

THE LESSON OF THE MANGER

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The subject this morning: "The Lesson of the Manger;" "The Lesson of the Manger."

This really means the lessons which we derive from the life of Christ; the life of Jesus, who manifested the Christ Consciousness, which began with the manger. Idealism is all right about the birth of Jesus. How Mary and her husband had to go to the manger, because there was no other place for them. That idealism is good, when life goes along like a song. But when things go dead wrong, we must have something practical, something of pragmatic value, other than idealism. And so, we can find that, that practical application of the life, and in the life of Jesus, the Christ, which began with the manger. That lesson, to be of value to us, must be very practical.

We also note that the Immaculate Conception has been discussed for ages, and probably will be discussed for a long time to come. It is debatable. But, the life of Christ, wherein he manifested the Great Love and Compassion for his brothers and sisters, and wherein he manifested the Power of God, when it was God's Will, that cannot be disputed. So from that, from the life of Christ, which began with the manger, from that, let us try to derive a lesson: a real practical lesson.

I said Jesus manifested the power of God when it was God's Will. That is right, because all true saints, as Jesus, only manifest the Power of God when it is His Will. Because, you will remember, he raised the dead. He did many miracles. But one time he said, "I could summon twelve legions of angels, but I will not." Why, because it was not his Father's Will. And so from the life of Christ, let us find a practical lesson that we can use in everyday life. Not just the ideal lesson.

Now when Jesus, of course, was born, the wise men came to visit him. Why – because Jesus was an incarnation of God, wherein he exemplified that Great Love and Compassion of the Heavenly Father. He exemplified that: Jesus, the Christ; Jesus who exemplified the Christ Consciousness. Now that Christ Consciousness is not a worldly consciousness. It is of the Consciousness of the Soul – of God.

And so the wise men, who were in tune, were one with that same Christ Consciousness which Jesus manifested, knew, knew of his coming. And that's why they came to offer unto him their respect, and brought him presents. Because they, also, being one with that same Christ Consciousness, they knew of God's Plan. They knew of the coming of Jesus, the Christ.

And then later, Jesus went to India and Tibet. Those of you who have read Nicolas Notovich's book about the unknown life of Jesus¹ know that he went there. Why -

¹ The Lost Years of Jesus: The Life of Saint Issa by Nicolas Notovich

because India is the repository of Spiritual Consciousness. So he went there. Naturally he was drawn there. Just like as I have said, America, God has created America as the repository of political freedom. He has made it that way, and so we have to preserve it.

Likewise, India is the repository of that Great Light of Christ – the Great Spiritual Consciousness. God made it that way. That's why it has lasted throughout the ages. And will last. And so, Jesus was drawn there. He went there. Then he came back. Then he came back, and gave to the world, to his brothers and sisters, that Great Love and Compassion of God - Jesus, the Christ; Jesus who manifested Christ Consciousness. Let us learn our lesson from the life of Christ.

Now from the above facts we can draw this lesson. In St. John, the 4th, 14th Chapter, the 12th, 13th, and 14th Verses we read as follows. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you that he that believeth on me, the work that I do, he shall do, and greater works than these shall he do."

And so you can see, Jesus himself – who manifested so completely Christ Consciousness, Love, and Compassion of God, God Consciousness in, out, and through all creation – he himself said, as I have done, you can do likewise, because we are all rays of the Great Infinite Presence of God. It'll be easier for you to do, he said, because as spiritual evolution comes along, things are easier to carry out. And so there is no excuse. There we have the promise of Jesus himself, who manifested so completely Christ Consciousness, that we can do it. So we are learning a wonderful lesson from the life of Christ, and from his words.

And in the 13th Verse we also read this, "And whosoever," and "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that I will do." Now "I" means the Christ Consciousness which I manifested. That's what Jesus meant: whatever you ask in that Holy Vibration – which is the Christ Consciousness – "I will do," because the Christ Consciousness is the Doer of all things. It has created you, and me, and all things. All things come from the Presence of God in all creation – the Christ Consciousness. Whatever, whatever you ask, if it is the Will of God, will be done.

And finally in the 14th Verse, if "ye shall ask..." anything, anything, "in my name, "I will do it." If you merge in the Holy Presence of Christ, which means "in my name," if you merge in the Holy Vibration, whatever is in your heart, even, God will give to you. The minute you leave the ego out of it; when you merge in His Presence and say, "Father, Here I am, Thy child." Whatever little thing – even that is in your heart – you will see, He will give it to you. That's what Jesus meant: "Ye shall ask..." anything in my Holy Vibration. Now you're not going to ask any foolishness. You're not going to ask for any personal thing when you're in that Vibration yourself. You feel the Joy of God. But you're gonna say, "Father, take care of me. Do what I need to have done." Such is the lesson we can learn from the life of Christ, which began with the manger.

