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Jesus and John the Baptist



Shortly after his birth, Jesus was offered gifts of Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense from the three wise men (the noble pilgrims) or Magus who were assumed to have come “from the East” (Orient/Persians). This homage to the birth of a child and the considerable effort that was made in order to find the new-born child, the Messiah, the anointed, reminds me very much of the search for incarnation from Karmapa and other extraordinary incarnations of Bodhisattvas or Tulkus in Tibet. I know how difficult it was, to find the present XVII. Incarnation of the Karmapa and how complicated it was to determine the place of his birth and his home. I remember all too well about the delegation, that rode to him and the joy with which he was welcomed back to his monastery in Tsurphu and how he naturally resumed his monastic Role on his return.

Jesus is no ordinary child. His arrival was foretold by many prophets of the Old Testament. The prophets talked about him and described his actions in detail, even his crucifixion. Bodhisattvas are guided by the wishes and prayers for the well-being and for the benefit of all sentient beings, but are, above all especially drawn, by a collective need. Just like a ring and a hook, the tide timelessly

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takes shape again to liberate the beings from the suffering of the I-imprisonment. Bodhisattvas are capable of action, Buddhas, however are not. Both symbolize different forms of expression of the spirit of God from the Trinity. Buddhas rest within themselves, but manifest their boundless love and their immense compassion through bodhisattvas in innumerable forms. Jesus is the messenger of God, even the beloved Son of God. The infinite light of God condensed and took shape 2,000 years ago, just as heaven (God the Father) and clouds (Holy Spirit) make rain (Jesus) to humidify the earth. As a symbol of supreme purity and humility, Jesus was not born in a palace, but in a stable. He learned a craft, became a Carpenter and his mother was a virgin. The parthenogenesis of God has been brought to completion through the story of Jesus, but is unfortunately, misunderstood by many.



The life of a chosen one is not easy. The best time is certainly up to a certain age during their childhood. Thereafter, the new recognized incarnation is then trained, or the content of the memory consciousness is released. A being like Jesus already knew a lot and even as a 13-year-old child, he was able to teach the Pharisees in the temple of Jerusalem, but he was not yet mature enough for the job which awaited him. His teacher, John the Baptist, prepared the way for him.

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Jesus's teacher, was without doubt John the Baptist, a Nasorean (from the Hebrew Nasir (נָזִיר), which is roughly translated as "ascetic"). His Wildman, hippie-type, appearance symbolizes the wacky wisdom of God and although he was neither a vegetarian nor vegan and even lived on grasshoppers and wild honey, his spirit remained in supreme union with God. He was the forerunner of Jesus, but also of every person who came to him and was

willing to accept his teaching. The Mander attribute their religion to him and in the Qur'an, the holy scripture of Islam, John is the third last prophet before Isa Ibn Maryam (Jesus) and Mohammed. As such, he is considered in Christianity as a pioneer of the imminent arrival of the Messiah and is associated with Elijah.

Elijah was a biblical prophet who lived in the time of Kings Ahab and Ahaziah in the second quarter of the 9th century B.C. in the northern kingdom of Israel. His name means "My God is YHWH".

Christians tend not to mention the relationship between Jesus and John. Jesus as the Son of God cannot be taught by anyone, he already knows everything, or so the Christians



think. But, the body of Jesus, deformed from the light of God but produced by the body of a man, has certain traces of impurity. Each body is deformed from memories called genetic and cellular memory, and although Mary was certainly an extraordinary Woman, her body showed traces of impurity, which she transferred to her glorious child. This impurity, manifested itself through Childhood Ailments or other physical, emotional or mental illnesses. The form comes with impurity which prevents the information from previous incarnations from fully unfolding. It is reasonable to understand that although a new-born child has potential, the body ultimately determines its manifestation. A person may well be gifted, but the content can manifest only if the form allows it. Just like an audio CD can give different frequencies depending on the system, the body remains an intermediary between the inside and the outside.

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The baptism in the River Jordan and the blessing of the Master prepared the way for Jesus so that his potential could unfold freely without any obstacles. For this reason, Jesus went into the desert after that to practice and experience what was ultimately his calling. The temptations are the expulsion of concepts and dogma from the body of Jesus. They were expelled or cleansed by the blessing of John (his teacher), through Fasting, Meditation and Prayer. Otherwise, Jesus would not have had full power to perfect his work. The Temptation of Jesus is an episode that is mentioned in the three synoptic Gospels in the New Testament: Jesus of Nazareth fasts alone in the wilderness and resists the temptations of the devil who haunted him.

