

The Life of Jesus Christ

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Who was Jesus and what sort of spirit inhabited that body? I would like to approach this subject from a broad viewpoint in order that you should understand the life of Jesus in perspective.

Each one of you is a thought, a spirit, which has been created by the Godhead and each one of you has started at the beginning of evolution from the point of view of your own ego or spirit. In other words, you have started with nothing and gradually your spirit has begun to expand. As this expansion has taken place you have gathered in knowledge and wisdom; you have begun to react, to understand certain things; you have embarked upon a cycle of evolution which entails many incarnations in a physical body.

Eventually you will reach a stage of evolution or understanding where it is no longer necessary for you to return to Earth life, to physical incarnation; and thereafter your spirit or your mental processes will carry on evolving on a plane of existence which is not of the frequency of matter, until you reach a stage of understanding where you are ready to rejoin the Godhead. This process of evolution is continuous, like the infinite universe itself which has no beginning and no end.

I want you now to expand your thoughts and picture this Godhead, a state of beingness that has become all-wise. Those spirits within it have reached a stage of evolution in which they have found complete harmony with all other thought, all other beings. Yet this Ultimate Thought is not static, for a spirit, once having reached this state of perfection, does not stagnate or remain still. On the contrary, the Godhead is continually expanding within itself as, indeed, is the universe: this infinite universe which has been created by an infinite Godhead; as it expands fresh thought is being created which evolves, eventually rejoins the Godhead and goes on evolving in complete harmony in this state of beingness.

Now there is a part of this Infinite Thought which is responsible for each of the solar systems in the universe. Each of these great spirits is a duality in itself, having a positive and negative aspect. The Thought which is looking after a particular solar system will not interfere when an imbalance occurs, for each planet is evolving and experiencing according to its own freewill and, in its wisdom, this Father/Mother God will stand back and watch with love and care. At certain periods in the evolution of some planets, however, additional guidance is needed, in which case this Ultimate Thought will choose to incarnate on the sphere *in* question and give the guidance which is necessary.

Let us now turn to the Earth planet where over many, many thousands of years ***homo sapiens*** has evolved. At various times during this evolution ***homo sapiens***, as a whole, has slipped into a state of stagnation, into a state where it has been fully set on a form of self-destruction. And when I use the term "self destruction" I am not talking about atom bombs or any such crude form of comparison; I am talking of the destruction of the soul. In other words, a community has within itself a form of group

evolution and as it undergoes this group evolution it must move outward, it must grow. Sometimes it evolves in such a way that it turns in on itself and ceases to expand, assuming a state of suspension; and it is when this danger looms that it becomes necessary for some form of strong external guidance to be given, If you look back over the history of this planet you will find that, at certain points, various forms of guidance have indeed been given and one of these times was the period, two thousand years ago, when Jesus was born in Palestine.

The spirit of Jesus was the positive half of the Christos or solar Christ spirit which looks after this solar system; it descended from the seventh plane or Ultimate to help this planet in its time of need. Such was the spirit within that frail physical body; for the man Jesus was not strong; in fact, he was very fragile.

When this Ultimate Thought, with all its supreme wisdom, beauty and evolution, realised that it was necessary to enter a physical body and to incarnate on the Earth planet, it knew that it had to choose a vehicle which would not only be suitable to give the teaching which had to be given but would also be in keeping with the overall evolution of the Earth at that particular time. It would be necessary for this great spirit to 'descend', to tune itself down as it were, to a frequency which was compatible with the vibration of physical life. It did not choose the body of a priest or a king; it chose an inconspicuous body, the body of a child that was born in the normal circumstances of that time.

Also, Jesus would not have wished to transgress those very laws which he, as a part of the Ultimate Thought, had created, by entering into incarnation under abnormal circumstances. He chose to be born of two human parents in the same way as any other spirit. (It is interesting to note that Matthew gave the lineage of Jesus on Joseph's side.) He would certainly not have chosen circumstances as conspicuous and highly suspect as a virgin birth.