So you can see the lesson is this. We have to know what the true Christ is. That's the point. What the true Christ is; Jesus, the Christ; Jadava, the Krishna. The true Christ is

quite different from the ordinary religious conception of Christ. The true Christ does not mean the body of Jesus, but the One, Universal, All-pervading, Omniscience of God, which manifested through the body of Jesus. That's the real Christ. That's the Christ without form of St. Theresa. That's the real Spirit of God in all creation. So the true Christ is what? We must know if we are to learn the lesson of the manger.

And one thing is this and should remember that this Christ Consciousness, the perfect Christ Consciousness, did not come with the advent of the birth of Jesus. No. It was before all things were created. It is All-pervading; Everlasting; Omniscience. It was there, and is there, all the time, but we have to make it our own. It was before all time. But it comes into time, so to speak, with the life of a saint as Jesus. So remember this Christ Consciousness which we are to be one with. The lesson, which we must learn, did not come just with Jesus. No. It always was, and we have many references to substantiate that.

In Hinduism we find, we read about Lord Krishna – Jadava the Krishna. King Jadava, who manifested Christ Consciousness, that's all. Jesus the Christ. Any one of you can be so-and-so, the Christ – a Christ. Because we are made in the Image of God, all prophets say so; Jesus said that very thing.

Now in the Bible we have many references to substantiate that Christ Consciousness did not come just with Jesus. He said, “I go to my Father.” When he said, “I do this,” “I do that,” “if you follow me,” he means, he meant, if you were one, or are one with the Christ Consciousness, then these things will happen. He didn't mean the Christ Consciousness came just with him. It manifested fully in him; his Love and Compassion, and the Power of God. But, it was there from Eternity – All-pervading, always there. “Before Abraham was, I am.” So that's the lesson we must learn. Right within us, we have that Consciousness of Christ, which was before Abraham even. “Before Abraham was, I am.”

In Proverbs, the 8th Chapter, the 22nd Verse, “The Lord possessed me in the beginning, before His works of old.” Before any creation was, the one Christ Consciousness, His Great Consciousness throughout all things, the Holy Vibration. That's the Christ Consciousness.

In the Old Testament we read of Jehovah – in the New Testament, of Christ. They are one and the same. That One, All-pervading Consciousness of God in all things. We also read the Angel of the Lord. “Angel” means Light. “Lord” means Christ Consciousness. The Light of Christ Consciousness – “Cloud-colored Christ come” – the Light of Christ Consciousness. Always was. It is that Light that led the children of Israel: “a cloud by day, a pillar of fire by night.”

In Ezekiel we read, also, it was the Christ Consciousness which Ezekiel saw in his vision on the bank of the Kebar River. Daniel spoke of it, “the Ancient of Days.” You see how wonderful it is when you realize these things. Daniel's “Ancient of Days” was that Great Light of Christ, which always was, always will be, pervading all things.

In Malachi, we also read, "And the Lord whom ye shall, whom ye see shall suddenly come to His temple." That Christ, which you see when you fulfill the law – do away with outward consciousness – suddenly, Light will come into His temple. God has made us. He has made this temple. Suddenly, His Light will come.

Daniel also says, speaking about the "Ancient of Days," "...whose garments were white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool." They all speak of the same Light of Christ. That's right within us. That's the lesson we must, must learn from the manger – to be one with, and merge in that.

Now Jesus promised this true Christ to his disciples. In St. John, 14th Chapter, 25th, [2]6th, and 27th Verses, this is what we read. "These things have I spoken unto you being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost..." The "Holy Ghost" is the Christ Consciousness within. Jesus gave that to his disciples, because they were loyal to him. A saint and master can give that to his disciples. And so, he gave them the Comforter, the Holy Ghost. Now we must learn that lesson from the manger. We must carry through and be one with that same Comforter, which Jesus gave to his disciples.

The Master has given us the way whereby we also can be one with that Comforter, with that Holy Ghost. Finally, it says, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor be you afraid." Be unafraid! Why not? The Power of God is with us. The Great Comforter, the Light of Christ, is with us. How can we be afraid?