"12 Then the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. 13 Jesus remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. He lived with the wild beasts and the Angels served him."

Mark 1:12 f. EU

The wild beasts symbolize the toxic spirits (corrupted spirits) and the Angels the wisdom of the original spirit of God. The temptation of Jesus is based solely on pride and nothing else. It is not a matter of conquering jealousy or passion, but above all, pride. Pride and vanity are the last temptations before the blossoming/ flowering of the spirit of God, which is the final test for many Masters. The second interpretation of this, is the purification of the body form. The genetic patterns are removed and the hard-drive memory, the auto-biography of the physical body completely erased and wiped clean. Hence, the reason why, Jesus could not recognize his mother and other family members later:

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside and want to talk to you. But he answered and said: "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And then Jesus pointing with great gestures to his true family, his disciples and the people who had gathered around him and trusted his message of the kingdom of God: "Behold, this is my mother, and these are my brethren! "

The third interpretation deals with the subtle channels of the body. The wild beasts are the dualistic winds responsible for Ignorance, Greed, and Aggression, and the Angels who serve him at the end of fasting symbolize the winds of wisdom in the central channel (Jacob's ladder). The third level is secret and refers to the Alchemy of the mind and is unfortunately, never taught. Ultimately, the Old and New Testaments describe not only historical events, but first and foremost, inner transformations.

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The teacher prepares the way, but only for the chosen. Not everyone can participate in the meal. As such, the connection between Jesus and John (John the Baptist) is unique. However, this is rarely understood and is therefore, hardly mentioned. The misunderstanding stems from the fact that Jesus was labelled the only Son of God and that no

one can ever reach his (spiritual) realization and that no other spiritual paths are valid besides his. Christians are adept at listening, but they always say the same thing in the end: "Well, it's all very interesting, BUT Jesus is and remains the only Son of God who sacrificed his life for our sins ... and with that, the conversation ends.

The birth of a son of God is a mystery, but has been passed on in many other mystical traditions in a similar way: the Cave, the Virginity, the Shepherds, the Animals, the Stars, the Offerings and the Wisemen. It is interesting to note that the birthday of Jesus Christ was never clear to primitive Christians, and 25th of December has more to do with solar worship (Sol Invictus) than with Jesus. Christianity has the talent of stealing myths, symbols, festivals, temples and powerful places from other traditions. From this conglomeration and partly contradictory content, religion emerged with all its hybridization that we know. It grows like the farmed tomato from Greece, without soil, but abundantly doused with the fertilizer of ignorance and the influx of fear and guilt. I am always surprised to see how many memberships this society has although, the content taught is little different from baby food.

The willingness to follow the teaching of Jesus has to do with his Life-Force (mandala), which manifested in his lifetime and especially, after the resurrection. Jesus continues to exert a fascinating influence on people. Jesus is there for everyone, whether Christian or not. His mercy radiates a soothing presence that envelops the heart and gives confidence. He does not judge, but paves the way, and as John the Baptist did for him, so he does the same for us all too.

Jesus said, "I AM the WAY and the TRUTH and LIFE; no-one comes to the Father except through me." This sentence is of great importance, but should be understood correctly to avoid misinterpretation. The I AM is the goal, the WAY is the method, the TRUTH is the blessing of the Master (Holy Spirit), and LIFE is God's immediate presence in all that is. Ultimately, all three (WAY, TRUTH and LIFE) are included in I AM. Just as John the WAY-pioneer was, Jesus became the way-pioneer for every man, and METHOD is not meditation, but mercy and love, and above all social commitment. The TRUTH is the blessing of the Master, one who reveals the nature of God, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, who manifested with full power after the Resurrection and showed himself through the tongues of fire (symbols) above the heads of his disciples. LIFE means social commitment and, above all, recognizing the fact that the other person is YOU too. Because, there is and can never be anything but God, we are waves from the ocean of infinity, images of his face, love of his love...

Light and Blessings from Assisi,
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