As I mentioned earlier Jesus was born when the sun was in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin, which gave rise to many of the early Christian myths. Christianity became entwined with both paganism and occultism in its early days and many strange beliefs emanated from this mixture.

Jeshua-ben-Josephus was the son of Joseph and Mary. Many people have asked me why Joseph is always depicted as being an older man, much older in fact than Mary, who is usually shown as a rather young woman. Joseph was forty seven years of age at the time of the conception of Christ and Mary was considerably younger. Joseph had been married previously and had children who were older; this has given rise to many questions about the Bible quotations concerning "Jesus's brothers and sisters". There was only one child born to Joseph and Mary and that was Jesus.

Both Joseph and Mary were students of the occult and members of the Essenic brotherhood. John the Baptist was also concerned with this order, as were several of the men who later became Jesus's apostles.

You will remember the story of the wise men — the three magi. I would point out to you that these wise men did come from afar but were not in actual fact present at the birth of the child Jesus. These three magi had studied occultism, astrology and

similar arts. They had seen in the heavens astrological signs which they knew pointed to the coming of a master; from other inner knowledge which they possessed they were able to pin down where this child was to be born and it was to this place that they wended their way. Put yourself in their place and consider how much caution was necessary. These men were students of the universe or occultists; they therefore knew of many things which were to happen and that their entry into the small town where Jesus was to be born had to be conducted very carefully; for if it had reached the ears of such a person as Herod he could have put a very great spoke in the wheel of the divine plan.

But, you will say, can one put a spoke in the wheel of a divine plan? I should like to answer this, as it is a question that is constantly cropping up; it comes to the minds of those who are helping to give my teaching to the world and it is bound to be asked in many other places. To the spirit of man God gave the gift of freewill and that freewill implies that such a spirit can do as it chooses. It can go forward in its evolution or it can go backward; it is entirely up to its freewill; that is why evolution does not follow a straight line. But whichever way a spirit chooses to go it will eventually reach a point of understanding where it will be able to ascend and return to the Ultimate.

To give you further understanding of this I will have to touch very briefly on karma, the cosmic law of cause and effect, in which the effect manifests as a predetermined plan. In other words, your life is a series of events which you are fulfilling. Those of you who strongly support such a belief may find what I am going to say difficult to accept; but my work is to give you an understanding of the universe and it is up to you as individuals as to whether you accept or reject it. Karma is not a fixed plan. The karma of a life represents what that spirit in that incarnate body *should* do in accordance with its own choice prior to incarnating. Karma does not take into account freewill once the spirit is incarnate; in fact, a spirit can enter into a physical body and go right through its life without fulfilling its karma in any way.

Thus, to come back to Jesus, you can see for yourself how the three magi, had they not been cautious and discreet, could have upset the divine plan at the moment of Jesus's birth. In man's continual rejection of God by his own freewill he has sought the power of materialism and selfishness.

To open oneself out to the wisdom of the universe is always a hard path it always has been and always will be. The physical body has its own temptations and everyone is subject to them in varying degrees. It is up to your freewill as to whether you allow yourself to follow them or try to uplift yourself. And just as it is up to each and every one of you now, so it was with that physical body which housed the spirit of the Ultimate; for that spirit, great as it was, was limited by the physical body into which it had incarnated. Had it changed these conditions it would have been going against the very cosmic laws which it created and the Godhead with all its great wisdom does not do such things.

I would like to stress how the spirit of God was limited by the physical body of the man Jesus. It may seem irrelevant to many of you, but I wish to give you a broader picture of Jesus Christ, one which is not included in the scriptures.

When Jesus was born the negative or feminine half of the Christ spirit should have taken a body in a different part of the world; but due to the forces of evil this plan was thwarted and Jesus was denied a living polarity. Here, indeed, was a spoke in the wheel of the divine plan. However, the feminine side, which was known as the Sophia to the early Christians, overshadowed him at the time of his baptism by John, after which he was able to proceed with his occult work and pursue the purpose of his incarnation.

