

Realize the Presence of Christ

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Realize the Presence of God as the Christ. Realize the Presence of Christ Consciousness, which is within you.

Many years ago, 1920 to be exact, I received the greatest Christmas present which I could have received. For on that particular evening, and far into Christmas Day, I met our beloved Master. And He showed me the underlying universality of religion, His Presence in all creation as the Christ Consciousness. That was the greatest gift that I could receive.

And I remember on that occasion he told me, “You will find your life has gone now – the old life,” which it is so. He made dynamic to my consciousness the Presence of God in all creation, right within myself. Why, because he had the Christ Consciousness. Somehow, with the Grace of God, I had the privilege to receive that great gift, many years ago. But he told me, he said, “Now if you will meditate regularly, practice the techniques I give you, that will be with you always.” So that’s the condition. If God is good enough, perhaps on some occasion to lift us into His Omnipresence as the Christ within, then we have to make it dynamic to our consciousness, whereby at will, at will, we can be one with His Presence.

I remember at that time, near the end of the interview – which went far into the morning – he said, “Doctor,” he said, “do you think, do you think America needs this?” I said, “They certainly do.” And it is a great joy to see this church, which Master established, fill, and to know that there are many, many, many Souls throughout the world who have been heartened to attempt, to attain that union, which with the One Father, as the Christ Consciousness, which is their birthright – your birthright, my birthright.

So, as we discuss this subject this morning, “Realize the Presence of Christ,” know, know, know that it can be attained. But you have to do your part. God comes down so far to this point [touches forehead], of the Christ Consciousness. He comes down, that part of Himself, which is not manifested as this creation. He is always there. “His mercy endureth forever” for you, to just reach up a little bit from ordinary mental consciousness as you meditate at this point, just a little bit, through His Presence, which is there, that you may receive the pull of the magnet of His Love, which will elevate you to His Presence in a dynamic way. And then perhaps, with a little practice, and by the Grace of God, you can at will, see the Light of Christ, every moment of your existence. It is worth, it is worth working for.

Let us make up our minds at this Christmastime to do our part. St. John said that, “I must decrease,” the ego must decrease; “He...” that’s the Spirit of God in you, “...must increase.” You must elevate the vibration of your mental consciousness just a little. In your meditations, you almost reach it, as you get up to the Spiritual Eye. But you have to

increase it just a little bit higher, and then, as you, for instance, take a violin, and bring it near the piano, as you strike a piano chord, and you hold the violin to your ear, and you'll hear it vibrating at the same vibration as the piano. So, if you will just get to this point, then God reaching down through His Love will cause you to vibrate just a little higher into His Omnipresence as the Christ Consciousness. That is what you must remember. It's that last little bit, that's so difficult, isn't it? And yet, if your love is sufficient, God will lift you over that last little bridge.

And so, on Christmas Day few people think of the real meaning of Christmas. You know the activities of Christmas; I will not go into it – that is the superficial activity. I know you all are saying, as I am, “Boy, will I be glad when this is over.” Which is true, but that's not the Real Spirit of Christmas. So when I get that way I try to feel the Real Spirit of Christmas.

Of course, the birth of Jesus, the baby, is wonderful. But more wonderful is that, than that, is that was born an instrument: that little child, which contained the pure, perfect, Christ Consciousness. That's the true meaning of Christmas. That's the true meaning of worship of Jesus the Christ – Jesus the Christ. One is the vehicle – the body is the vehicle. But the greatest thing is that which the vehicle manifested to the fullest extent as the Christ Consciousness.

Now just for a moment let us understand Christ Consciousness. There is a little bit of confusion, because perhaps, of so many orthodox ideas. But remember there is one substance, God the Father, God the Father beyond creation – Cosmic Consciousness. Then the Spirit of that Father moved, vibrated, and that vibration is the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost. An aspect of that is Light; from that Light all things have come, including this universe, and you, and me, and all God's creatures. Now in that Holy Vibration, the same God, the Father, the same Cosmic Consciousness, merges. That is why He is in you and I. That's why Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.” The same Cosmic Consciousness is in this creation, but it is then called the Christ Consciousness, or Christ Intelligence.

