

# Diamond Light

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## The Reappearing Christ—the Unifier of East and West

*The work of Christ, and His main mission two thousand years ago, was to demonstrate the divine possibilities and powers latent in every human being. The proclamation which He made to the effect that we were all sons of God and own one universal Father will, in the future, no longer be regarded as a beautiful, mystical and symbolic statement, but will be regarded as a scientific pronouncement. Our universal brotherhood and our essential immortality will be demonstrated and realised to be facts in nature.<sup>1</sup>*

In the esoteric wisdom, the continuity of revelation is an axiomatic concept. Through Their beneficent earth service, all Avatars, World Teachers and Saviours of humanity—past, present and future, enable humanity, with each successive age to take its next step forward along the Path of Evolution.

Eternally down the ages, and at every great human crisis, always in the hours of necessity, in the awakening of a prepared humanity to a new and wider vision, the Heart of God, impelled by the Law of Compassion, sends forth a Teacher, a world Saviour, an Illuminator, an Avatar, a transmitting Intermediary, a Christ.

Such a Teacher brings the message which will heal, indicating the next step to be taken by humanity, which will illumine a dark world problem, thus providing humanity an expression of some hitherto unrealized aspect of divinity.

This doctrine of Avatars with its corollary promise of the continuity of divine Revelation is found in all the basic world religions, in every culture and throughout the ages. It appears in the doctrine of the Avatars of the Hindu faith, in the teaching of the return of Maitreya Buddha or the Kalki Avatar, in the belief in the Western world in the return of Christ and His Advent or second Coming as well as in the prophesied return of the divine Prophet of the Moslem world.

It is upon the fact of this continuity, this sequence of Messengers and Avatars, and upon humanity's need at this time, that the worldwide expectancy of the reappearance of the Christ is based.

Related to this Doctrine of Avatars, in the East there is an ancient legend which conveys the unique and exceptional relationship between the Buddha who predates His Great Brother by 600 years and the Christ. It concerns a service which, the legend says, the Buddha will render the Christ:

“In symbolic form, the legend runs that when the Buddha reached enlightenment, and experience on Earth could teach Him no more, He looked ahead to the time when His Brother, the Christ, would be active in the Great Service—as it is called. In order, therefore, to aid the

Christ, He left behind Him (for His use) what are mysteriously called ‘His vestures.’ He bequeathed and left in some safe place the sum total of His emotional-intuitive nature, called by some the astral body and the sum total of His knowledge and His thought, called His mind or mental body. These, the legend says, will be assumed by the Coming One and prove of service, supplementing Christ's Own emotional and mental equipment and providing Him with what He needs as the Teacher of the East as well as of the West.”<sup>2</sup>

Here it might be helpful to consider the fact that in the ancient archives, before Christianity came to be, the term, “Christ” was a title, attributed to the purified or Initiated One. Just as the title of Buddha was given to Siddhartha Gautama as a title of attainment indicating his ability to access buddhic consciousness, so the title of Christ indicates the attainment of the 7<sup>th</sup> degree of initiation, which makes possible a love so inclusive that it encompasses the souls of all life on the planet, which is why this Office is translated as World Teacher and why the Christ is referred to in the esoteric wisdom as the Teacher of Love and Unity, the Unifier of East and West and the Master of the Masters.

As taught within the esoteric wisdom, it was in June 1945 that the Christ definitely and consciously took over His duties and responsibilities as the Teacher and Leader during the Aquarian solar cycle, being thus, the first of the great world Teachers to cover two zodiacal cycles—the Piscean and the Aquarian.

His major task in this Aquarian Age will be to help guide humanity into a civilisation and a state of consciousness in which right human relations and worldwide cooperation for the good of all will be the universal keynote; the unity of the human family will become an accepted fact, and the scientific basis for the brotherhood of humanity will be fully understood. ♦

<sup>1</sup> *Esoteric Psychology*, Vol. I, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1990 by Lucis Trust, p. 96.

