit of Christ". This part of God puts motion into everything, from the tiny atom to the universe itself - life as we see it about us in every thing that moves. Yes, even in stone, metal and wood molecules have action which is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

This gives us a solar system to live in, all created and in perfect order.

Then God created living things, plants, fish, birds and animals and He finally created man in His own image and gave him dominion over all creatures on the earth. The phrase "in our image" (Gen. 1:26) is of utmost importance. This, as I interpret it, means that we were created as souls having spirit just like God Himself. We were given freedom to choose how we conduct ourselves. This places quite a responsibility on us. We started immediately to develop the things God had put here for us, inventing new ways and learning to assemble all manner of creatures and items using the basic materials that He had created. (We are still doing this today.) Creating things has always been satisfying and pleasurable but we gradually became selfish and materialistic, thinking too much of the physical and too little of the spiritual. We drifted away from God's laws. We began to think more of our own importance and comfort than of helping to develop the world for the benefit of all God's children. We were not thinking and living as God intended we should, even though we were created in His image.

So after many thousands of years it became very evident that we could not get back on His plan without help. So God chose one of us to be sent into the world to prove to all that we can really change our ways and enjoy this wonderful school of learning called earth and still make progress on our journey back to being true sons and daughters of God.

He chose a woman who, by birth, by home life and by schooling was the perfect (or ideal) mother for His child. (I know, many of us find it difficult to believe that Jesus was brought into this world without an earthly father. This, to me, presents no question whatever. When you see what is even now being done by way of physical healing and rearrangement of body cells by the Holy Spirit, a supernatural pregnancy becomes fully believable. If this point bothers you, study into the subject a little.

Katherine Kuhlman's book "I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES" is a good place to start).

So Jesus was born into this world. He grew to manhood and advanced spiritually to perfection by learning, understanding and living the life that was planned for him. Yes, He had temptations; He was given problems and was given obstacles just like all the rest of us but He stayed with God's laws. He had even more serious problems than we do, so serious that they cost Him His life at a very early age. If He had stopped teaching the truth of God's laws, He might have lived to a ripe old age, then died and been forgotten.

But He made the choice (all of us are given the opportunity to make) to stay with His mission in life. He knew it well because He listened well in meditation. Now the importance of all this to us becomes clear — by Jesus making the complete demonstration of being a soul just like the rest of us, of coming into this world in the body of a little baby just like we all do, of growing up having the problems, opportunities and privileges just like we all do, of having the right (from God) to choose the solutions to these problems, He proved that we too can conform with God's laws while here on earth.

In His teaching He gave us, by word and action, what we need to learn that we might be assigned to higher schools (mansions) of training after we leave our physical bodies.

As He was the first of all God's children to successfully complete the training to make Him companionable with God, He is accepted as the Son of God and is given the responsibility of showing the way of the Holy Spirit throughout this part of God's universe.

Imagine this tremendous power that keeps the earth, the planets, the sun and all that is in them in true and proper order being guided by our brother Jesus. When we stop to consider it, we realize that the world and everything in it, except individual souls, was created and planned to function in perfect order (this might be called "by in-

stinct"). To keep it so should not be too difficult. We were created in His image to be His companions in creation. He wanted us to be able to function with our own decisions and handle the responsibilities given us with the minimum of supervision. If He had wanted a world of puppets, He would not have given us the freedom to choose.

This freedom, just like everything else worthwhile in life, takes study and a lot of hard work to learn to use wisely. Sometimes it seems that we have to gain our experience the hard way. But, what ever it takes to teach us we must accept.

The first set of laws that were given us came through Moses. These were harsh but they were exactly what we needed to guide our relationships with each other at that time. It described a way of keeping our contacts with each other in balance. This is known as the "Law of Karma" or Karmic Law". For many years man lived under the ten commandments given us by Moses.

Then Jesus introduced the spiritual version of the Karmic Law. This is the Law of "Love". It extends the Karmic Law of balance to encompass much more — to open up a whole new horizon and way of life.

Jesus said that we should love God with all our heart and strength and love our fellowmen as ourselves. This is one of the many reasons we should be interested in Jesus. He did not give us just a short sermon or book interpreting the word "love". He gave us His life the way He lived it as a definition of this Love. It takes much interest and study to fully understand His meaning of LOVE.

