



IMAGINING THE AQUARIAN CHRIST

For many people, the imagination is unreal, the realm of fantasy. But those with discerning wisdom know that the imagination is the seed of the future around which reality can materialise. The poet and artist, William Blake, knew this when he said that "God is the imagination". So let us wisely use the gift of imagination to sow the seeds of humanity's future spiritual unfoldment.

First let us recognise that our present time and the immediate future offer the possibility of the birth of the soul, the Christ within, in the hearts of millions of human beings around the world. It also offers the ideal environment of challenge and crisis that will precipitate this major event within the life of humanity. It will be the modern version of the timeless episode described in the *Bhagavad Gita* when Krishna announces: "Whenever there is a withering of the law and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, then I manifest Myself." The vivification of the Christ in the human heart is the redeeming and saving agency now. This is the first aspect of the manifestation of the Aquarian Christ. There is no 'deus ex machina' that will appear as a divine intervener to sort out our collective mistakes. We, Aquarian ensouled humanity, have to do it ourselves. We are all Christs in the making, and we are now called upon to prove it with divine imagination, with wisdom and with practical, radical love.

Once a significant proportion of humanity has started to manifest the soul in daily life, then perhaps we will be able to recognise the presence of that great individuality who appeared as the historical Christ, and who is now inspiring all who love humanity – indeed all expressions of life in the material worlds – with love and a new practical will-to-good. This will be the Christ now conditioned by – and also conditioning – the Aquarian age. Here we have to dare to imagine what this might mean. We can begin this exercise by knowing that the key feature of Aquarius is service. This is the practical demonstration of fulfilling the command that we love our neighbours as ourself. We do this because one of the first perceptions of reality, that comes when we realise that we are the Soul and not the personality, is that our neighbour IS ourself – the One Self that lives in each and all. There is no separation. All is One.

This inevitably gives rise to a universal compassion. The people who understand this reality are the ones who always tend to draw out the best in those with whom they come in contact. They are the natural healers of individual, national and international relationships, and, particularly at the present moment, are the regenerators of the natural world through healing humanity's perception of it and helping to build a vitalising relationship with it that will serve all life forms on our planet for millennia to come.

So together let us help germinate the seeds of the new Aquarian vision. Let us encourage it to grow, inspire and co-evolve with the progressively enlightened humanity which will surely emerge as time goes by over the 2000-year long course of the Aquarian age.

THE WORLD TEACHER

As the Three Spiritual Festivals move toward their conclusion, we stand within their collective potencies and reflect on one of their most outstanding features, that of the active, living and ever-present essence of the Christ, the World Teacher. Christ is the Light of the World, the Embodiment of Love and the Indicator of divine Purpose. He brings forth the light and energy which flood throughout the world of human consciousness at this high point in the annual cycle.

Down the ages other world teachers have come to lift humanity and enlighten the darkness of their times, and amongst these great avatars, at the centre of all planetary life, stands the Christ. His radiance continues, and His anchorage of Divine Love opens the unfolding path for all. Because of the position the Christ occupies in the evolution of our planetary Life, He is the focal point of all endeavour, the 'way' of spiritual unfoldment. He belongs to all humanity regardless of religion, nationality, race, or social and cultural background. He is 'the same great Identity' as those who are recognised by different names within diverse religious traditions and beliefs.

The Christ's pivotal role represents the synthesis of dualities – the God-man, human-divine, a fusion of the vertical way of at-one-ment and the horizontal way of service. He is the relation between life and form, spirit and matter, the innermost consciousness of all creation awaiting revelation. He is human experience fused with the inner life force which gives coherence, intelligence and purpose to life. The Christ, as World Teacher, is a Person, a Presence and a Principle, bringing together in one continuous flow of energy, the cosmic fountainhead, the planetary manifestation and the human expression. He is power and livingness, love and wisdom, light and understanding.

The consciousness that He brings is innovative, the quintessence of the creativity required for the building of a better world for all, heralding the new age; His is the driving power within the human heart and mind which refreshes all forms of life and informs the coming civilisation. He is the magnetic and attractive force which 'lifts up' and redeems the density of materialism. He ignites the spark of divinity within each human being. He is the fiery love of God for Man which inspires sacrifice and renunciation.