That's why we can get back to God, 'cause we are made in His Image. We have within ourselves just what the Infinite Father has – One Eternal Consciousness. There's only One Eternal Consciousness. That's God. And then we have that Consciousness moving as the Holy Vibration; the Comforter, of which Jesus spoke, the Holy Ghost. By Light all this creation is photographed and projected. But in that projection, thank the Lord, is the same God the Father's Consciousness, known then as the Christ Consciousness.

Keep it simple. You know things are simple. Truth is simple. But we're apt to complicate it. Let us keep it simple, because God said through Jesus, “The pure in heart...” the simple, the humble, “... shall know God.” Not those with tremendous intellects, who understand all of this space business, or think they do. Not those, but the pure and humble before God, because He is the Doer. He is in those. Even those who think they know a whole lot about space. Still God's Consciousness – in the Dream. Let us cling to the reality, which is God the Father in us as the Christ Consciousness.

Jadava the Krishna; King Jadava the Krishna; Jadava who had Christ Consciousness; Jesus the Christ, do you understand? Jesus, who had Christ Consciousness. The vehicles change, but not the underlying Christ Consciousness. Not the underlying Christ Consciousness. The vehicles change, but that Consciousness is Eternal. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was I am." That's the reality. That's what we must know. We must not be attached to the vehicle, because the vehicle is part of the Cosmic Dream.

From time immemorial Christ Consciousness was exhibited and manifested by saints of ages – the same Christ Consciousness. Think of it. When in your meditation you sit here, and perhaps, have a good meditation, as you say. The karmic impulses are not pulling you down, and you feel the Touch of God's Presence as Christ. Think of it, that's the same as Jesus felt. The same as Krishna, or Jadava, the same as all saints feel.

When I met the Master that first time, and He said, "Your life is finished," and I felt a great load lift from my shoulders! That is the same Christ Consciousness with Jesus. God does not change. It is His Dream that changes. God remains the same. And so, it's most wonderful to realize that we truly are not this passing show, not a part of this passing show. We're a part of the Eternal Presence of God the Father. In fact, He is in each one of us, and, if you break the Cosmic Dream, you will see One Consciousness, Unending. You cannot exhaust it. Fulfillment is complete there, and nobody is lost, because they are of the Dream, but their consciousness passes into His Great Omnipresence of Love. So it is worth working for, at this Christmastime, especially.

A few references for instance: Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am." He certainly wasn't the little body, because they did away with that. He was the Christ Consciousness within, is what he meant.

Another one from Proverbs, 8th Chapter, 22nd Verse: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning before His works of old..." before creation, and we cannot fathom it nowadays. Before that started, we were with the Lord. What was with the Lord? I mean, what was with God, or the Lord? Christ Consciousness. That's what we are. So those of you who feel young, you're not young at all, [age free] because God is in us. Those of you who are old, they call old, you're not old at all. God is in you, and that Consciousness always was, and always will be. These are not just mysterious things. They are true. They are real.

And finally, for instance, the Lord of the New Testament, or Jehovah of the Old Testament, means "Lord" of the New Testament, or Christ Consciousness. That's what Emerson wrote about years ago when he spoke about Brahma, which means the same. We didn't understand him, and he said, "Substitute for the words Brahma, Jehovah in the Bible," and there you have it.

One other thing comes to my mind, the "Angel of the Lord," is the Light of Christ Consciousness, which, if you just elevate your vibration a little higher, you will see all around. Angel means Light. So the Angel of the Lord, which means Christ

Consciousness, is the Light of Christ within us. These things have been given many names throughout the ages, but the truth is very simple, if you will just depend on God, and not outside influences and powers to find Him. Realize He is the One Eternal One.

