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Our great Lord and Master the Christ who came some two thousand years ago in Palestine to restore to us the Light of the Father and to open to us mortals the old and yet ever new PATH OF HOLINESS, and to my own Spiritual Teacher who influenced and guided us along the tortuous path of dogmatic theology, and by His knowledge was able to blend together the fragments of the Life of the Master of Masters into a coherent whole.

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"WHO WILL HELP US TO HOLD BACK THE FORCES OF DARKNESS"

INTRODUCTION

Since the age of 13 the Author has been unable to accept the present version of the Life of Christ; entering the various Churches and Spiritual organizations and imbibing what they have to give he still could not accept the Life. After putting into his life the practical teachings of the Masters, he was able to unify his human Soul with that of the Divine Soul - Illumination occurred - the power to comprehend the WHOLE was born and he was able to understand the Life as it really was and is today.

It was only after a long period of study and research into the little known manuscripts available to the student and availing himself of the Illuminating Power of his Soul were the outlines of the story put together. Many of the books and manuscripts are no longer extant to the reader, but with the inherent power of the Soul it was possible for these to be shown to him. The finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls gave us the clues to many of the most difficult aspects of the story. We have given the findings of reputable authorities and the writing of the early Fathers of the Church; to ignore these and the Scrolls would indicate emotional prejudice and ignorance on the part of our readers.

This little book is intended for those who have left the religion of Christ and have sought for the Truth in the older religions and the many spiritual organizations and we hope to show that by honest investigation into the underlying teachings of the Christ they will return and pledge themselves to work for Him and His people.

Before the Mysteries of God can be comprehended, we must have conquered our human conceit and be willing to accept any and every truth, once it has been demonstrated to us.

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## CHRIST or JESUS

"Alas, Alas! How little the divine seed, scattered broadcast by the hand of the meek Judaeen philosopher, thrived or brought forth fruit. He, who himself shunned hypocrisy, warned against public prayer, showing such contempt for any useless exhibition of the same, could he but cast his sorrowful glance on earth from the regions of external bliss, would see that this seed fell neither on sterile rock nor by the wayside. Nay, it took deep root in the prolific soil; one enriched even to plethora with lies and human gore!"

ISIS UNVEILED, Book II., page 303.

Since the famous or infamous Council of Nicaea the Church has held that Jesus Christ was both God and man in the same nature and we find many thousands of apologetics have attempted in vain to give the true explanation for their baseless claims. As G.R.S. Mead says in the VAHAN of 1899: "The difference between the Gnostic and popular Christian doctrine on this point is that whereas the initiated philosophers taught a universal creed and a possibility for all men, the popular exaggeration erected an exclusive dogma which asserted that Jesus was, and will be, the only Christ, and still further that he was very God of very God, thus confounding and confusing the verities of the GNOSIS, and making the whole universe and Godhead centre in Jesus alone." This is not so, as we will see by the writings of St. Paul and St. John both of these writers were not in the least interested in the personality of Jesus. St. Paul in his writings shows that he knows nothing of the history of Jesus Christ as a man in the flesh and we can say the same for John, in fact by critically analysing the GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN one will find that his Christ was the 'LAGOS' of Plato and Pythagoras and this we will endeavour to show in the following pages.

Let us first deal with the writings of St. Paul, remembering that his works were kept from the profane for at least four hundred years by the Church, and only when they had interpolated his writings so as to supply the necessary information to substantiate their Historic Christ, they were given to the public. L. Gordon Rylands, B.A., B.Sc., has amply shown this to be true, he says: "As many people are blind to the faults of those they love, so have many, apparently without question or misgiving, accepted from the Epistles a portrait of Paul which is very far from being that of an amiable character...but his greatness can be inferred from the impression he made upon his contemporaries and followers, and from that nature of the religious system which he probably taught...The doctrine of Paul was too abstract and too highly spiritualized to become the religion of a multitude of uncultured people". It will be seen that in spite of these alterations when we read Paul's Epistles we are struck with the apparent mis-jointed verses, the many contradictions and opposing statements which when read critically, could not refer to a human Christ but in reality they refer to the Spiritual Christ of the Gnosis.

Clements Alexandrinus asserts that Paul stated that he would bring to the Brethren at Rome the GNOSIS, the tradition of the Hidden Mysteries. Now if this be the case, Paul must have been an opponent of the Historic Christ, for to Paul the Christ was a Spiritual Being and not of the flesh, as he says in his Epistle to the GALATIANS, iii:1: "O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath evidently set forth, crucified among you?". In the same chapter, verse 3, he asks: "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye made perfect by the flesh?". Here we have one of the main teachings of the Mysteries in which they claim that man was a spiritual entity in the beginning and must be perfected in the spirit,

"even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". MATT. v:48. Since we are told that God is a Spirit and we are created in His image, then we must also be spiritual beings in the personality and will be perfected in the Spirit, as St. John says of Christ: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world", here Jesus is speaking of the fact that we were together in the spirit before the world began, and he further says in verses 21-23: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." Jesus is showing us that we must be perfect in Him as he is perfect in the Father. The above quotations are from ST. JOHN xvii:21-24. We are then in very truth - GOD, there is no question about the directness of this assertion in the above words of Jesus the Christ.

This doctrine is the teaching of the Gnostic Christ and therefore could not be that of a carnal man, the Christ in this is a Spiritual Being who is one with the Father, and since the Father is always within and never without, it shows that John also knew the Christ as an IDEAL and a spiritual entity and not as a man in time.

When one turns to St. John, it will be found that his writings are more mystical in nature, and that there is not one shred of real substantial evidence to suppose that he really knew the physical story of Jesus, although we are told that John gives various accounts for the different scenes in the life of Jesus. Yes, we will grant this fact, but, nevertheless maintain that the life given in this Gospel is not based upon a historical personage. For one thing, if you read this account you will notice that it has no time sequence whatsoever and thus we claim that John's Gospel is really a drama which was played out on a stage showing forth the teachings and experiences of the Initiate during the performance of the Christian Mysteries, the same method of instruction as is given in the Masonic Lodges. See J. H. Robertson's book THE HISTORICAL JESUS.

If we are to accept the view that the same hand wrote John's Gospel and that of Revelations, then whoever wrote these two manuscripts must have either been by a Hebrew Kabalist or a Gnostic of Hellenistic leanings, one who had passed through all the stages of the Mysteries. It can be seen that whoever wrote these books was acquainted with the Platonic Philosophy, this can be established by the fact, capable of historical proof, that this book was written at Alexandria and that Alexandria was the fountain and foundation of the Christian Gnosis and the meeting place for Grecian, Indian and Chaldean wisdom teachings. We base our assertions on the fact that the opening verses of John's Gospel are purely Platonic in nature and conception, as we will see:-

1. "In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The WORD was interpreted by Plato and Pythagoras as being the 'LOGOS', and for them, it refers to the manifested Deity with every nation and people; it is the outward expression or effect of the CAUSE, but for the majority it is ever the CONCEALED DEITY, that which is but the face of the SUPREME. The Word or Logos is the manifestation of the Deity in matter when He chooses to incarnate amongst mankind. Jesus was considered to be the Logos in matter and therefore could not have been an historic personage.