<sup>2</sup> *The Reappearance of the Christ*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1976, by Lucis, pp. 100-101.

# Who Is the Christ and What Does His Reappearance Portend for Humanity?

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“Love came to the world through Christ, and He, through His work, transmuted emotion into Love. As ‘God is Love,’ the comprehension that Christ revealed the love of God makes clear the magnitude of the task He undertook—a task far beyond the powers of any teacher or messenger who had preceded Him. The Buddha, when He achieved illumination, ‘let in’ a flood of light upon life and upon our world problems, and this intelligent understanding of the causes of world distress He endeavoured to formulate into the Four Noble Truths.... Today, Christ and His disciples are occupied (as they have been for two thousand years) with the same task of bringing enlightenment and salvation to men; blows are being struck at the world illusion, and the minds of humanity are arriving, en masse, at an increasing clarity of thought.”

(From *Bethlehem to Calvary*, Alice A. Bailey, pp. 14-15)

The name Christ is that of the office<sup>1</sup> of the World Teacher known variously as the Christ, the Bodhisattva, the Lord Maitreya, and as the Imam Mahdi. As the World Teacher, He is the Master of all the Masters, and the Instructor of the Angels, “and to Him is committed the guidance of the spiritual destinies of men, and the development of the realisation within each human being that he is a child of God and a son of the Most High.”<sup>2</sup>

The Buddha and the Christ belong to a great group of beings known as transmitting Avatars who appear at “great cyclic moments of revelation when humanity needs the expression of a new truth or the expansion of an old one in order to progress still higher on the evolutionary ladder.” They acted as transmitters of certain cosmic principles — from the very Heart of God to the heart of man. The Buddha demonstrated in His Own life the fact of God Immanent as well as God Transcendent and stimulated the light in the world, in humanity and in all forms. The Christ transmitted to humanity, for the first time in human history, an aspect and a potency of the nature of God Himself, the Love principle of the Deity.<sup>3</sup>

But Christ’s greatest achievement has yet to be recognized, and that is “the revelation of the Way of the Higher Evolution.”<sup>4</sup> Christ, representing humanity, succeeded in anchoring the first thread of the Will of God on Earth from the highest Center, Shamballa, to humanity, thus the will-to-good of Shamballa can become the goodwill of the Kingdom of God and be transformed into right human relations by humanity.<sup>5</sup>

It is the teaching given by the Christ which saves humanity. Humanity must save itself by its self-initiated application of the teaching and living example given by the Christ.<sup>6</sup>

Christ will reappear with members of the Hierarchy and He will restore the ancient Mysteries which contain the entire clue to the evolutionary process; these ancient mysteries veil the secret of humanity’s origin and destiny, and picture to us, the long, long path which we must tread, back into the light.<sup>7</sup>

When Christ came before, He emphasized two major truths: the fact of the existence of the human soul and secondly, the system of service as a mode of establishing right human relations—to God and to one’s fellowmen. He also taught that all human beings are the Sons of God in the same sense that He was and that we can do even greater things than He did because we are divine as He was. He taught that service was the key to liberation and the life of every day is a divine sphere of spiritual livingness.<sup>8</sup>

When Christ came before, He taught us the true meaning of Renunciation or the Crucifixion; this time His message will be concerned with *the resurrection life*.<sup>9</sup>

“It is light and—above all else—‘life more abundantly’ which Christ will bring, and until He brings it we cannot realise the revelation which this will entail and the new possibilities which will open before us. But through Him, light and life are on their way, to be interpreted and applied in terms of goodwill and of right human relations” and worldwide cooperation for the good of all will be the universal keynote.<sup>10</sup> ♦

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<sup>1</sup> *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed 1985 © Lucis Trust, p 298.

<sup>2</sup> *Initiation, Human and Solar*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1979 by Lucis Trust, pp 43-44.