And so, we come to the question: what are we going to do to carry out this lesson of the manger? How are we going to do this? In Revelation, the 3rd Chapter, the 8th Verse, we read this. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." There is a door wherein we can merge with the Christ Consciousness within, whereby we can make our own cloud-colored Christ within. "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Now this "door" is spoken of in many ways. As The Star of the East, you've heard about. "The Star of the East" simply means the Light of the cloud-colored Christ, which is concentrated in the Medulla Center, and can be seen at this point (Doctor points to the forehead between the eyebrows). That's The Star of the East. There wasn't any out-of-the-way astronomical phenomenon at that time of the birth of Jesus. No. The Star of the East was the Light of Intuition which the wise men saw at this point [between the eyebrows]. And so they followed that, and they knew where to find Jesus.

It is also spoken of as The Star of Intuition; the Light of Intuition. And that Light is not in imagination. It can be seen right in front of you, all the time, leading you on. It was that Light that led the children of Israel, as I said; "a cloud by day" – a great ring with a

dark center – “a pillar of fire at night.” This is real. The Light of Christ is real, if you make it your own. So this cloud-colored Christ Consciousness is perceived and realized through this door, which each and every one of us has.

Now in St. John, the 4th Chapter, the 35th Verse, we read. "Jesus said, ‘the harvest is ready now, the fields are white’." He was speaking of the white, cloud-colored Christ at this point [between the eyebrows]. It's there for us, if we will but merge in it. He said, "The fields are white." It is not necessary to wait four months. Merge in it. The harvest is there. What is the reward – Eternal Life. Eternal Life is the way, and the fruit, of merging in the cloud-colored Christ within. That's the lesson which we must learn from the manger. That's the practical lesson.

And when things go dead wrong, and that's something substantial to hang onto – not idealism, something real – this is real. If you're in trouble, and you look at the Christ center, you look at The Star of Intuition, and you see that Light there; in there is everything you need to guide you, and to take you back home to God. So this lesson is what we must learn; the lesson, the practical lesson of the manger.

And in Matthew, the 9th Chapter, the 37th Verse, Jesus said, pitifully, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." How much time do you give to being one with that Christ Consciousness daily? Give more! What is the result – Eternal Life; Eternal protection in God's Great Light. That's the lesson of the manger. That's the real lesson. That's the lesson we must wake up and make ourselves realize.

Now we have the power. We have the power to do it. Because it says in the Bible, “Ye are Gods, made in the image of God, made in the image of the most high.” But we're lackadaisical. That's the lesson we must learn from the manger from birth – the manger. To wake up! And make this cloud-colored Christ Consciousness our own.

When shall we do this? When shall we do this? When, through following the channel which God has sent us, the channel of the Master – he has given us the ways and the means. Just like Jesus gave his disciples the Comforter. So the Master has given us the ways, the methods, and the means. When we do that, and we perceive, and make our own the Christ Consciousness – then we have fully learned the lesson of the manger.

In Matthew, 24th Verse, the 24th Chapter, the 29th and 30th Verses, when will this come about? When we have “lifted the son of man...” and made him the “... son of God.” It simply means, when we have lifted our worldly consciousness to the body, and outward things, and merged in the Christ Consciousness, then we become “sons of God,” that's all. When we have lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, as Moses did. Then this son of man becomes the son of God. That's what it means, and that's when it will happen. And when it does happen, we have learned the lesson of the manger.

And so, in Matthew, the 24th Verse, 29th, 24th Chapter, 29th and 30th Verses; "Immediately after the tribulation of those days..." that is the merging in Christ Consciousness. – the realization of it will come after the delusion is gone. That's what “tribulation” means.

And no one can deny that there's tribulation in outward consciousness. We have it with us all the time. So, after that delusion is passed, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days, then shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the power of the heavens shall be shaken." In other words, when the Light of Christ comes, then the light of the sun, and the moon, and the stars are insignificant. You have a greater Light. You have the Light of God Himself within you. And when that comes; when you see, and begin to merge in the cloud-colored Christ within, then, it says, "Then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven." Then the consciousness of the son of man will perceive the cloud-colored Christ. Then he becomes the son of God.

"Then shall appear the sign..." The "sign" is the coming of the Light of Christ, "...the sign of the son of man in heaven and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with all glory and power." Now that's when you learn the lesson of the manger, when you merge in that Christ Consciousness. And that's why when you merge in the consciousness, which Jesus fully manifested, you have the Love. Not of worldly things, but of God in your heart. You have the compassion for others; the compassion of God in your heart. But greatest of all, you have the Power; the Power of the Master of the Universe with you, to do all things. When you feel that, and are one with that, merge in that. Then you have fully learned the lesson of the manger, as Christ gave to his disciples. That Comfort – the Light of Christ – not in imagination, in reality. So all of you who follow, sincerely, with devotion, the channel which God has sent you, through the beloved Master, will likewise receive that Comfort.