2. "The same was in the beginning with God."

This would seem to verify the statement of Jesus when he said that he was with the Father before the beginning (of this planet); here we see one of the main conceptions of all the so-called heathen religions which say that we are one with God and were with Him from the beginning.

3. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything that was made."

This is the same as the Occultist's belief in a Universal Principle which is the root of all manifestation and from which all proceeds, it is the ROOT OF ALL and within ALL shall be absorbed at the end of the Aeon Age or Dispensation. We also claim that every stone, every tree in nature is a god or the ONE GOD which is the mysterious power or spirit, the omnipresent omnipotent and even omniscient creative potentiality, but if we must deny these attributes to the Concealed Deity, for if we give IT these attributes we have limited IT and conditioned IT. If this be correct, then Jesus, as the man, could not be God. (vide H.P. Blavatsky). Jesus says that "God is a spirit"; that which is beyond our reasoning power and conception. Jesus in JOHN 1:18, is also made to say in this Gospel: "No man hath seen God at anytime; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him," and if we follow along this line of reasoning we will find that it is again shown that Jesus is not a historical personage.

4. "In him was life: and the life was the Light of men."

The Gospels continually tell us to look for the Kingdom of God within, and not without, if this be true then Jesus and Christ and the Father are but one Being manifesting upon all levels of Being as the same Consciousness. Here we see the conception and the operation of the Christian Trinity; God the Father, THE WILL OF THE LOGOS: God the Son manifests on the lower worlds as WISDOM, and as the embodiment of the Christ or NOUS of Plato, and God the Holy Ghost, the ACTIVITY of the Concealed Deity, and we find that in JOHN 1:33 there is the action of the Holy Spirit descending and manifesting through the Disciple, Jesus. We also see another of the main tenets of the Mysteries in this Chapter of John's Gospel where the very definite statement is made by John that his Christ was not born of woman, Chapter 1, verse 13, but is the incarnation of the Spirit of God.

In many cases John asserts that Jesus or Christ was in the bosom of the Father, in this John stands witness to our claim that Jesus was not a personality in the same sense in which we are accustomed to understand the word, in fact, it would seem that Jesus the MAN was but the mask to hide from the profane gaze the ineffable glory of the Second Aspect of the Deity whilst using the mortal vehicle of Jesus. We will note that John apparently knows nothing of the genealogy of Jesus.

James Morgan Pryse, in his THE RESTORED NEW TESTAMENT, endeavours to restore the original Synoptics in their pure form in its Gnostic sense and with regard to the GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN, dealing with Chapter 1, verses 14-16, he shows that the verses were taken from the writings of Plato and the Neo-Platonic philosophy:

"The Divine Thought inhered in the primordial Element,  
 "And proximate to the Unmanifested God was this Divine Thought;  
 "And verily the Divine Thought, was this secondary God:

- A.1. In the primordial Element, proximate to the Unmanifested, was this manifested God.
  2. Through him was emanated the vast Universe.
  3. And not one single thing was emanated save through Him.
  4. That which has been emanated in him was Life as pure quintessence,
  5. And the Life was the Light of the eternal man.
- B.1. The Light shines forth in the chaotic Darkness,
  2. And the Darkness can not grasp or hold it back.
  3. There appeared a Seer - Ioannes was his name - (or Jesus)
  4. Who was the Messenger of the Manifested God:
  5. For witness he came, to bear witness about the Light,
  6. That through Him all might walk the shining Path (of Holiness).
  7. He himself was not the Light of the Divine Thought,
  8. But He was sent to bear witness of the Light.
- C.1. That was the true Light which lights every man coming into the world
  2. He was in the world, and the world emanated through Him,
  3. And yet the world of mortals had no knowledge of Him:
  4. To abodes that are His own He came, but they who are His own received Him not.
  5. But as many as received Him he empowered to become sons of God,
  6. Sons who are not born, as mortals are, of human parents,
  7. Neither from woman's body nor from man's desire,
  8. But of the Manifested God's all-potent Will.
- D.1. This in the Seer the Divine Thought incarnates as the indwelling Self;
  2. And Seers behold his jailed form, Beauty and Truth embodied-
  3. The Effulgence of the Self-born, whose Father is himself.
  4. Of his effulgence every seer receives, beauty every imagining beauty.
  5. Forever invisible remains the Unmanifested God;
  6. For Son, self-born from the World-Mother's womb,
  7. Alone can make Him known to mortal man;
  8. And to this Manifested God Ioannes bears witness.

The above cosmogony given in this prologue to St. John's Gospel is identical to all the underlying teachings of all religions and philosophies, it can refer to the Christos within our Souls, we will now endeavour to unravel this conception and show to the reader the Wisdom Religion in all its sublime purity and beauty and to show that Jesus really represents the Soul within each of us and could not refer to the human personage. Whenever you come to a vague statement or to a statement which seems to stop in the midst, this is a clear warning to you that with a little thought upon it you will find yet another veil of meaning presenting itself, but you must be prepared to accept any and every statement once it has been demonstrated to you.

A. (1) The primordial Element was called BERASIT - principle, in opening verses of Genesis, not as the present translation 'In the beginning', whereas the authors of the TARGUM OF JERUSALEM, translated it as 'Wisdom' or as Tertullian has it, 'In Power'. This power is the Unmanifested God or the Highest Mystery of PISTIS SOPHIA, the God that no man has seen, save through the Son manifested within the human Soul. Here we also see that when the Unmanifested God permeates the ether or 'the waters of the deep', He becomes the Manifested God. The waters of the deep or 'root matter' is MAIAR - the virgin sea of gaseous matter, made into Mary of the Gospel of St. John.

(2) Here we have the ancient axiom of the Mysteries and this manifested aspect of God is His life that emanated all through the manifested universe from the highest angels to the minutest atom of matter.

(3) This verse is simply a reiteration of verse two, and in verse,

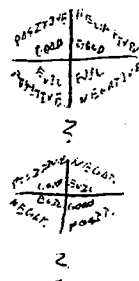
(4) it refers to the Divine Principle, which is the Root of God or ALL, and according to the teachings of the Wisdom Religion - the Gnosis.

(5) We have the whole key to the Wisdom Religion or the Gnosis, when we are taught that God by His boundless love for mankind sacrificed Himself dying in very truth that we may live, is the true meaning of the WORD of St. John, for Jesus is the personality of man, but the indwelling Consciousness is God, for did not Christ say to His disciples: "He who has seen Me, has seen the Father" and again: "I and the Father are ONE, even as you are ONE with Me."

B (1) The Light is the Power of the Wisdom of God permeating the whole of manifestation, as Jesus says of Mary or Sophia, when she wanted to descend into the lower regions to save man, but she, becoming overpowered by the Princes of this world, called forth to the First Mystery to save her. He sent Christos to save her and He overcame the Powers and freed her from the bondage of Darkness, the Soul becomes freed after the coming of the Christos or Ego, as it is given in the present form of Christianity, it is given to mean the Second Aspect of the Ever Blessed Trinity. The Second Aspect of the Godhead is dual in operation - the Power, the Christos and the Beauty, the Sophia. It is ever depicted as being dual in nature, as we have mentioned, Sophia or Mary representing the female aspect or magnetism of life and the Christos representing the male and positive forces in nature. In the Jewish Kabbalah, it says that from the primordial Self, there emanated two primeval forces, spirit and matter, life and form, positive and negative and perhaps good and evil. It was the result of the gross misrepresentation of these two principles or forces in nature, which caused the Fathers to call them God and Satan. The Unknown is ever the Unknown, until it sacrifices Itself in the manifested Universe, then It becomes God, but it is still the ever Unknown to us mortals.