And so, the universality of religion is the underlying Christ Consciousness within. No matter what your religion is, that's all right. Underneath that is the same universality. Everyone, no matter what religion you are following, sees the same Spiritual Eye at this point [touches the forehead between the eyebrows], irrespective of color, class, or creed. Isn't that proof enough that there's an underlying universality of religion?

No one has a corner on God, so to speak. He has seen to that, unless you've become attached to the outward form of religion. But if you go beyond that, and really feel the Presence of God in your own heart, and feel Him in the hearts of your neighbors, you will see that that is the underlying universality of religion. That's the Christ in you; not only the Light, but the Feeling in that Light; Feeling of God's Presence as His Great Love.

That's what the world needs, doesn't it? It doesn't need more bureaus, and all those things. It needs a little simple Feeling for the Presence of God. And He can correct, and will correct, all things. And so, this universality, as I have spoken of, can be experienced by everybody, all, through the place where God comes closest to us, as His Christ Consciousness at the Spiritual Eye. That's the door. That's the Celestial Door.

There's a door outside. Here is the door inside to the Eternal Kingdom of God. The Celestial Door can be entered by all, irrespective, as I have said, of color, cast, or creed. All can enter into that door if, if you really want to, by exercising your will to practice the techniques a man of God, a man of Christ, has left with us – our Master – and while doing that, feel in your heart the Love for God, that you want Him and Him alone. Then you will see Him, Himself in creation as the Christ Intelligence. "Christ must be born," our Master says, "in loving hearts." Christ cannot get into a hard, cold, mean heart. He cannot enter. But those who are humble and without guile, He can easily come, if you but make the effort. He cannot come clear down to us here, because then His High vibration of the Unity of His Presence becomes dual. Don't you see? So you can get up so high, and when you can still those waves of the duality of your mind, still the waves of your mind, then His Love will take you across that bridge; so hard to cross between outward consciousness, and the simplicity of God's Inner Consciousness.

And so, I have a few references at this time from our Master's writings, first from the Bible. Remember what Jesus said, "These things I do ye shall do and greater things." Why think you cannot do it? The Master has one or two words about that, which I will read to you. Certainly you can do it. Jesus, who was God Himself, that is the Christ Consciousness within Him, said so. Let us not be, have an inferiority complex. We are God's children. We have the power to do what He wants us to do. He doesn't want us to be attached to this Dream Consciousness. He wants us to go back to Him, where we belong. Not to be willy-nillying around in this earthly existence, hardly able to hold our head up. God wants us to realize we are His children, as such we have His Power.

From The Master Said, this reference first, our Master's book, "Do you believe in the divinity of Christ a visitor inquired?" The Master replied, "Yes, yes, I love to talk of Him, because He was a man of perfect self-realization."

Now our Master is speaking of Jesus the man, but He realizes He spoke from Christ Consciousness when He said, "... the things I do ye shall do even greater things." "However he was not" says the Master, "the only Son of God, nor did He claim to be so. Instead He clearly taught that those who do the Will of God become like himself, like himself; One with Him - One with God. Wasn't it the mission of Jesus on earth to remind all men that the Lord is their Heavenly Father, and to show them the way back to Him? Certainly! And if you meditate, you will find that so." You will find that he is right there, right beyond your mental powers and consciousness, if you'll but make the effort. And you will see, if you really try this Christmas, and especially on this long day of meditation, or this long meditation on Wednesday; I hope it won't be long for you. If you will try sincerely there, you will see perhaps, a manifestation of Christ Consciousness in the form. You surely will see it in the Christ without form.

At Mount Washington when I used to come out and meditate on those Christmas days, and after I was out here, the Living Eyes of Christ were there, through, I like to feel, the Master's Grace and the Presence of God, His Grace, the Glance of His Grace. Living Eyes of Christ – that's the Christ with form. But beyond that, and even greater, is the All-expansive Light of Christ, which is God's Light Itself. From that, all things come. Including the forms of even the Saints, and so-forth. Get that. Be one with that – Christ without form. St. Theresa said, "I didn't see my Lord, but He was there more than as if I had seen Him or heard His word." That's the Christ without form.

