

"CHRIST TALK" STUDY GUIDE

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***WHY BE A CHRISTIAN WHEN YOU CAN BE A CHRIST?
(A TRANS-RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE
ON THE TRUE MEANING OF "CHRIST")***

Christmas as a Celebration of the Return of Light

--The idea is not to just be a follower of the Light, but to *be* that Light in your own life.

--Christmas did not originate with Christianity. It was originally a celebration of the return of light on the Winter Solstice. It has been celebrated for thousands and thousands of years.

--More on the Winter Solstice and what it marks. Constantine and how Winter Solstice was converted into "Christmas".

Jesus, as a Spiritual Teacher & Guru for Those of Us in the West

--My belief that Jesus never intended to start a church. Rather, he was beginning a new movement of consciousness. Jesus was not a Christian.

--Jesus was a Jew who observed the traditions of his religion.

--All of the prophets & great teachers of the world were focused on their own relationship with Source and encouraging others to connect with the Father/Mother in heaven. They were NOT about trying to create a religion. It was their followers that created the religion.

--For these teachers, it was about devotion to God, NOT "worship me, worship me". Their message was usually more about "Follow my example."

--However, following a teacher's example is ultimately more difficult for the masses than worshipping that teacher.

--Jesus is the Guru for Christians. The devotion we show him is the same that people in the East show to their Gurus.

--The concept of a "Guru" is that through the path of devotion and love to your Guru, you connect with God. It is a valid system of spiritual development that has worked for thousands of years in the East.

--This is the same system that we practice in the West with Jesus. Most Christians, regardless of their denomination, believe that by attuning with Jesus and his love, they will become enlightened or "sanctified". This is about the connection to Jesus as a Guru. In the East they have many Gurus, both living and dead. In the West, we have one main Guru (Jesus) who happens to be dead (at least, physically).

--The path of Guru "worship" is a valid spiritual path. However, that path will only take you so far. You eventually have to look within yourself to activate that Christ spirit.

--John 14:14 "Greater things than these you shall do". Jesus said, "Whoever has faith in me will do GREATER things."

--Jesus healed, drove out demons, performed miracles, and forgave in a time of hostile foreign occupation.

--Spiritual Teachers are here to be examples, not to be worshipped as idols or placed before God.

--You can access that Christ within...within YOURSELF.

-- The concept of "Christ" or "Christos" actually comes from the ancient Greek pagan mystery schools.

--"Christos" was the highest degree of initiation in the ancient Greek mystery schools. It means, the "Anointed One".

--We all have that inner Christos spirit [which can be awakened through spiritual development].

--X-mas=Christ Mass. "X" is an abbreviation for the spelling of "Christos" as it is written in the Greek. The first letter of this word (written in the Greek alphabet) is the character "X". Therefore, "X" came to be known as an abbreviation for "Christ". This is how intertwined the Greek Mystery Schools are with our current form of Christianity.

--The ancient Greek Mystery schools were about an individual encountering God directly. The individual would go through different trials, rituals, and initiations, thereby raising their consciousness gradually and gently to a higher level.

--This is exactly what those of us who are active on our spiritual paths in modern times are also doing. We too can be initiates of the inner Christos spirit.

--The Gnostics also believed in the in-dwelling spirit of Christ.

--Bible indicates that Jesus became Christ at the moment of his baptism by John-the-Baptist. At the moment of baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. (Refer to Matthew 3:16)

--The baptismal waters symbolize cleansing, purity, as well **as the Goddess & the Divine Feminine.**

--The Greeks introduced the system of Patriarchy ("rule of the fathers"), which removed the Mother-Goddess out of the religious picture and eventually stripped women of their political & landowning rights.

--Women were the original landowners. A man who came to a woman to work her land for her was called a "husband".

--In religion, we went from the rule of the Goddess to the rule of God. Now, it seems that we are swinging back around to the time of the Goddess again, and hopefully, perhaps, the time of *integration* of the Divine Male and Feminine energies.

--Jesus is a very strong symbol for integration of both male & female energies. Part of the inner Christ is to have a balance & integration of the yin-yang energies within oneself.

--Jesus received his true baptism by going down into the water and being receptive.

--Jesus had the power animal of the dove, a power animal of gentleness.

--Gentleness is part of the Christ energy. If you want to awaken that Christ within, then you have to access that Divine Feminine, that place of gentleness.

--Jesus went off to be alone and pray a lot. This helped to keep him in a state of receptivity to God's energy.

--Jesus was so open and receptive to God's power, that even without his conscious awareness, the power would come out of him (such as when someone touched his cloak).

--This is similar to when you find yourself "accidentally" saying something to someone that is a psychic message to them, or hitting a nerve that needs to be healed within that person.

--What is a Christ? Jesus healed the sick, he drove out demons, he righted "wrong", he stood up to inequity, and he was a revolutionary. He was abundant. He was tuned into the abundant consciousness.

--The miracle of the loaves and bread. Actually, 2 different miracles. I make mention here to 6 loaves, but the actual number was either 5 or 7, depending on which account you are looking at (Matthew 14:13-21; 15:32-39). (What can I say? I sometimes mess up the numbers when I am nervous...smile.)

--The miracle consciousness of the inner Christ. Part of the Christ consciousness is to always see possibility, to see what is not there (physically speaking). This is the way of the Master.

--All great spiritual teachers of both the West & the East share this in commonality: The miracle consciousness, AND seeing the inner Christ & Buddha when they interact with their students and other people.

--“When they interact with their students, they tend to see the higher aspects in that person. In other words, the Christ, the Buddha, or the Goddess. They see Divinity.”

--Part of being a Christ yourself is to look for the Christ aspect in others, and to attempt to concentrate in as much as possible only on this aspect of other people, so as to help awaken it in them.

--It is more difficult to see the Christ within others in some settings, and easier in other settings.

--Being at a place like Sunset Spiritualist Camp raises our vibration (or any other spiritually-charged “power spot”). It is so much easier to be that person you really are inside (your inner Christ) when you are at an energetic power spot such as Sunset Spiritualist Camp.

--Part of it is the energy of the land of Sunset Camp (or any other power spot). The energies of the land change us.

--Also, we change *each other* by coming together here at Sunset (or gathering in other power spots). It is so wonderful to be here today with all of my fellow Christs.

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Thank YOU, dear fellow initiate, for taking the time to read this. Know that I support you on your journey to awakening the spirit of Christ within you. May all the love of the Holy Mother and Father of the Universe be with you!