(2) This verse refers to the dual nature or principles of the Manifested Deity, but only when He limits Himself within a given portion of space. These two forces are co-equal and can only become manifested during the grand cycle or a Day of the Lord, or Law as 4,320,000,000 in man years. These are the balances mentioned by Daniel when he translated the writing on the wall of the king's palace, MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSON - Tekel being the Balances - that the kingdom of God being divided into two aspects and the thing which is lacking, is that the fragments of God are still divided and until all the parts have been re-absorbed into Him God will not be whole again. This is also the meaning of the sheep and the goats of the New Testament. Osiris was divided into 14 parts, or the seven regions and their separate duality, life and form. Pistis Sophia mentions this division as 'the four and twentieth mystery without and below' the twelve decans of the zodiac and their dual principles - those which are in the second space of the First Mystery which is above all mysteries - the Father in the form of a dove. Bacchus or the Logos was torn to pieces by the Titans, the theme is ever the same, the separation of God and their final return to Him.

(3) Man has now been formed of the spirit and the earth, and Ioannes is representative of man in this stage of his evolution, and it was only when Christ entered into Jesus at His baptism that the Messenger had come to save mankind from its follies; in other words, when the Divine in man becomes united with



the mortal will man see God and know that he is in very truth GOD. Hence the meaning of the Illumination of the Soul within man.

(4) Here we see that the Messenger represents the Spark of the Logos or the Word of St. John, this is a very thin thread of light that comes down into the worlds of manifestation, linking the Silent Watcher - the Spirit within the bosom of the Father and the personality of the human spirit. It will now be clearly seen that it is this thin thread of light linking the human soul with the Spirit of God, called the PATH OF HOLINESS or "the strait and narrow way". This thin thread is the Ray of Light which is linked with the Christ and hence to the Father and when the neophyte seeks re-union with the Christ within, the process is by the lower consciousness trying to return by means of this gate. Verses (5) and (6) show that Christ is really the human Soul of Man coming down into the lower worlds of manifestation and is the embodiment of the Light and once we realize that it is only through Christ, here referred to as the "shining path" that we can attain the absolute AT-ONE-MENT with the Supreme God. Verses (7) and (8) refer to the fact that although Christ is not the Son of God, He is in a very mysterious way the witness of the indwelling God within us and only when we become one with Christ will we become one with the Father in Heaven. Verse (8) shows that He refers to the Ray of God and until we can illumine the human soul, the Light of the Divine cannot manifest, and as Christ has said: "If I be lifted up, I will lift all men up unto me", in other words, by re-union with Him we in turn become re-united with the Father. Isis finds the scattered portions of the God of Light - Osiris - and once this has been accomplished, Horus the Younger becomes in very truth the Son of God, but even then he must become the ELDER Horus, he Who is One with the god RA, the unknown God of St. Paul. This shows that Paul was a fully initiated Adept of the Mysteries or a 33rd Degree Mason and a Prince Chief Adept of the Rosy Cross as he would be known now.

C. (1) The True Light is the Light or Word (Christ) of the Father or a Spark of God in the human heart of man, refer to the "Fallen Angels" to see the real meaning of this Spark of God in the human heart, it is also sometimes referred to as the "Little Man in the Heart", hence we must love God in mind, the Divine Thought and in the heart, the Divine Wisdom, which when united in service manifest the Blessed Trinity of the WILL (Father) WISDOM (Son) and ACTIVITY (Holy Spirit) in the Illuminated Son of God. Verse (2), shows that we do not know of Christ within the human Soul and through the collective Hosts of Lucifer, the world was created. Lucifer here refers to the Hosts of Sparks of God who chose to take upon themselves 'coats of skin' and thus were cast into the Abyss of matter - the Bythos of the Gnostics.

(3) Here we see a very great truth, when Paul says that we are the temple of the Holy Ghost, the Divine Thought in the lower worlds but because we have for the moment closed the door between the Christ and our own human personality, we know Him not.

(4) This verse makes this downward journey very clear, Christ the Ray of God descends into the human heart to His own dwelling within the human temple of God and we know not, just because we seek Christ outside of ourselves instead of within our own Soul. However, once we lift the veil we behold Him - Ourselves as we are; the Dance of the Seven Veils of Salome is the story of the drawing aside of the veils which hide the glory of the Father through Christ within our Spiritual nature. Those who have become illuminated, that is when the spiritual Christ enters the human soul, know Him and He waits until the time is ready for the rest of His children to lift the veil also, they will find Him standing at the door seeking to come into His temple and until the veils are lifted the Pure

Light is shut out. Verse (5) shows that if we seek union with Him, we become demi-gods on earth and gods in the heaven.

(6) Here we see one of the fundamental doctrines of the Gnostics, we, as the Divine Soul are not born of human parents, it is the human spirit which is born of human parents, Verse (7) also affirms this claim that the Soul of man is not dependent upon the woman's body or the desire of man for its existence, hence the Doctrine of Rebirth shows that we are the Soul and that we become encased within the mortal body, born of the opposites. Verse (8) states that we are of the substance or Essence of the Manifested God; this is quite true in the sense that we in the Spirit are one with the Father. In the personality we have lost that sense of ONENESS but by travelling up the Ladder of Jacob or the Path of Holiness man attains reunion or DEIFICATO with God.

D. (1) The Divine Thought then incarnates within the human Soul of man and becomes the Imperishable Self or the Robe of Glory as mentioned in PISTIS SOPHIA: "...the heavens opened, and they saw Jesus descend, shining most exceedingly, and there was no measure for His light in which He was. For He shone more (radiantly) than at the hour which He ascended to the heavens (inner regions of the spirit), so that (mortal eyes) men in the world cannot describe the light which was upon Him; and it shot forth light-rays in great abundance, and there was not measure for its rays, and its light was not like together, but it was of diverse kinds and of diverse types, some (rays) being more excellent than others...and the one (kind) was more excellent than the other (here is seen that Jesus in His spiritual body became in very truth the embodiment of the Blessed Trinity)...The second, that in the midst, was more excellent than the first which was below (the Son of Light or REX LUCIS of the Gnostics), and the third, which was above them all, was more excellent than the two which were below (the Divine Will of God - The Father of Jesus)." For any individual who has had the privilege to attend an Initiation ceremony on the inner worlds for admittance into the ONE SUPREME and INVISIBLE LODGE and should the glorious Christ be the Initiator, the glory which surrounds Him is absolutely indescribable in terms of language. One can fully understand the feelings of the disciples in seeing the Master of the fifth Degree as Jesus was.

