

# The Christ Presence Is with Us

## Always

### THE ORIGIN OF THE CHRIST

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**T**HE GOSPEL OF JOHN is my favorite book of the Bible. I'm especially drawn to its mystical first chapter: (John 1:1-4,10,14)

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father)...

I will approach the origin of the Christ from these verses which seem to say that Christ was active in the process of creation. This idea has long fascinated me. We'll also see what the Cayce readings and the authors who have written about creation based on the readings have to say.

#### Definitions of Christ-Consciousness

Let's start with a few definitions of the Christ from Cayce. The 5749-series of readings contains a lot of wonderful material about Christ Consciousness and

Jesus since some of them were requested by Tom Sugrue as he was writing *There Is a River*. Reading 5749-14 contains a classic definition:

Q. Should the Christ-Consciousness be described as the awareness within each soul, imprinted in pattern on the mind and waiting to be awakened by the will, of the soul's oneness with God?

A. Correct. That's the idea exactly!

Reading 5749-4 contains this beautiful definition: "The Christ Consciousness is a universal consciousness of the Father Spirit."

#### Christ as Part of Creation

The Cayce readings tell us that it is as important to know where we came from as where we're going and we can't start any further back than what Eula Allen wrote about in *Before the Beginning*—this small, classic book (now out of print) begins with spiritual creation long before there was physical creation. It tells us that God desired companionship and expression. I was privileged to hear Eula speak in the late 1970s and I've never forgotten the simplicity of her description of creation. She described God as a great portion of biscuit dough. Since at that time there was nothing but God and He desired companionship, God subdivided Himself and created the first "biscuit" which was Christ. God saw that this was good so together God and Christ created more biscuits—all the

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And as there is the analyzing of the Christ-Life, Christ-Consciousness, one realizes and finds that the Christ-Child was born into the earth as man; one born in due season, in due time, in man's spiritual evolution, that man might have a pattern of the personality and the individuality of God Himself. (5758-1)

... love, love in everything, then ye will find, as He has given, He the Master, Jesus, the Christ-Consciousness, will abide with thee. He has attained the Christ-Consciousness in giving of Himself. (3459-1)



souls, including us. Perhaps because of this, Genesis 1:26 uses the plural "...and God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

Eula cites these readings in support of Christ's involvement in creation:

...In the beginning was the word. The word was God. The word was with God. He moved! Hence, as He moved, souls—portions of Himself—came into being. (263-13)

...For did the Master Jesus come by chance? Or was it not according to the preparation made from the very foundations of the world? For as...indicated, "Without Him there was not anything made that was made." (3645-1)

Dr. Richard Drummond, late professor of comparative religion at Dubuque Theological Seminary, and author of *A Life of Jesus the Christ from Cosmic Origins to Second Coming*, refers to the following two biblical passages: Hebrews 1:2: "... His Son...through whom...He made the worlds..." and I Pet. 1:19-20: "Christ... who was foreordained before the foundation of the world..."

In what may be a unique Cayce book, *Edgar Cayce's Past Lives of Jesus*, Glenn Sanderfur speaks of "The first soul created, the one we now call our Elder Brother, was very special to God, and helped in the rest of creation."

In *Edgar Cayce's Story of the Bible*, Robert

Krajenke quotes the following readings:

Would that all would learn that He, the Christ-Consciousness, is the Giver, the Maker, the Creator of the world and all that be therein. (696-3)

In the beginning, celestial beings. We have first the Son, then the other sons or celestial beings, that are given their force and power. (262-52)

He, that Christ-Consciousness, is that first spoken of in the beginning when God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." And that is the light manifested in the Christ. First it became physically conscious in Adam. And as in Adam we all die, so in the last Adam—Jesus, becoming the Christ—we are all made alive. (2879-1)

Cayce told a housewife named Irene Harrison that she had been Ruth, Jesus' sister. In her fifth reading, Edgar spoke about the Christ's role in creation.