The true teachings of Jesus are not found in the schools, the churches or even in the bible - although all of these sources are wonderful, excellent aids in our searching. In the schools and churches we learn other peoples interpretations of Jesus' teachings. We use the bible as a text book. In fact, it is THE TEXT BOOK given us to lead us to the true teachings of Jesus and to show us how to apply them to our lives.

The real revelation of God's laws is found within ourselves. We can by means of meditation, make contact with God through the spiritual centers of our bodies. As we open the upper three centers through meditation and a real desire to learn who we really are and why we came into this world, we will experience first - a balancing effect of all body functions including growth. This is one of the functions of the thyroid center. Next is the pineal center which, when opened will give you extended mental perception. You might even experience E.S.P., clairvoyance, clairaudience or get glimpses of the spirit world. This is the "door" that Jesus told us to open to find Him when we are ready to know Him personally.

At the top of the three is the pituitary center. When this door is opened there is a purifying effect thru out the whole body, physically, mentally and spiritually. The world and the people in it will become beautiful to us. We will see everything just as God made it. We will cease to be upset by our fellowmen and life's petty annoyances.

The opening and activating of these three centers by everyone of us is the responsibility given to Jesus. He will not force us to believe or act because it is God's will that we make the decision of our own free will and accord.

In a way Jesus could feel like some of our classroom teachers — "Oh for a good paddle and the authority to use it", but He doesn't. He has the patience to wait for us to see the light, and keep on loving us no matter how long it takes.

Jesus was put in full charge of us with instructions to see that we eventually get all the training, experience and knowledge that will make us worthy children of God. But He is not permitted to force us or punish us. God set up laws in the beginning. As we live in accord with them we make good progress. As we violate them we regress.

God or Jesus will not punish us for violating His laws, and neither will we automatically receive guidance. Without spiritual guidance we eventually lose all joy and hap-

piness in life. Life becomes boring, monotonous - seemingly without purpose. At this point there are three alternate routes open. We just keep on living in darkness making ourselves and others miserable, we chuck it all and commit suicide or we call on God to help us make order in our lives.

If we are really sincere in our desire for the life of light, Jesus is right there ready to help. Sometimes His help comes as a physical healing, sometimes on the mental plane. Sometimes it comes instantly, it frequently takes a period of time. But, if we really want the true happiness that is available, all we need do is express that desire to Jesus - then be willing to listen and follow instructions. This will make some radical changes in our living habits. When we are following the guidance from Jesus, life may not be easy, but we will live in a joy and happiness that we never dreamed could be.

As mentioned before, one of the "mansions" that Jesus prepared for us in the spirit world is that of being assigned, by Him, to guide specific individuals who are still in the flesh here on earth. To earn this privilege, we must have learned a great deal of understanding and a fervor to do God's will while we are still on the earth plane. We do not need to be perfect or be infallible in our knowledge as we still have opportunity to learn and to gain experience in this state of usefulness.

When we pass from this world, we will take with us just the level of understanding and the knowledge that we have acquired while here. These are the only tools we take with us. So, we see the spirit world is peopled by all types of individuals, good, bad and indifferent and all at different levels of understanding. Jesus selects only those who are capable of guiding others toward perfection to serve Him in this capacity. For each of us He assigns someone from a level just a little above us in understanding. Thus we grow together. Our guides have access to universal knowledge, just as we do, but they are not encumbered with a physical body and all of its requirements. So they see more clearly than we.

They have the privilege of calling on any other spirit on the same plane for assistance. This means that if Jesus assigns a spirit who was once an engineer to guide me and I become ill and ask for help, my regular guide may call in one or as many physicians as he feels necessary to aid me. The spirit doctors are not limited to symptoms. They see the actual cause or source of the problem and they have ready access to all the experiences that have ever occurred pertaining to any problem.

Doesn't this give you a wonderfully secure feeling? When we study what has actually been done and is being done in this field, we can come to no other conclusion but that we have an unlimited source of help from our spirit guides. People are being healed of cancer, diabetes, physical deformities and even mental disorders by being guided into the proper treatments.

In rare instances people still on this worldly plane have been given this universal knowledge. One such example is the late Edgar Cayce. His work is being studied and promoted by the "Association for Research and Enlightenment" with headquarters at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. Cayce gave approximately 14,000 readings for people who asked for help. These covered all manner of illness, usually as a last resort to save life.

The readings he gave are presently being examined by doctors and scientists all over the world - with amazing revelations. A study of his life and work is most interesting.