<sup>3</sup> *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Ibid. op. cit., pp 299-300.

<sup>4</sup> *The Rays and the Initiations*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1988, pp. 527-528.

<sup>5</sup> *The Reappearance of the Christ*, Alice A. Bailey, Copyright Renewed © 1976, by Lucis Trust, pp. 52-53.

<sup>6</sup> *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Ibid. op. cit., p. 635.

<sup>7</sup> *The Reappearance of the Christ*, Ibid. op. cit., p. 122.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., pp. 107-108.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., p. 23.

<sup>10</sup> *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, Ibid. op. cit., p. 610.

# Rebuilding the Shrine of Humanity's Living and Reconstructing the Form of Humanity's Life

The remainder of this century must be dedicated to rebuilding the shrine of man's living, to reconstructing the form of humanity's life, to reconstituting the new civilisation upon the foundations of the old, and to the reorganising of the structures of world thought, world politics, plus the redistribution of the world's resources in conformity to divine purpose. Then and only then will it be possible to carry the revelation [of the spiritual mysteries] further.<sup>1</sup>

Together, let us make good on our shared promise to humanity—a future of prosperity, peace and dignity for all. Unity is our path. Our future depends on it. (*Secretary-General António Guterres, referring to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—17 Goals to Transform Our World.*)

Envisioning a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, identified by the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination, distinguished by Good Governance, respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity and forging equal opportunity, which will permit the full realization of human potential and contribute to shared prosperity, in September 2015, the 193 Member States of the United Nations General Assembly agreed to commit to the 17 Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Further envisioning a world which invests in its children wherein every child grows up free from violence and exploitation, the 2030 Agenda is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including full respect for international law. Grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties as well as the Millennium Declaration adopted in the year 2000 and the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, this Agenda strives to create a world in which every country enjoys sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all—within a world that is just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive—a world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are noted, and met.

Sustainability is an all-important foundational attribute of this Agenda, which strives to create a world in which consumption and production patterns and use of all natural resources are sustainable and result in a harmonious relationship among humanity, nature, wildlife and all other living species.

Recognizing the scale and ambition of this universal Agenda, the designers of this blueprint for humanity and the planet were determined to take bold and transformative steps that are thought to be urgently needed. Forged over two years of intensive public consultations and engagement with civil society and other stakeholders around the world, paying particular attention to the voices of the poorest and most vulnerable, the Agenda's Goals are to be realized by 2030.

Acknowledging that current world conditions are critical and most challenging and that the survival of many societies as well as the biological support systems of the planet are at risk, the framers of this Agenda also recognize that we are living in a time of immense opportunity.

Three years into this Plan, with 12 years before the deadline, what progress has been made?

Having the benefit of *The Sustainable Development Goals Report, 2018* to help them evaluate their progress, the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, recently met at the United Nations (9-18 July) to answer this question. Including UN Member States, business leaders, mayors, the scientific community, foundations, UN agencies and civil society organizations, more than 2000 representatives participated.

Many confirmed the data in the Report: much progress has been made, yet mounting challenges also exist. Among the hurdles cited are climate change, conflicts, inequality, poverty, rapid urbanization, rising trade tensions and elevated debt levels.

Marie Chatardová, President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) confirmed that “new ways of making policies are taking root, with many examples of more inclusive and evidence-based approaches...but, generally, not at a sufficient speed to realize the SDGs by 2030.”

General Assembly President Miroslav Lajčák equally emphasized the progress made, and the need for urgent action, while also pointing out that “the world would be a very scary place” because without the 17 Goals of the 2030 Agenda, “unilateralism, protectionism and extremism would have even larger draws.”

Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed provided the prescriptive solution for future success: “The transformation promised will only be achieved by engaging all actors right across society”—a point underscored by Ms. Chatardová: “we need your tireless efforts and commitments if we are to reach our collective goals for a better world.” ♦

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<sup>1</sup> *The Destiny of the Nations*, by Alice A. Bailey, Copyright © Renewed 1977 by Lucis Trust, NY, p. 106. Although this book was first published in the middle of last century, it is today most relevant. It provides the spiritual context through which to better understand and appreciate the importance of today's efforts to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda—the UN's “Plan of Action for People Planet and Prosperity—17 Goals to Transform Our World,” which can be found as a 41-page [PDF](#) on-line.

## *Diamond Light*

Make hard thy Soul against the snares of self; deserve for it the name of Diamond-Soul. For as the diamond buried deep within the throbbing heart of earth can never mirror back the earthly lights, so are thy mind and Soul; plunged in Jnana-marga, these must mirror naught of Maya's realm illusive.

*The Voice of the Silence*, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky



The *Diamond Light Newsletter* is dedicated to the recognition and expression of the indwelling Soul, the Inner Christos at the heart of all life. As the above quotation from *The Voice of the Silence* indicates, "diamond" throughout the ages has been one of the terms by which the Soul is known. The Alchemists of past ages often interchanged the terms Philosophers' Stone, *lapis* and diamond. In the book, *The Light of the Soul* authored by Alice A. Bailey, two words are used to convey the idea of compact cohering force. One is the diamond, the other the thunderbolt. The diamond reflects the pure white light and yet reflects equally all the colors of the rainbow, the seven colors of the chromatic scale. In the esoteric wisdom the diamond is also considered the initiate within the mineral kingdom: "The best known example of the effect of the initiation of the mineral by fire can be seen in the great transition and transformation, allotropically brought about, from the carbon stage to that of the perfect diamond." (*Esoteric Psychology, Vol. I* by Alice A. Bailey, p. 224)

We therefore named our newsletter *Diamond Light* as a reminder of the indwelling Soul within each of us, which is ever Initiate. As we awaken to that pure white light and consciously seek its unfoldment and expression, so we note, link with and exponentially augment the resplendent light within our brother and sister. The Soul is ever group conscious. Its cohering, attractive quality irradiates and imbues all planes and states of planetary consciousness with the triple energy of light, love and the will-to-good. Yet the Soul does not impose itself. Like the diamond buried deep within the earth, the Soul must be sought with a singleness of purpose. The techniques by which it is "mined" and then honed and polished to a brilliant purity are known to the esotericists of the ages as a definite science. Much information on this science is included within the Ageless Wisdom Teachings referred to in this newsletter. Within these few pages, we can but spark an interest in the reader and encourage exploration—an exploration we think is not only necessary but also more rewarding than any upon which humanity has thus far embarked! As the well-known parable tells us, the stolen jewel of humanity's divinity lies deep within each individual. It is now time to bring it forth.◆

## **The Great Invocation**

From the point of Light within the Mind of God  
Let light stream forth into the minds of men.  
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God  
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men.  
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known  
Let purpose guide the little wills of men—  
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.

From the centre which we call the race of men  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth.  
OM OM OM

The Great Invocation is distinctive to our unfolding Aquarian Age. Its appeal is neither personal nor temporal and unlike past invocations, it is a world prayer, belonging to no one group, but to all of humanity.

According to the Ageless Wisdom, the Christ, "The Anointed One," is the office or title of The World Teacher – the Teacher alike of angels and of humanity. Many religions believe in a World Teacher, knowing this great Being under such names as the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Mahdi and the Bodhisattva.

The word "man" is a derivative of the Sanskrit term *Manas* which refers to the mental principle – the positive element that characterizes humanity, the fourth, masculine kingdom relative to the fifth, feminine and therefore receptive, spiritual kingdom of the Soul.

Will you join the millions who daily use this prayer to invoke the needed light and love on earth?

Should someone you know also be receiving *Diamond Light*? Send us names and addresses, as well as comments, suggestions, questions, favorite quotes and other contributions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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