(2) The Seer or the Divine Soul sees that he is twofold, the embodiment of the Son and the Holy Ghost, the Wisdom and Thought, and verse (3), the Divine Will, the Father of ALL, the Spirit within man. Verse (4), shows that when a man attains Illumination of the Soul he receives a portion of the Light of the Father in its fullness, which is beyond our imagination. During the 3rd Degree of the Master Mason in Freemasonry, should the candidate be a seer, he will see that at a certain part of the ritual, he does receive a portion of the Light of the Father. When you take the Sacrament in the Catholic Rite, you also take some of the Light of the Father which for the moment does illumine your whole body. When the Bishop is consecrated, he becomes a centre of this Light and has the power to share it with his people. This is the true meaning of the Apostolic Succession within the Catholic Tradition.

(5) Here we see for the first time a direct mention of the First Mystery, the Unknown God of St. Paul, who is above and beyond all manifestation, yet is in very truth, the manifestation itself, the unlimited becomes limited within the RING PASS NOT of the Gnostics, which is the limits of the Universal Egg or Region. It is called in the Wisdom Religion the Divine Region of Manifestation. Verse (6), shows that the World-Mother is Sophia Achamoth, the Divine Spouse of God, the Manifested Father of Jesus and from the womb of time and space - Darkness, the Son of Necessity or the Soul is born. The Catholic Church is correct when she claims that Mary is the spouse of God, and at the same time the Mother of God but alas, she has only taken the shell and has left with the Gnostics the kernel of

the Truth, Verse (7), says that the Real Man is the Son within the bosom of the Father and it is only by coming down to and being encased in matter that he can become a living Soul. Verse (8), clearly shows that Jesus knew that His Father was the Manifested God and not the Unmanifested God of the Gnostics.

It will be seen by the reconstructed Gospel of St. John that the Gnostics could not believe in a physical Jesus, but that Jeshu ben Pandira was the representative of the illumined man, who blended the Divine and the Human into one. Only in this sense could the story of Jesus being God and man in the same nature become logical. We are here assuming that Jeshu ben Pandira and the Jesus of the Gospels are one and the same individual and that the story of Jesus was a mutilated version of that of the former. It could be possible to link the 'Teacher of Righteousness' of the Essenes, who died about 65 B. C., with Jeshu who died about 70 B. C. The inference is too startling to be completely ignored. These three personages were all overshadowed by the Christ. Who is the historical personage? Perhaps the further findings of the Dead Sea Scrolls will supply the true answer - but let us press on.

Finally, if we read the account of the events which led up to the taking of Jesus, his betrayal, his trial, his crucifixion and the events which occurred afterwards, we will see that these events could not have occurred, simply because they conflict with the LAWS OF THE JEWS, who were stiff necked and very jealous of their CODE OF LAWS, and if this story was a fact in history, so many were broken that we would read of an outcry by the High Priest and of the people.

We find that H.P. Blavatsky says that "Jesus enforced and illustrated his doctrine with signs and wonders; and if we lay aside the claims advanced on his behalf by his deificiers, he did what other kabalists did; and only they at that epoch, when for two centuries the sources of prophecy had been completely dried up, and from this stagnation of public 'miracles' has originated the skepticism of the unbelieving sect of Sadducees". To offset this materialism, there came One, a Messenger from the Communion of Saints to relate the fact of man's final redemption, one who would restore the GNOSIS. She goes on to say: "Heresies of those days, Theodoret in HAERETICARUM FABELARUM, Book II, page 7 (who having no idea of the hidden meaning of the word 'Christos', the anointed messenger), complained that they (the Gnostics) assert that this messenger or DELEGATUS changes his body from time to time, and goes into other bodies, and at each time is differently manifested. And these (overshadowed people) are incarnations and invocations of various demons and baptisms in the confession of their principles...and mathematical error(?)." See ISIS UNVEILED, Book II, page 194. The Gnostics used signs and wonders to show to the people the inherent Christos power.

Irenaeus says: "...that Cerenthus taught that the world was not created by the First God (the Concealed Deity), but by a virtue or power, an AEON so distant from the First Cause that he was even ignorant of Him who is above all things. This Aeon subjected Jesus, he begot him physically through Joseph from one who was not a virgin, but simply the wife of Joseph, and Jesus was born like all other men. Viewed from this physical aspect of his nature, Jesus was called 'the son of God'. It was only after his baptism, that the Christos, the anointed descended from the Princeliness of above, in the figure of a dove, and then announced the UNKNOWN father through Jesus". *ibid.*, page 37.

H. P. Blavatsky speaking of the descending into the body of the Divine says: "Others (divine sons of God, the Christs of all religions), such as Moses (Moyses), Pythagoras, Platonus, Apollonius, Confucius, Jesus and Iamblichus, and some of the Christian Saints, and a few others had united themselves with

their Spirits permanently - hence they become gods on earth...have taken rank in history as demi-gods and leaders of mankind. When unburdened of their terrestrial tabernacles, their free souls henceforth united forever with their spirits, rejoin the whole shining host, which is bound together in one spiritual solidarity of thought and deed, and called 'the anointed' (the Communion of Saints of the Bible and the Great White Brotherhood of the occultists). Hence the meaning of the Gnostics who, by saying that 'Christos' suffered spiritually for humanity, implied that his Divine Spirit suffered mostly!" The continual sacrifice of the Second Aspect of the Deity in matter so that we may live.

An Illuminated individual is one whose Divine Immortal Soul, Divine Spirit and human Soul have for the moment become ONE within the human tabernacle. It is the experience of those who by some unknown, strange and wonderful alchemy have attained that sense of God like a burning fire full of radiant light within this burning fire, like Moses, spoke to God direct in mystic communion.

J. Arthur Findlay in his book THE ROCK OF TRUTH, gives the names and dates of the world's Saviours, but the dates given are incorrect from the point of view of the Sacred Tradition in many instances, this is not to be wondered at, since he spends most of his time in the company of 'shadows'. "THULIS (Egypt), 1700 B.C.; THUMMUZ (Syria), 1160 B.C.; HESUS (Europe), 834 B.C.; INDRA (Thibet), 725 B.C.; BALI (Asia), 725 B. C.; IOA (Nepaul), 622 B. C.; ALCESTOS (Euripides) 600 B.C.; SAKIS (India), 600 B.C.; QUEXOLCOTE (Mexico), 587 B.C.; WITTOBA (Travencore), 552 B.C.; KRISHNA or JESEUS (India), 550 B.C.; PROMETHEUS (Greece), 547 B.C.; QUIRINUS (Rome), 506 B.C.; MITHRA (Persia), 400 B.C. The word 'crucified' must be taken in a wider sense than usual, as several 'were hanged on a tree' as St. Paul said happened to Jesus." This list is very imposing, to be sure, but the only living Saviours, that is, they who had physical bodies, were Krishna, Orpheus, Zoroaster and the Buddha, all the others, were simply mythological beings. Mr. Findlay of course does not know of this important fact, he is too busy debunking the Wisdom Religion in Christianity, in favour of his religion of the worship of the dead. We cannot tell the reader who the dead are but perhaps Mr. Findlay will tell us from ETHERIA(?), the heaven world of the Spiritualists, a place in which all the Initiates and Adepts considered it a punishment to be located and we also would not like to find our heaven world in the plane of illusion. The Gnostic knows very much better and can demonstrate that the world of ETHERIA of Mr. Findlay is simply the plane of matter one remove from the physical world.