So going on a little more of Master's words, "A form of spiritual cowardice leads many worldly people to believe comfortably that only one man was the Son of God. But all men have been divinely created and must someday obey God's command." If Jesus was the Christ uniquely and had come about us we couldn't attain him. We'd feel stopped right there. But that isn't so, as our Master said. "All men have been divinely created and must some day obey Christ's commands." From Matthew: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

So there is no reason why we should not attain. We must realize as God's children we should not have an inferiority complex. He doesn't want us to. He just wants us not to forget Him. If we do not forget Him, He can draw us up to Himself. But, if we keep Him out by forgetting Him, how can He lift us up? It is impossible. Let us realize that.

And so, I have told you a moment ago, that we must make the Presence of Christ dynamic to our consciousness. How? By passing through the Celestial Door of which I have spoken. That door due to the Mercy of God is in each and every one of us, because we're made on the same pattern in the Image of God. And so, the door is spoken of throughout the scriptures in many places. That is what I want to give you at this time – a few references that you will feel secure, that you are warranted to go ahead and find God. Not waste our time in this earthly living without attaining Him.

In Revelations, what does it say? “Behold I have set before thee...Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.” Think of it. No man can keep you from finding God unless you do it yourself. That means that no man has the ability to go through that door until he elevates his consciousness through the Christ Center and receives the pull of God’s Love. So, this, this door is open, and no man can shut it.

This Christmas should be our greatest Christmas, we realize that. Now this door, spoken of, sometimes as the Star of the East, because this is the East of the body; the Star of the East, because of its location in the forehead, which is the East of the body. And also it called the Star of Intuition, because whenever you are meditating deeply, you are in the Power of Intuition. You are not in ordinary sense consciousness, or mental consciousness, or reason, nor inference. You are in the Soul’s Power of Intuition.

We also have an illustration of the three wise men. Three wise men following what – the star – the Star of the East. Same consciousness they followed, only because the pull was great at that time, Jesus being born, the intuition within them, the Light of Christ was stronger, and it seemed outside; and no doubt was outside, and they followed it. That is the real star of intuition – the Star of the East. That’s the star the wise men followed. That’s the same Light of Christ which led the children of Israel out of the wilderness into their paradise. Same Light – a cloud by day, a pillar of fire at night. Remember Christ Consciousness does not change. This truth was the same in the time when Moses led the children out, as it is right now. Right now, you can attain the same thing, if you will. Same Light of Christ leaves.

Just as a little diversion at this time, I read a funny little article, and it has to do with this very subject, which we are talking. I hope you’ll enjoy it.

This little boy was in Sunday school, and when he came home, his mother asked him, “Little Johnny, what did you learn in Sunday school?”

“Well,” he said, “our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge, and after they had crossed they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walky-talky to send the bombers to blow up the bridge and save the Israelites!”

“Bobby, Bobby,” said his mother. “Bobby, is that really the way your teacher told it?”

“Well, not exactly,” Bobby replied, “but if I told it her way you’d never believe it.”

So...you see how truth can be turned all around? You know I always have to protect myself by Sri Yukteswarji’s words, “Religion...” and especially Christ Consciousness, “is not a funeral procession.” Let us realize that.

Now going on a little bit; the white, cloud-colored Christ Consciousness and received through the door – remember the words; white, cloud-colored Consciousness – received through this door is the same of which Jesus spoke in these following references. It is the door referred to by Jesus, and I want you to listen to these things to show you that they are not fiction, not somebody’s imagination, but actual reality, and right within the grasp of each and every one of us.

In St. John, 4th Chapter, 35th Verse, words to the effect are found, that the harvest is ready now. The harvest is ready now. What is the harvest? The harvest of Christ Consciousness. “The harvest is ready now. The fields are white,” ready to harvest. The Light of Christ Consciousness is white. When you pass through the little door, the little star in the Spiritual Eye, there you’ll see the white fields of Christ Consciousness there’re all ready to harvest. You’ll remember that they were speaking that the fields were not ready. Jesus was speaking of this field of Christ Consciousness. And then it can be said, or whether it can be said, it is not necessary to wait for months for the harvest. It is right there ready for us now.