The Christ is the archetype of the true Aquarian who is co-operative, inclusive, intelligent and actively concerned for the welfare of others. Christ's motive is love of humanity; His keynote is service. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all mankind. He is the beacon in the darkness, the essence of divine truth and reality, the guarantor of ultimate spiritual achievement for 'as He is so can we be in this world'.

THOUGHTS ON THE CHRIST

All we know at this time is that the Christ will fuse and blend within Himself three principles of divinity; when He appears "the light that always has been will be seen; the love that never ceases will be realised, and the radiance, deep concealed, will break forth into Being". *Alice Bailey*

Must then a Christ perish in torment in every age to save those that have no imagination?

Bernard Shaw

The greatest service a man can render his fellowmen is to free himself from the control of [the astral] plane by himself directing its energies through the power of the Christ within.

Alice Bailey

I cry of Christ, Who is the Ultimate Fire Who will burn away the cold in the heart of Man. *Edith Sitwell*

The Kingdom of God is not Christian, or Buddhist, or to be found focused in any world religion or esoteric organisation. It is simply and solely what it claims to be: a vast and integrated group of soul-infused persons, radiating love and spiritual intention, motivated by goodwill, and rooted in the human kingdom. *Alice Bailey*

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.

Benjamin Franklin

THE PLANETARY NETWORK

The planetary network of light, love and service is transforming the mental climate of the planet, reorientating humanity to spiritual attitudes and values. The groups and activities reported in the Bulletin reflect different aspects of the network.

The Santa Barbara Institute for Consciousness Studies is dedicated to furthering interdisciplinary and cross-cultural investigation of the nature and potentials of consciousness and extending its benefits to the general public. Its research emphasizes the integration of scientific approaches with contemplative methods adhering to equally high standards, radically expanding the study of the mind to explore its potentials more fully.

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THE ROCK AND THE LIGHT

In the Meditation Room of the United Nations in New York, there are no religious objects, but in the centre of the room there is a single rock illuminated by a beam of light. Dag Hammarskjold said that it was chosen because "... there are simple things which speak to us all with the same language. We have sought such things and we believe that we have found them in the shaft of light striking the shining surface of solid rock. So in the middle of the room we see a symbol of how, daily, the light of the skies gives life to the earth on which we stand, a symbol to many of us of how the light of the spirit gives life to matter."

Spiritual hunger for meaning and direction is inextricably linked with light — as Dag Hammarskjold noted, "The thought of more light governs all the inchoate yearnings of the human spirit." There is a pervading fascination which acknowledges light as an everlasting and undiminished mystery. Our relationship with it is so close that humanity's evolution can be described as the journey from darkness to light. The beauty and wonder of light are so great that it is hard to imagine that we can fail to notice it. Yet this is just what happens. Describing the view of outer space, one astronaut observed that it was studded

with the light of countless stars, but the light which was present everywhere fell on nothing and so nothing was seen – only darkness.

Thinking along this line and particularly in terms of divine light, or spiritual energy, it's clear that these rarefied energies also need an object to shine upon, an intermediary to make their presence visible and known. Spiritual leaders have always served in this way, bearing the light of truth and wisdom to lift their communities into greater living. Their collective wisdom and combined legacy of spiritual insights continue to serve as inspiration and guidance today.

There is also, in the darkness of our own times, the anticipation of further enlightenment particularly relevant to the 21st century. But in addition to individual avatars, now there is a worldwide group dedicated to enlightened human relations – the New Group of World Servers, which is working to bring inclusive solutions to local and global problems. Symbolically, this group has the potential to stand as the shining surface of the rock of humanity, reflecting the radiance of the World Teacher, as humanity reveals "the light of the spirit which gives life to matter."

Triangles is a world service activity in which people link in thought in groups of three to create a planetary network of Triangles of light and goodwill. Using a world prayer, the Great Invocation, they invoke light and love as a service to humanity. Further information is available on request from Triangles.

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