In his early childhood Jesus had many unusual experiences as the spirit within him started to express itself. He was very psychic and able to sense things which others could not and because of these things he was laughed at. Think how easily this could happen today! Man has not changed very much, you know. That spirit strove to control that body, to help it through its youth; it was a frail body whose health was not always as it should be; all the time the spirit was trying to effect a complete harmony with its shell, for harmony is essential for the well-being of any physical body. Harmony is one of the most important things in the lives of all creatures but, unfortunately, on Earth today it has become practically non-existent. Everywhere in your world there is noise; even in fields you have mechanical tractors. Do you realise how jarring this is? Your evolution depends upon the balance between your spirit and its physical shell and such noise can jar that harmony and balance.

As the boy Jesus grew up, so gradually the spirit began to communicate through the body. This communication started by the boy merely realising that he had some form of duty to perform in the evolution of the planet. He felt a responsibility, a sense of urgency, and knew that there was some special task to be completed. So, at an early age, he left home.

Now what I want to explain to you is this: in visiting this planet the Godhead, if it were going to conform to the very laws which it had created, had to be prepared to abide by those laws; it had to be prepared to meet the contingencies of life on a physical plane. So, whilst that spirit at any one moment could have forced its wisdom upon the physical body, it chose alternatively the path whereby it only gently induced within the boy this longing, this urge for responsibility toward mankind. This is why it was necessary for other people such as teachers and advisers to be concerned and his own parents, in fact, played an important part in bringing to his conscious mind the part he had to play.

Joseph and Mary had especially incarnated for the purpose of bringing this child into the world and, being wise and evolved spirits, they knew that he had to travel in order to learn. In allowing Jesus to go they incurred the criticism of their friends and many people condemned them. "Fancy letting a weak child like that travel," they said. You can imagine it happening today. But Jesus went with the blessing of his mother and father, because they knew that it had to be.

All those of you who are honest seekers will well know that the path of seeking is a hard one, beset with pain and doubt. It was not a case of Jesus leaving his parents and going to a school of learning where everything was unfolded to him simply and he could accept it all without question. With every step that this boy took he had to know the reality of what he was doing. He had to be able to *understand* and when I use the word "understand" I use it with the full weight of its meaning in the widest

possible sense. Knowledge is insignificant without understanding and Jesus the boy had to learn to understand.

During the so-called “missing years” this boy, as he grew to manhood, travelled a tremendous distance on journeys that were necessary in order that he could believe in himself. The path he followed on one journey took him through Turkey and north-westward to the coast of France from where he took sail to the south-west shores of England.

Now you will readily appreciate that in those days it took many, many years to do this. It was rather like a form of treasure hunt because he had to find each key in turn. He visited many monastic orders and houses of learning and a great deal of his teaching came from the Essenic order which did indeed awaken much within him. But the Essenic order and its doctrine had considerable limitations and the teaching which this man had to give was to be anything but limited.

So he travelled to other fields of learning including Greece, Egypt and the land you know as India. He had to realise the many paths to the Ultimate and as he journeyed his own psyche was gradually brought closer to the body. In certain of the places he visited, power centres were energised, one of these being in the south-west of England. He did not journey there purely to energise a power centre but rather to find a key to one of the doors which he had to open. The people Jesus saw when he came to England might appear primitive from the point of view of your modern civilization but their priests had an occult tradition dating back many thousands of years which was taught by word of mouth. They had part of the story and from them he gradually learned to activate his own telepathic senses and to harness and use psychic power.

Each order with which Jesus came into contact became involved in that it tried to create a link that would protect him when he returned to Palestine to commence his teaching; unfortunately, to a certain extent, this linking failed, which is partly why his life had to end in the way it did. Whilst he did not wish to call on his own powers he could have accepted help sent to him from these various centres which he had set up.