The guide assigned to each of us follows us at all times and is capable of impressing our consciousness. If we are willing to listen, or should I say, if we are interested enough to recognize the impressions we receive from this source, we can avoid many problems and lead a beautiful life while learning our lessons here on earth.

Some people call these impressions "intuition", sometimes they are called "hunch" or "conscience". Sometimes the impressions can actually be physically felt or heard. Sometimes the message or communication is given to us

as a vision or a dream. These impressions are best received when we are relaxed in some quiet place free from the distractions of our everyday world. But this is not always the case, in emergencies we are frequently told what to do loud and clear.

These impressions come thru our subconscious minds. This explains why we are better receivers during periods of meditation. In meditation our conscious thinking is at rest so any messages from the subconscious come through clearly. Messages from a guide or spirit come to the subconscious mind, but guidance direct from Jesus comes through our super-conscious mind.

There is a big difference here. The super-conscious mind is the soul mind, this is the little part of God that is in each of us; the part that lives forever; the part in which every thought, word or act that we have ever experienced is recorded. Any information or impression that comes from the super-conscious mind is absolute truth. When we learn to listen and live from this source we will be worthy children of God and brothers and sisters to Jesus.

Going back to the impressions that come through our subconscious minds, we do have to know their source to determine their dependability. We must have our ideal set in Jesus and His teachings. If we seek guidance from Jesus, even though it comes through the spirit delegated by Him to take care of us, it will be the answer we need.

But, if we listen to just any spirit that wants to come to us such as through fortune tellers, ouija boards etc. we might be listening to someone far below our level of progress. This is not good practice and can lead to all kinds of problems and troubles and has always been unacceptable to those searching for real truth.

We should know that Jesus is our ideal and should call on Him frequently. Consider Jesus to be a brother and companion who wants only the very best of everything for us. He will help us in every possible way if our efforts are toward good. He is thoroughly dependable and will

keep all the secrets that we might wish to discuss with Him. We can talk with Him just like man to man. At first we might experience difficulty in recognizing a two way conversation but with patience and serious desire and effort we will be able to hold very satisfactory conversations with our big brother or any guide that He might assign to us.

Jesus told us not to pray to Him but to pray to God only. The prayer example that He gave to us is addressed directly to "Our Father Who Art in Heaven". This takes us right into the presence of the full knowledge and power of the universe, and if we are truly living the life that gives us authority to close our prayers "in Jesus Name", we will have His approval and the power of the Holy Spirit will be with us.

Nobody comes to God in any way except thru Jesus. Jesus and all His teachings represent the way back to God.

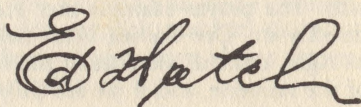
Our progress back to God's way starts with getting acquainted with Jesus and all that His life can teach us. The first step is to form the habit of conversing with Him. The bible, of course is by far the most important book to study. Then read as many as possible of other peoples interpretations of Jesus' teachings. Pray to God for understanding. Learn to meditate and to listen, for herein comes our true awakening and learning. Until we do this all we can say is that "someone told us". But when we receive information from any source, then digest it, so to speak, through prayerful meditation and call on Jesus for help in our interpretation, we can have absolute assurance that we have learned a little more of the real truths of the universe.

He shows us the way to help our fellowmen thus enriching our own lives and those about us far beyond what we ever dreamed possible. It is my sincere hope that this little booklet will give you an insight into Jesus' life, His work and the reason for His being and will serve to excite your interest leading to further study of the great truths which can literally transform your life.

Please read it again, study it and personally apply Jesus' teachings to your life thru understanding, prayer, meditation and action.

Your BIG BROTHER JESUS is ready to help you.

Sincerely



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Suggested reading — The Bible first, of course, and along with it any of the books describing the work of Edgar Cayce. These are available from your library, book store or direct from the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.) of Virginia Beach, Virginia Zip 23451. The books of Katherine Kuhlman are excellent true revelations of what God is doing thru people on this earth NOW. Available from your library or your book store.

I should also mention my own booklets which are available free for the asking — "What Jesus Taught" and "Prayer".

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This little book, of course, cost something in time and printing to prepare for you. If it helped you in any way to move a little closer to God, I am well repaid.

If you have enjoyed reading it, drop an extra quarter into the plate next time it comes your way in the church of your choice.

God Bless You

and Good Night,