The true meaning of the story of Jesus and the Christ is that Jesus represents the involution of the Divine Spark of God into matter, and having reached the lowest point of this downward arc, the Christ represents the upward arc of evolution of the Spirit. If this aspect of the story of Jesus and Christ is accepted by our readers they will behold the glorious conception of the Christ as being representative of their own spiritual state before they chose to make the journey into matter, and will see that it is only by the uniting of the lower (Jesus) with the higher (Christ) that they will become in very truth a "Son of God". For this perhaps, the statement of Clements Alexandrinus, that the Gnostic does not need the personal Christ to be saved, will become perfectly clear. It is only sentiment and prejudice which prevents the true meaning of the doctrines of the original Christians - the GNOSTICS, from being understood and accepted.

We will now quote from Irenaeus' AGAINST HERESIES, Book I, page 23, to show his knowledge of what the Gnostics taught regarding Jesus and the Christos. We must remember that this Christian Father was an opponent of Gnosticism and did much to establish and transform this spiritual IDEAL of the Christ into the story of a historical personage of whom history is so strangely silent. He says of the

Basilidean system: "When the uncreated, unnamed Father saw the corruption of mankind, he sent His first-born Nous, in the world, out of the power of those who fabricated the world (The Demiurgus or Jehovah, and his six sons, the planetary Genii). He appeared amongst men as a man, but Simon the Cyrenian suffered in His stead, as he had lent his bodily form in order that the Christ could manifest; for the Divine Power, the Nous of the Eternal Father, is not (corruptible and) corporeal, and cannot die. Whoso, therefore, MAINTAINS THAT CHRIST HAD DIED, is still the bondsman of ignorance; whoso denies the same, he is free, and hath understood the purpose of the Father". Here is the reason why the early Christians were called Gnostics, "The Docetae, or Illusionists," for they believed that Christ did not, and could not, suffer death actually - in the physical body.

"The Divine Mind is eternal, and it is pure Light, and poured out through the splendid and immense (pleroma). It is the Genetrix of the Aeons. But one of them went to matter (chaos) stirring up confused movements, and by a certain portion of heavenly light fashioned it, properly constituted for use and appearance, but the beginning of every evil. The Demiurge (of matter) claimed the divine honour." Dunlop says in GOD, THE SON OF MAN, that according to the Gnostics: "The Demiurge, the creator of the material world, is not the highest God. Therefore Christos ('the anointed'), the prince of the Aeons (Powers), was sent (exeditus), who taking on the person of the most devout Jew, IESU, was to conquer him; but having laid it (the body) aside, departed on high."

"How can any one imagine that Paul identified the Son with the Father, when he tells us that God made Jesus "a little lower than the angels" HEBREWS ii:9, and a little higher than Moses!" for this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses! HEBREWS iii:3. Of whatever, or how many forgeries, interlined later in the ACTS, the Fathers were guilty we know not; but that Paul never considered Christ more than a man 'full of the Spirit of God' is too evident: 'In the arche was the Logos, and the Logos was adnate to the Theos." Wisdom, the first emanation of En-Soph; the Protogones, the Hypostasis; the adam Kadmon of the Kabbalists; the Brahma of the Hindu; the Logos of Plato, and the 'Beginning' of St. John - is the Rasir - "(Wisdom), of the Book of Genesis. If rightly interpreted it overturns, as we have remarked the whole elaborate system of Christian Theology, for it proves that behind the Creative Deity, there is a higher God; a planner, an architect; and that the former was but His executive agent - a simple power.' (The Christ of John would simply be the embodiment of the Wisdom, the Second Aspect of the Blessed Trinity, so that in many ways Christ would be the AGENT for this Aspect in the material world)." ISIS UNVEILED, Book II.

Before we deal with the statement of St. Paul in regards to Jesus, we wish to make it quite clear to our readers that we do not deny the actual existence of Jesu or Jesus as a figure in time, we reject the claim made on His behalf that He came to found an entirely new religion. We make the claim with Origen and Augustine that the foundations of TRUE CHRISTIANITY are based upon the GNOSIS of the Wisdom Religion, and this is definitely preferable to the religion of the Post-Nicene Fathers which for the last 1700 years has shed the blood of the adherents of other religions in the Name of the Man of Sorrows whose commandments were that we love our enemies and that we love each other as He loved us.

Christ, as we have mentioned, previously, is an Official in the Inner Hierarchy which rules this world and Who takes incarnation from time to time to restate the GNOSIS. This being the case, the Christ could not be a mortal man as we would know one, but is a man who has attained the immortal state.

For this latter incarnation He used the mortal body of the Initiate Jeshu ben Pandira as a vehicle for three years in Palestine. The many authorities on the Dead Sea Scrolls maintain that 'Christ' is an 'Official'.

Paul being an Adept in the Mysteries, could never have accepted the Historic Christ for the KROMION CHRIST, the ever-becoming One; he knew well that Jeshu was the outer shell and thus would not be very interested in him as a Being; the Kronion Christ is called a 'Son of Time' a manifestation of the Ancient of Days in physical incarnation.

Another link with the Mysteries lies in the fact that the early Christians met in conclaves or lodges, and whenever they met they would give a variation of what is now known as the Masonic Grip and Password. This is further substantiated by Paul's own words, that he was "a wise master builder", a word used only by the Initiates of the Mysteries, the Gnostics, and the present-day Masons.

In recent years there have been various attacks made against the Masons in this country and in America, especially by the Roman Catholic Church which condemns the Gnostics and Masons because they stand as a witness for the Mysteries which deny the Church's claim that Christ came to found a new and unique religion, and because they have endeavoured to show that the truth has been veiled by the blind belief that Christ died to save the followers of the Churches only, from a place which they have been pleased to call 'HELL' which is based upon the 'HADES' of the Greeks and which is an entirely different matter! "This descent to Hades signified the inevitable fate of each Soul to be united with the terrestrial body. This union, a dark prospect for the Soul to find itself imprisoned within the dark tene-ment of a body, was considered by all the ancient philosophers and even by the modern Buddhists, as punishment." (See footnote, vide, ISIS UNVEILED, Book II, page 145). On the same page, it is stated; "in the Eleusinian and other Mysteries the participants were always divided into two classes, the neophyte and the perfect. The former were sometimes admitted to the preliminary initiation: the dramatic performance of Ceres, or the Soul, descending to Hades. But it was given only to the 'perfect' to enjoy and learn the Mysteries of the Divine Elysium, the celestial abode of the blessed; this Elysium being unquestionably the same as the 'Kingdom of Heaven'. To contradict or reject the above, would merely be to shut one's eyes to the truth. On page 506 in the same book, op. cit., we read: "So, when Jesus is made to say (MATTHEW xvi:18), "...and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it," in the original texts it stands: "...the gates of death"... (and) that, "Gehenna" is identical with the Homeric Tartarus..." In his Second Epistle, xi:2, the Apostle Peter, in the original text, is made to say of the shining angels that God 'cast down into Tartarus!... In King James' version: 'cast them down to hell."