And finally, in Matthew, or next in Matthew the 9th Chapter, and the 37th Verse, “The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few.” Master used to shout that from this very platform. “The harvest is plenteous...” ready – how few are willing to do the effort to find the Christ within? But we have the power to do it. We have the power to do it; every one of us. For we read in the 82nd Psalm these wonderful words, “I have said ye are God’s, all of you, children of the most high.”

Every one of us can do it. Every one of us has the ability, because we are made in the Image of God. But we have to do it. We have to be ready to labor for it. We have the ability, every one of us, but we must first increase our cup of perception. We must make our vessel able to hold the Christ Consciousness. We must speed up the vibrations of the lethargic mind that it change into the intuition of the soul, which will take us to Christ Consciousness within.

And at this time, from our Master’s writings, another reference, which I hope you will like, “As a small cup cannot be a receptacle for the vast waters of an ocean, so the limited human mind...” – the limited human mind. Let us speed up the rate of vibration of our mind that we can hold Christ Consciousness. “The limited human mind cannot contain the universal Christ Consciousness, but when by meditation one continues to enlarge his mind – to expand his consciousness, he becomes finally united with Omnipresence. He becomes united with the Divine Intelligence that permeates the atoms of creation.”

Remember the illustration of the violin, when you take it near the high vibration of Christ within you, it will come to that vibration. So when you take your consciousness to the mind and then still the waves of the mind, Christ Consciousness is just the next step. And when you’re still, you can feel the pull of God’s Love pulling you up into His Bosom of Omnipresence. These things are so real, if we will but do them. Our Master has set the way. Let us realize and follow what He set before us. These wonderful

techniques which will help you penetrate the Spiritual Eye into the kingdom, of which Jesus spoke: “My kingdom is not of this world,” – not of worldly consciousness.

Finally, if we can realize the Presence of Christ within, that’s the greatest gift we can receive this Christmastime. God is waiting to give it to us. His Consciousness is the Christ within is longing to be able to have the law fulfilled, that we can receive it. It is a matter of law. So as I have pointed out these techniques that our Master has left us, let us do them. Especially on this day of meditation – do them. Put your whole heart and soul – never mind – I was going to say, “If it kills you. What of it?” If you get the Christ Consciousness, you’ll be more than satisfied, because you won’t be dead at all. You’ll begin to live! Nothing is lost. Nothing is lost.

Master said you must be able, to be willing, to cast this body into the Flame of God’s Presence. That’s the same thing as I said, only he said it a little more dramatically, according to as I understand how things should be said. These are facts. These are truths.

And so, the greatest gift that you can give, that you can receive, is the gift of your Father’s Love as the Christ Consciousness within. And when you get that, you can put it into the gifts you give to others. You can fill the gifts which you give to others with the Love which you feel, and that’s what will change people. It isn’t the gifts that change them. They come in handy, of course, but it is the Love that goes with it that we all want, isn’t it? Well, think of the Gift that God is giving you. Think of the Love that will go with that. Then you’ll have something real, tangible, something that you will not, ever give up. That’s the Greatest Gift we can have.

And so, when you give these gifts to others with your Love from the Heavenly Father in those gifts, it will help them. At this time of year when so many are looking up for God, they’re hungry for something. They do not want any more of the tribulations of this world. They want to be rid of those tribulations. They want to feel and know that God is with them. We have the Greatest Gift of His Love.

And so, in conclusion, from Matthew, from Matthew, I’d like to read just two verses which show you, clearly, what you must do, and what I must do. Here in Matthew, 24th Chapter, 29th, 30th and 31st Verses, “After the tribulation of those days Jesus said, shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven.” What does that mean? After the days of delusion, when you have elevated your consciousness to this point, and then you have passed through the little door, the little star in the door – the Celestial Door – then you enter into that kingdom, where, as Jesus said, “Be of good cheer I have overcome the world.”