Today certain orders are still searching for some of these centres, because they know that with the right key they can tap power which was concealed at these points and which was never used as intended. This is a very important factor to remember. What happened nearly two thousand years ago has a great bearing on the state in which your planet is today and on what is to happen in the future.

You will notice that I have not placed emphasis upon his Egyptian studies. There is a reason for this. Although the teachings of early Egypt are the closest in existence to those of Atlantis at its height, in later times the occultism of that country became polluted and the strains of the true priesthood were lost and swallowed up in the manoeuvrings of men greedy for power. When studying Egyptian occultism the student should be wary, for there are many traps. The earliest system was the purest and this was associated with the old Atlantean solar cults.

The body of Jesus did not have a brilliant technical or mathematical brain. He was no genius; he was not in those days even a particularly good speaker, for he suffered from a speech impediment which had been caused by an injury he had received during childhood when a missile thrown at him damaged his jaw.

However, that great spirit still continued to push through and manifest itself and, by attending these many halls of learning, Jesus was able to find that peace, harmony and balance which aided his spirit in the control of its body.

When he had reached the stage where he had a complete awareness of why he was here and of the task which he had to undertake he knew that he was ready to return whence he had set out, not simply to give a teaching but to take part in what was going to be a tremendous occult battle. This was not just the case of the “goodies” versus the “baddies”. It involved the uplifting of the evolution of the whole planet against tremendous odds, against forces which wanted to subjugate Earth and use it for their own purposes to add to their already borrowed power. This is one of the reasons why his ministry was so short and yet it is interesting to note the number of years it lasted. You may well consider that there must be something significant about this number and, indeed, you would be quite right, for the number three is tied up in the fulfilment of what he had to do.

During his ministry Jesus went about healing the sick, teaching tolerance and understanding and explaining the laws of the cosmos in parable form so that they could be understood by all. He did not perform any feats that were humanly impossible for he came to show man that all such “miracles” were within the bounds of cosmic law and possible for human beings to achieve. “Go ye and do likewise,” he said to his disciples.

One of the many interesting episodes related in the Bible is where Jesus is said to have gone into the wilderness. As you must realise this was a metaphorical story describing what you would term today an occult initiation; for in his own land — his own body — he had to face fully those evil spirits who were determined that his teaching should not succeed. They tried everything in their power to stop him.

Some of the greatest things which happened to the man Jesus did not take place in Palestine but on his journeys away when these lower forces made many attempts to stop the spirit of God manifesting. On one occasion, when he had come through the northern parts of a land you now know as Italy, he was set upon by bandits and robbers. By the sheer magnificence of his wisdom he was able to stop these men attacking him; and yet he used no belligerence or force! In fact, two of these men came back with him and were present throughout his ministry.

Most of you have read of the many incidents which occurred in Palestine and around the Sea of Galilee. Many of these happenings were of an occult nature and, in some ways it is lamentable that they have been used to illustrate the life of Jesus. A great teacher does not want to be followed simply because he can provide extra food and perform so-called miracles; what he really wants is for you to open your mind and allow your spirit to grasp wisdom and gain for itself spiritual understanding; such was the idea behind his teachings, but of course the men who reported them found it natural to pick out, and indeed exaggerate, some of the things that happened. His

teaching did not go at all smoothly. Most people rejected him and he was treated as a crank, just as he would be today. But slowly and surely, after facing the most terrible odds, he began to make his presence felt.

There were other things against him besides the people who would not listen to his words; there were those twelve apostles who gave him many headaches! I know that most people have the idea that he met each one of them in turn and so impressed them with his wisdom that they immediately trotted along behind him. Those twelve disciples were twelve human beings and they, too, faced the limitations of their bodies. There were many times when they found it very difficult to follow Jesus, they wanted proof just as many of you do today; things have not changed much. And yet, how very naive it is to imagine that such a spirit would come down to Earth and say: "Here is my pass, signed by God." When a teaching of God is given to the people it is left to the wisdom and understanding which that teaching shows to make its mark. Such is the way of God, who has given man freewill with which he may accept or reject wisdom.