Des Mousseaux has shown that the Devil and Hell: "while with Christians the myth of (Hell and the Devil) has become a historical entity, the fundamental stone on which (dogmatic) Christianity, with its dogma of redemption, is built." The early Church, at least the Pauline part of it, the Gnostics and their successors considered that the Diabolos or Devil and its Hell as a metaphysical abstraction, and allegory of necessary 'evil', the antagonistic principle in nature, but the Catholic Church adopted and adapted this abstraction, meanwhile putting the originators of the doctrine, to the bloody sword in the name of Christ.

Paracelsus worried by the fierce persecution and slander by the Church, charges them: "O ye of Paris, Padua, Montpellier, Salerno, Vienna and Leipsiz! Ye are not teachers of the Truth, but confessors of lies. Your philosophy is a lie. Would you know what MAGIC really is then seek it in St. John's Revelation... As you yourselves cannot prove your teachings from the Bible and the Revelations, then let your farces have an end. The Bible is the true Key and interpreter.

John, not less than Moses, Elias, Enoch, David, Solomon, Daniel, Jeremiah, and the rest of the prophets, was a magician, kabalist, and diviner. If now, all, or even any of those I have named, were yet living, I do not doubt that you would make an example of them in your miserable slaughter house, and would annihilate them thereon the spot, and if it were possible, the Creator of all things too!"

The Gnostics show that the real Christ is the Spiritual Christ within each and every one of us, as Paul aptly states in I TIMOTHY vi:15-16: "Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and Only Potentate, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the Light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.", and again in COLOSSIANS i:15, he speaks of the Christ in these terms: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature, and in verse 18 of the same chapter as the "first-born from the dead". In ROMANS viii:29, Paul states: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren"; here we have a very definite statement from the Mysteries. From our reading of this the person of Jesus could not have been the first-born from the dead, but if the Spiritual Christ here is meant, as we believe, this was the state of man before he fell into incarnation, in which case the Christ truly represents man after he has learnt the lessons of sentient life, and has taken with him the fruits of his labours back to the Father. That Paul would not know of a human or personal Christ, but of the Christ within, the hope of glory, is the only sense in which Paul's statement can be understood. This is also the cardinal doctrine of the Gnostics, Greeks, Egyptians, Chaldeans, Kabalists, Esoteric Masons, Theosophists and the Secret Rosicrucians, but we have to say that the exoteric Masons are trying to father upon the Craft the belief in a personal God and would, if they were successful, cause the Craft to accept a personal Christ.

We have shown that the Christ of Paul and of John could not have been a physical Christ in any sense, but that they referred to the Indwelling Christ who, in the lower worlds is and represents in a mysterious manner the Cosmic Christ or God the Son. One has only to read the New Testament in this light and he will find that the conception of the Christ contained therein in no wise differs from the LOGOS of JOHN, who based his conception upon the Platonic Philosophy.

From all accounts it would appear that the framework of the story of Jesus was originally enacted within the 'Mysteries of Jesus' and when the Catholic Section, represented by the "Pre-eminent apostles of Jerusalem", who could not understand what they had received, proceeded to erect upon the fragment of the Gnosis their Historic Christianity, they took various aspects of the traditions prevailing and tried to blend them together. This work was encouraged by such Fathers as Eusebius, Irenaeus and Epiphanius, now respected by the Church, but history knows them to be mis-handlers of the truth and experts in forgery and lying, as C. C. J. Bunsen shows in his EGYPT'S PLACE IN UNIVERSAL HISTORY: London 1848-67. They were in the main unsuccessful, but the supreme feat was performed in secret by the managers of the "Mysteries" in Rome, who converted the mystic drama of the Christ within, into the present-day story of the historical Christ. We even find that Irenaeus said that the Primitive Christians claimed that Paul alone of all the Christians teachers knew the truth; and to him the Mystery was manifested by revelation, that he spoke as a Gnostic (AGAINST HERESIES), and we find Marcion charging the other Apostles with hypocrisy and ignorance, and he further rejected from the Epistles of Paul the literalizations and spurious doctrines which had been surreptitiously interpolated by the founders. (See Marcion's ANTI-THESES).

We find many of the Gnostics such as Marcion, Basilides, Valentinus recognizing Paul as the only true revealer of the Gnostic Christ or the Kronion Christ ... For instance, Paul says in the EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS when he shows that the Christ is non-historical. That He is the Manifester of the mystical Christ, after the ORDER OF MELCHISEDECK: "Christ glorified not himself to be made High Priest; but He that said unto him; Thou art my son; today I have begotten thee" (v:5), here we have a clear statement that Jesus was considered as a vehicle of a further incarnation of the Christ, it further shows that Jesus had become a "Son of God" at the moment of his baptism or initiation by water. The Messenger of the Highest blends himself with that of the soul and the body, overshadowed by his Spirit, he helps humanity to return to the path of truth and light, it is obvious to the student, that the early Christian Church being imbued with Asiatic philosophy shared the same tenets - "otherwise it would have neither erected into an article of faith the second advent, nor cunningly invented the fable of the Anti-Christ as a precaution against possible future incarnations."

The fact that at the last hours of the Mysteries, the Initiate by the very fact of his Initiation, became a "Son of God", is verified at Jesus' baptism when the disciples repeated these words "Thou art the Son of God." When Maxime, the Ephesian, initiated the Emperor Julian into the Mithraic Mysteries, he pronounced as the usual formulae of the Rite, the following: "By this blood, I free thee from thy sins. The Word of the Highest has entered into thee, and His Spirit henceforth will rest upon the NEWLY BORN, the now-begotten of the Highest God... Thou art the son of Mithra," and by Paul's own statement in HEBREWS when he says: "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission," he shows that he was an adept or Hierophant of the Mysteries. The link between the Gnostics, Paul and the so-called heathen Mysteries is inescapable and they vindicate the claims of the Illuminati that the Mysteries of Jesus were and still are duly practised then as they are today within the Mystic Brotherhoods.

As Paul has said of Melchisedeck, who was "without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life", so the Christ of Paul, is the "ever-becoming one" and one who could not be a human personage. We believe that this is the true reason why Paul rejects any genealogy concerning the Christ as he advises Titus to give heed to "Jewish Fables" and also tells him to "shun foolish questioning and genealogies". He also counsels Timothy in the same manner.

Marcion, the Gnostic also eliminated the genealogies from the GOSPEL OF LUKE and the generation of the Lord, hence we find Tertullian accusing Marcion of deleting substance from Luke which was not there. The historical existence of the actual person of Tertullian is a debatable point, according to some scholars. Titian, the pupil of Justin Martyr, called the "Apostate from the Church", struck out the genealogies that were intended to prove the human descent of Jesus. The Apostles did not know that Christ was a Spiritual Being and not a historical personage when they tampered with the original manuscripts, as we will be showing in the CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES - THE PRE-NICENE CHURCH, in the case of St. Jerome with regards to the Hebrew BOOK OF MATTHEW written in Chaldean letters. We must bear in mind that the present translation of the Bible is the results of a number of successive translations of the originals "which are no longer extant."