You have overcome outward consciousness. Even the sun and the stars and the moon vanish, because they do not exist in the Christ Consciousness within.

“After the days of tribulation” means, after you have risen above this outward consciousness in which we find all tribulation. That’s the point we must all remember.

The tribulation is within us, while we're in outward consciousness. When we rise above the delusion by following our Master and His teaching, then we will be free from tribulation. The tribulation does not exist in this outward world, in all these things, the object of senses. There is no tribulation in them. The tribulation is in our consciousness; our mental consciousness. When you elevate it to the Presence of Christ within, there is no outward consciousness. No consciousness where tribulations can remain. That's the wonderful thing, which Jesus is speaking about here. "And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven, and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and great glory."

In other words, that sign, is as I have spoken a few minutes ago, is the "cloud-colored Christ;" cloud-colored Christ, because as you begin to look through the Eye, some of your consciousness remains with you, and it seems as clouds rolling in. That's the sign spoken of in Matthew. That's the sign of the second coming of Christ, so to speak. "And then shall appear the sign of the son of man, and they shall see sun coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and great glory."

There's nothing, there's nothing to equal the Glory of God in each one of us, if we can somehow get into it. There's nothing that will equal it, because that's God Himself. As we are in this worldly consciousness it seems strange, and far removed. When you rise above it, it is the simplest thing that can be, because there is only one source of power and glory, and that is God Himself.

And finally, the last verse to show you this is the way – this is the way. It says, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of the trumpet." In other words "His Angels" are the Beams of Light, which as you enter through into the Kingdom of Christ you will see all around. "And with the sound of the trumpet..." is the Cosmic Sound of Om. So, if you are hearing the Cosmic Sound of Om in your meditations, if you are seeing some Light, remember, the Kingdom of God is just beyond. Keep on, keep on.

These are the most wonderful things in our own Bible I'm reading from. Not from the Vedas even, although they are all in the Vedas. They are all in the sacred books. But in our own scripture we find eternal truths, which our Master had to come from India to give to us. Think of it. I went to Him the first night and I said, "What about the Spiritual Eye. No one seems to be able to tell me about it?" He said, "Can the blind lead the blind? They both fall into the ditch." Those are Jesus' words. I said, "Do you know about that?" He says, "I think so." I said, "Do you think I could see it?" "I think so." I said, "Show it to me!" He said, "All right, just be quiet a little while." And later he showed me those things. So it's most wonderful to realize that those things are right within us and we have the power within ourselves to attain it.

What kind of a God would it be who would leave us out, outside Himself in the cold, so to speak? No. He's the most wonderful Father, if we will just try a little bit to get into His Presence. This Christmastime is the time. It's easier now. It's easier. Do not miss the meditation of which Mr. Rosser spoke, and also the meditations in other churches. It may be the time when you will realize the Presence of Christ.

Finally, I'll close by reading our Master's words, which are so wonderful. I like to end by quoting his words. He has never failed me. He never told me an untruth. Everything he said has come true. And so from his Metaphysical Meditations: "Let the Omnipresent...Omniscient Christ Consciousness come to earth the second time and be born in you even as it manifested in the consciousness of Jesus."

And another one, "As I have spoken to you, I told you that if thine eye be single, thy body will be filled with the light of Christ." "Body will be filled," will be conscious, will be conscious of that Light of Christ throughout your whole being, and throughout the universe even.

And then, finally, and last; Lahiri Mahasaya initiated a devotee, and she saw the Spiritual Eye first. And then he said, "Penetrate the little star in the center of the Spiritual Eye." And what happened to her? "Masses of whirling light appeared. The radiance gradually formed itself into an opal blue Spiritual Eye, Eye ringed in gold, and centered with a white pentagonal star." That's the Gate to Heaven. That's the epitome of God, the Father's Consciousness. "Penetrate your consciousness..." says the great Lahiri Mahashaya, "...through the star, into the kingdom of the Infinite," of Christ Consciousness.