For He [Jesus] made Himself of no estate, though He came into a world created by His very breath...the maker, as the creator... He the only begotten, the firstborn, the first to know flesh, the first to purify it. (1158-5)

### The Christ Soul Leads the Way

Cayce tells us that the Master Soul has frequently incarnated on Earth during low points in our struggle to evolve. Dr. Drummond discusses some Cayce read-

ings which show the continued presence with, and guidance of, the Master Soul to all peoples.

Q. What part did Jesus play in any of His reincarnations in the development of the basic teachings of the following religions and philosophies? First, Buddhism:

A. This is just one.

Q. Mohammedanism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Brahmanism, [Platonism], Judaism.

A. As has been indicated, the entity—as an entity—influenced either directly or indirectly all those forms of philosophy or religious thought that taught God was One.

In the first, as one that associated with—in the meditation or spirit of—that one guiding same, and those things that have been added to are much in the same manner that was added to in Judaism. Whether in Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Confucianism, [Platonism], or what—these have been added to much from that as was given by Jesus in His walk in Galilee and Judea. In all of these, then, there is that same impelling spirit. (364-9)

Cayce's work also reveals some of the wondrous scope of Jesus' spiritual journey.

Q. ...Should Jesus be described as the soul who first went through the cycle of earthly lives to attain perfection, includ-

ing perfection in the planetary lives also?


A. He should be. This is as the man, see?

Q. Should this be described as a voluntary mission One Who was already perfected and returned to God, having accomplished His Oneness in other planes and systems?

A. Correct. (5749-14)

**IN CLOSING**, I want to share a special personal experience, where Jesus appeared to me, which demonstrates His availability to us all.

I was on an A.R.E. Tours Caribbean cruise hosted by Kevin Todeschi and Mary Roach. Kevin led the group in a problem-solving exercise in which we were to go within for guidance about a question we wanted answered. My question was whether I should write a book about Cayce's Universal Christ.

As we sat quietly with eyes closed, Kevin suggested that we would see ourselves in some setting. I saw myself on a beach. The previous day I had been on a beautiful beach in Honduras. However, my inner beach looked like Virginia Beach. Kevin then said that we would see someone who would in some way answer our question. To my amazement, Jesus appeared to me on my inner beach. I dropped to my right knee and flung myself on my face with the totally ridiculous thought, How am I going to breathe with my face in the sand? (This, of course, is not a problem on a cruise boat!) I didn't look up but somehow I could see up and I saw that Jesus was smiling. I knew He was thinking, "Silly girl." He showed me His heart which was a valentine-shaped heart. I knew that this meant two things: share My love; and, if you think that the Universal Christ is the heart of the Cayce readings—do it. 

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## Past Lives of Jesus

EDGAR CAYCE STATES that Jesus had 33 earthly incarnations but only gave 10 or 11 of them. I have listed those below. Glenn Sanderfur's book, *Edgar Cayce's Past Lives of Jesus*, explores Jesus' earthly journey. A Cayce reading summarizes it this way: For time never was when there was not a Christ... (262-103) As Glenn says, "It is a story almost lost to Christianity."

Gladys Davis Turner, Edgar's secretary, told Glenn while he was working on the book, that the subject of the past lives of Jesus in the readings was what interested Edgar the most.

**Amilius:** ...as the first begotten of the Father that came as Amilius in the Atlantean land and allowed himself to be led in ways of selfishness. Hence, as we see, all the various stages of developments that have come to man through the ages have been those periods when He walked and talked with man. (364-8)

**Adam:** first of the Sons of God in the Garden of Eden.

**Enoch and Hermes:** possibly the same soul. (The Cayce readings never state that Hermes was an incarnation of the Master soul.)

**Melchizedek:** priest and king of ancient Jerusalem.

**Joseph:** the son of Rachel and Jacob who was sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers and was elevated after interpreting the pharaoh's dream.

**Joshua:** a fierce warrior who assisted Moses on the Exodus and led the Israelites into the Promised Land.

**Asaph:** psalmist and musician under Kings David and Solomon.

**Jeshua:** organized the return of the Jews from the Babylon captivity and helped plan the reconstruction of the new temple in Jerusalem.

**Zend:** the father of Zoroaster and author of the *Zend Avesta*.