Adolph Harnack, says of the Gnostics: "That when... they denied the miraculous birth, and saw in Jesus a chosen man on whom the Christ, that is, the Holy Spirit, descended at baptism, they were not creating any innovation but only following the earliest Palestinian tradition. "THE HISTORY OF DOGMA, Book I, page 246, and he further says: "It is beyond doubt that theologic literature had its origin among the Gnostics". *ibid* 1:230. As to the passage through which

the letters of Paul have come to us is amplified by L. Gordon Rylands in his book THE BEGINNINGS OF Gnostic CHRISTIANITY, on page 278: "The earliest information we possess concerning the collection of letters ascribed to Paul comes through the Gnostic Marcion; and the earliest known justification for the supposition that the Primitive Gospel was 'Gnostic' and that our Synoptic Gospels are much amplified and Catholicized versions of it." G.R.S. Mead in his work FRAGMENTS OF A FAITH FORGOTTEN, on page 123, he says: "The Pauline Letters date back to the middle of the first century...On reading these letters it is impossible to persuade ourselves that Paul was acquainted with the statements of the later historicized account of the four canonical Gospels; all his conceptions breathe a totally different atmosphere...He not only seems to be ignorant of the Doings and even of the Sayings in any form known to us...On the other hand, we find his letters replete with conceptions and technical terms which receive no explanation in the traditions of General Christianity, but are fundamental with the handers-on of the Gnosis."

Paul, the opponent of the human personage of Christ, revealed the Gnosis and thus incurred the wrath of the orthodox party, the Catholic or physical Christologists; and even now we might cry with Jesus in the Temple "Woe unto you lawyers! For you have taken away the Key of Knowledge (the Gnosis), ye entered not in yourselves, and they that are entering ye hindered", LUKE ix:52, when we remember that the Catholic Party spent a thousand years in trying to keep their legend alive. However, even if they used a thousand times a thousand years of effort, they cannot kill the GNOSIS, but it will rear its head again and again, as the Rev. C. T. Crutwell, says in his A LITERARY HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY, 1893: "But it is Gnosticism, the hydraheaded, the Protean, that looms highest on the horizon, and once again more darkens it by its huge but shapeless bulk. We are not alluding to the current supernaturalism of a magical or theurgic character, which in divers ways is nevertheless making way, both in Roman Catholic and Protestant countries. We speak here only of its intellectual aspect, which in the two-fold sense of a theosophy and as science is reappearing among mankind", for we will find even in this our age of materialism, that as the shackles of orthodox beliefs and dogmas are being struck from the Western mind, so this grand and ancient WISDOM or KNOWLEDGE is coming back into its own. The Church now bridled by the social and judicial laws cannot enter into a bloody campaign to destroy the Gnosis, as they did in the past, are now seeking to bring everything to bear in their futile attempts to stem the flood of the Wisdom Religion from reaching their disillusioned adherents.

In the foregoing we have endeavoured to show by the writings of St. Paul, the Apostle to Christianity, that the Christ of which he speaks could not be a human personage. We have also shown from his own works that he had carried his teaching from the Mysteries and that his knowledge of Christ had been obtained by means of the SACRED MANTRIC TRANCE or vision of the Secrs. Most Christians are under the impression that Jesus and Christ are one and the same, but this is not so, they are not aware that for some centuries arguments concerning the absolute identification of Jesus with Christ was rife and continually recurring, without any definite outcome. Since the details of these two figures are so mixed up with mythology, mysticism, astrological and cosmic knowledge and traditions and have been blended together to make up the Christian Religion, it is very difficult to see where Jesus and Christ stand in relationship to each other. Since the reader has persevered with us so far, perhaps with mixed feelings at seeing his beloved MAN-GOD being slowly eliminated by the statements of the actual leaders of the early Church, we ask his indulgence for this section in which we will attempt to clarify this point. We have dealt with the internal evidence of Paul, and of John, and have logically found that the Christ to these writers

was a spiritual Being. The reader may well ask why have not the other Gospels of the Bible been considered as well: the answer to this will also be given.

It may seem strange to those Christians and others who have recently become acquainted with the Wisdom Religion or the GNOSIS for the first time that we should speak of an Inner Hierarchy which governs this planet, but unless he understands what is meant by the "COMMUNION OF SAINTS" as they are called in the Bible, our reader will not understand our purpose. We are fully aware that those who still belong to any of the branches of the Christian Church will hotly deny our stand, but, we are not concerned with them, they are content with their sentimental picture of the Christ. Before we proceed we would like to point our to our reader the essential difference between the Christ of the Church and the Gnostic Christ, and we quote L. Gordon Rylands: "The fundamental difference between Judiac and Catholic doctrine on the one hand and Gnostic on the other is that according to the former redemption is achieved by the expiatory sacrifice of the redeemer, while in the latter men are held to be redeemed through the knowledge of God and of His plan for salvation (Gnosis) brought to them by a Christ who may or may not have been regarded as the Son of God, but whose principal features in any case were developed from the hypostatized Word of God (Logos) and Wisdom (Sophia) of the Wisdom literature. This Christ was of course put to death, but not as an expiation or a sacrifice. He was killed by the supernatural powers opposed to God, who foresaw that their influence over mankind was about to be terminated... (The Gnostics) taught that (redemption) it could be obtained by mystical union with the... Christ. They practised secret rites which, in imitation of the Greeks, they called their Mysteries, the death and resurrection of Christ was enacted and by some symbolic act the worshipper achieved 'union' with Christ, thus securing a share of the spirituality, such as is done in the Mystic Societies of today." A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE FOUR CHIEF PAULINE EPISTLES.

To continue our theme, this Assembly has been called by many names such as, "The Elect"; "The Church"; "The Body of Christ", etc., and each one of these Officials forming the Inner Hierarchy is a person who has finished his human evolution, has taken office in this Spiritual Hierarchy. However, firstly let us deal with the three Officials who are mostly concerned with this story of the Christ and His work. The knowledge of this Inner Government of the World has long been kept as the most priceless secrets of the Mysteries, but now it has been revealed to the world, it will no doubt give rise to mockery, to some doubt, and to others a new insight into life which will cause them to pledge themselves to work for God and His plan. The Author over the past 15 years has been able to verify his statements by personal experience.

There is a mighty Being who is known in the East as the MANU of the Race. He is the progenitor of each race and is responsible for the formation of the various races of mankind and for setting the particular type destined for each race, each of which is arranged to give the incarnating Ego the opportunity to learn the lessons necessary for their spiritual evolution, etc. The Manu is responsible for the ruler-ship of each race and when the type is set He takes incarnation, and from Him comes the new race; He is mentioned in the Bible as NOAH, who saves a portion of the race from the deluge and repeoples the dry land. To deal with this completely is quite beyond the scope and purpose of this particular book, but we will be discussing this aspect in some future volume.

Next to Him, on the same level, stands another mighty Being called the Bodhissattva or World Teacher. He is known to us as the Lord Christ or the Gnostic 'Legatus', and to the East as the Lord Mietroya Buddha. He watches over the spiritual destinies of mankind and He either comes Himself or sends one of

His pupils to found a new religion when He decides that one is needed. His benediction flows over the whole of the living religions of that time and may be regarded as a kind of steady pressure, the power employed flowing automatically through Him into every channel anywhere and of any sort which is open to its passage; He thus works simultaneously through every religion, utilizing all that is good in the way of devotion and self-sacrifice in each. We will see the true meaning of the words of the Christ: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." JOHN x:16. Can there be any other meaning to these words? In addition, He appoints one Master or another as the special guide and protector of each religion, although all religions come from the same source and all are different expressions of the Wisdom Religion. When He founded Christianity He entrusted this new religion to the care of Master Jeshu, who gave his body to the Christ in Palestine.