The spirits that were incarnate in the bodies of the twelve apostles had all been in Earth bodies before. Whenever a manifestation of the Ultimate comes to this planet, it is always attended by devic representatives of the twelve planets in the solar system; hence the twelve apostles. These "archangels" had devoted a great deal of their spirit evolution to preparation for this tremendous task. They knew when they incarnated that they would have to stand by Jesus and assist him with selfless sacrifice; and yet the temptation upon one of them was too great so that in a moment of weakness he was forced to desert his Master and sell him for gain.

Many people feel a bitter resentment against Judas, but I feel very sorry for him; as the one who failed he needed help and guidance, a little extra tolerance and kind thought. While you are in a human body you will make mistakes as you have not achieved perfection. Judas did love Jesus and his spirit has greatly suffered since in repentance.

Jesus continued against all odds. He had several very difficult moments with Peter. Peter was a very lovable soul, but he was one of those people who worry over small things that are not important; Peter also worried about himself, for he was never quite sure as to whether he had done the right thing. It was a difficult decision for him to make but, as time showed, he did stay with Jesus. Then there was John, who was quite different. He was stronger in character, but a little headstrong. John had a good physical brain and wisdom, but he loved Jesus so much that he was inclined to accept him blindly in some ways and not really look into the consequences of his teaching. Then there was Matthew who had a great sense of humour and a keen sense of perspective which often helped to keep the others down to earth. Andrew tended to be too serious about it all and needed a lot of convincing, but he was a faithful member once he had accepted.

Lucifer himself did not incarnate, but chose to fight Christ from the world of spirit where he felt he had a greater advantage. One of the major things he achieved was to interfere with the birth of the negative polarity of the Christ spirit which should have incarnated in India at the same period. The planet Lucifer, or Moon as it is now

called, was the planet of the mind and it is through the minds of men that its fallen deva perpetrates its evils against the Godhead.

Let us return to Jesus for I still have much to say about him. I have spoken of the weaknesses which beset the group of people who followed him, for they were all human beings with human failings. Jesus, too, had the physical failings of his body with which to contend. For instance, the love of God could never teach a man to go in amongst money lenders with a whip and overturn their tables; but the mind of a man would consider it a logical protest. God teaches humility, understanding and no belligerence; but Jesus could make mistakes because he was in a physical body.

At one period Jesus suffered from a disease which today you would call tuberculosis, but by self-healing he was able to rid himself of this condition. It came upon him at a time of stress, when he needed to rest but had to travel on much against his better judgment; this caused his health to suffer badly.

When Jesus came to the end of his physical existence he did so knowing that he had not completed his teaching. He knew that there was one who would betray him and who would betray him yet again, but he did not condemn him because he knew that it was a human weakness inherent in many people, if not in one way then in another. Is there anybody who can honestly say that he has never been tempted to do or say something against his better judgment?

I have been asked on several occasions whether at any time Jesus was involved in any emotional relationship with another human being. My answer to this is "no". Let me put it to you this way: within him he knew that he had very little time in which to give forth his teaching and build something which was to last for a very long time. He knew that this influence he was bringing to the planet was not only going to continue after his incarnation but had to grow a hundredfold; so the emotional expression in his life was restricted to a tremendous compassion for humanity. He was a person of strong emotions and had great love and feeling for many people but, by the time he returned to Palestine to carry out his ministry, the communication between the spirit and the physical body had reached a high level and therefore his strength of purpose had become predominant in his personality; thus he never really had time to indulge in the kind of emotions to which the questioner referred; also his female affinity was not incarnate so he would have found it difficult to find a suitable partner.

Of the many occult tests or initiations which Jesus underwent the greatest was probably his suffering and death on the cross. You must understand that he had the choice between acquiescing in this act or trying to stop it. When you think about it deeply you will see that there are many arguments for and against without even considering the aspect of physical suffering. He knew that he could achieve a great deal by becoming a martyr, but this was not necessarily the type of publicity he desired. He also knew that in order to stop the crucifixion he would need to inflict such a heavy blow upon the evil forces around this planet that it would seriously affect its whole evolution. With the powers he possessed he could have released himself at will; but he chose to suffer as an ordinary man and refrain from using his occult knowledge to gain an advantage over others. Had he called these forces in order to save himself many people would have suffered severe retrogression in their evolution, for an occult attack damages not only the physical but also the etheric

body; it would have caused a tremendous catastrophe on many levels. So, regardless of what was the best thing for himself at the time, he had to stand down in order to save the world from the terrible results of such an interplay of occult forces. This he did and you all know the events that followed.

I ask you to remember that, although great play has been made of the people around Jesus and much said about characters like Judas and Pilate, these people were pawns in a much larger game and the battle which began then has been going on ever since. It is not just a case of converting people to Christianity; it is a case of people on this planet reaching a stage of understanding where they are prepared to tolerate one another whatever their beliefs, rise above the irritations which cause so much disharmony and subjugate that personal ego and pride which has contributed so much to troubles, wars and suffering.

It grieves me a great deal when I look and see fear and intolerance being introduced in the name of Christ. Such a teaching cannot ever stem from God the Ultimate. Remember, the Godhead is a passive force; in other words, it exists, it offers love, tolerance, understanding and any form of assistance required to bring forth these qualities. But in no way does it compel you or your fellow men to accept any of them; that lies within the grasp of your own freewill. Fear cannot be reconciled with a state of beingness which is all love, compassion, mercy and understanding.

And what of the resurrection? you will ask. I would like to make the following statement: the physical body of Christ never came into action again after he died upon the cross. Such a thing would be against cosmic law and, as I have already said, God does not break the laws which he himself has created. Friends took the body away and buried it in a cellar; it was never found and has long since decayed. Christ *did*, however, materialise to his apostles and disciples and the form of materialisation he used was the highest possible as no physical medium was employed. Although it appeared with such reality to those who saw it after the crucifixion it was nevertheless an etheric impression and *not* the risen physical body.

The most significant thing about the crucifixion was that it came at a time when Christ's teaching had only just begun; that is why he has to come again. I can assure you of one thing: when such a spirit comes again to Earth to give its teaching it will not manifest through the head of a government, a Church dignitary or a prince but through an ordinary person; nor would such a teaching-come from, say, a beggar, for that would be the other extreme. This spirit will come amongst ordinary people to give forth its teaching. Here I am going to make a statement on which I do not intend to elaborate and in which I shall ask you to bear with me, for I feel it will give you a clearer picture of Jesus. When the spirit of God came into the body you know as Jesus Christ it was not the first time it had come to Earth to give a teaching, it was the second. I say this to you because of certain events which will be taking place in the life time of most of you, when the meaning of such a statement will become more apparent. I may say no more.

I hope that I have succeeded in helping you to understand Jesus Christ. I have not gone into great detail regarding his life but I have tried to help you to understand him as a person, something which I feel is more important. I have tried to get you to feel for yourselves the conditions surrounding him, the limitations that such an all-wise

spirit suffered in incarnation and the occult battles that had to be fought; not fought in the belligerent sense, but defended spiritually. For when a teaching of God is given it cannot be spread through belligerence; it has to be given with tolerance, understanding and humility. At the same time that teaching has to be in accordance with the overall evolution of the world at the time when the teaching is given. It is not God's wish that there should be doctrines and dogmas, but that such a teaching should be carried forth with firmness of purpose. Everything is there for you to accept or reject. It is entirely up to your freewill, for God will not force you.

I am sure that if you can look into what I have said and meditate spiritually for a while, taking your thoughts away from your material surroundings, you will know and understand a little more about the spirit that was incarnate in the body of Jesus Christ.