The third Official, on the same level, is called the MAHACHOHAN or, in our religion, He is known as the PARACLETE, the 'Finger of God's Hand'. It is He who directs the minds of men so that the different forms of culture and civilizations shall be unfolded to the cyclic plan. Each Ego or Soul takes incarnation in each one of the various races to build into himself the qualities peculiar to that race until he has become perfect as his Father. It is the Holy Ghost through the Paraclete who is called forth when a Bishop or Priest is to be consecrated to Christ in the Catholic Tradition of the Christian Church, this tradition embodies the Churches of the East and West, and it is He who gives to the candidate in Masonry the Light at a given point in their initiation ceremonies.

Standing behind or above these Three is One who is known as the LORD BUDDHA, He is the Teacher of Angels and Men. Before He can attain this high office, He must serve as a World Teacher and during this service must pledge Himself to a Living Buddha in some previous incarnation. When the Lord Buddha of the present millenia occupied the Office of the World Teacher, He appeared on earth on many occasions and in numerous identities. First He appeared on earth in India as VYASA, 'he who is the revealer of the mystery to the profane', He founded the religion of Hinduism, the religion of Dharma or Duty. His next appearance was that of THROTH or Hermes of Egypt where He originated the religion of Light in which is found the beginnings of the Mysteries, in which were taught 'numbers, geometry, chemistry, astronomy and letters'. His doctrine was that of the Inner Light (the same as that of the Illuminati, the Enlightened and Initiated Adepts), "The Light that lightest every man that cometh into the world", it was the religion of the SOUL within the personality and it was He who first taught the Egyptians the art of healing and other sciences which they practised. Later He came to Persia as the first ZOROASTRA and proclaimed the religion of Fire. ZARATHUSTRA began a divine hierarchy of many Zoroastras, which ended with the great mortal man, bearing that title, many ages before the historical era. In this respect He founded the Fire-temple of AZAREKSH, and taught that fire was the purest of all elements, the purifier of all things and thus it should be the symbol of the Holiest,

He lived in the forests of Greece as ORPHEUS about 7,000 B. C., teaching by song, by music of the voice and instrument. He carried a five stringed instrument which was probably the origin of Apollo's lyre and by using the pentatonic scale of sound He worked upon the emotional and mental vestures of His disciples, purifying and expounding them: by sound He drew the subtle vestures away from the physical and set them free in the higher regions. He taught that it was only through innumerable re-incarnations and purifications that the Soul of man could become re-united with the Divine Soul (This is the essence of the teachings

of the Brotherhood of the Illuminati). He founded the ORPHITE MYSTERIES, which were of the severest morality and of the highest possible spiritual integrity, and from them the later Mysteries of Greece and by His method of using music He created living pictures to instruct His pupils into the Wisdom Religion. Christianity has taken much of its ceremonies and emotional use of music from this religion of the Mysteries, during the reign of the Roman Pope Callistus the First, they borrowed the pomp and vestments from the old heathen Mystery Religions and for this act, he was scorned as a heretic by Tertullian, Hippolytus and other prominent Christian Leaders of the time. Infallability to be sure!

His last and final visit to this earth as the World Teacher was in about 500 B.C., as the Guatama, Prince Siddhartha, who founded the religion of Buddhism. Unfortunately His esoteric teachings, that of Boddhi, are not known to the present-day adherents. When He had finished His earth life on this occasion, He had completed a long and glorious cycle of visits and attained the status of Lord Buddha. He has broken "through the bondage of sense and personality; to acquire complete perception of the REAL SELF and learn not to separate it from all other selves; to learn by experience the utter unreality of all phenomena of the visible Kosmos foremost of all; to reach a complete detachment from all that is evanescent and finite, and live while yet on Earth in the immortal and the everlasting alone, in a supreme state of holiness". He then handed over His task of the World Teacher to His beloved Brother whom we love and revere, the Lord CHRIST, the Lord of Love and Compassion.

In His first incarnation the New World Teacher appeared in Palestine as the Glorious CHRIST, and, differing from His mighty predecessor who had originated religious forms based upon the system of individual worship, He founded a religion suitable for the 'mass' and particularly applicable to the people of the Western World. Once His work is done He turns His face home and in turn has completed a very large number of incarnations, He will take over the Office of the Buddhahood of the present cycle releasing the present Buddha Who will then move on to much greater work and glory which is entirely beyond our comprehension.

The Council of the Inner Hierarchy which we have previously mentioned is a body of PERFECTED MEN with individual duties and spheres of activities in guiding the evolution of man, but also a stupendous UNITY or Brotherhood headed by the KING OF THE WORLD in Whose hands it is a mighty weapon for good, Who is known in the East as SANAT KUMARA, the Eternal Virgin Youth and is the WILL of the Logos incarnate for men, and yet in a wonderful way represents the embodiment of our spiritual consciousness. His mighty Love is as vast as the ocean. "All earthly kings, whose dynasties have gained His Benediction as a recognition of their selfless service for men, have that mysterious "divine right of kings" as a part of their invisible heritage. Immediately beneath Him stand three Pupils and Assistants called the three Pratyeka Buddhas or as They are known in the East - Solitary Buddhas - about whose work we have only the vaguest of information, in fact all that is known is that They are "the Head, the Heart, the Soul and the Seed of undying knowledge". The King of the World is also known as the ONE INITIATOR whose symbol, which must be received as a sign of approval by the Initiate before he can be received into the noble ranks of the Brotherhood, is the BLAZING STAR. This has been in all ages spoken of and accepted as the "Star of the East" of the Bible story and also the Star which shines forth in every Masonic and Secret Brotherhood, both of which have, to the student of the Wisdom Religion, the same significance.

There is still another class of Beings, called the Planetary Spirits, who are primarily rulers of the planets, they are the same as the seven highest hierarchies called in Christianity, the ARCHANGELS. They have passed through all stages of

evolution on other planets and the highest Spirit ruling a globe is called the 'Personal God' and more correctly it is its "ever-riding providence" which is the opposite to the Infinite Personal Deity of the Christians. These Spirits are represented on the lower regions of consciousness by the MASTERS who are in charge of departments directly concerned with human evolution and are called Rays or Channels through which the Power of God manifests, they are known as Power, Teaching, Philosophic, Artistic, Scientific, Devotional and finally Order, these are the seven main departments of activity, and the head of the 6th Ray or Department is Chohan Jeshu (Lord; formerly Apollonius of Tyana (1st century) and then also as Ramanujachaya of the 11th century. The Head of the Ceremonial Department, is the Chohan Prince Rakoczy; formerly the Comte de St. Germain (18th century); Francis Bacon (17th century); Robertus the Monk (?) (16th century); Hunyadi Janos (15th century); Christian Rosenkreuz (14th century); and then in the 3rd century as St. Alban, and it was He who is the H.O.A.T.F. of the Masons throughout the world. He stands behind all authentic Brotherhoods, Orders and Societies who follow the pattern of the Inner Hierarchy, we may count upon our hand the number of public bodies who enjoy His influence and benediction.

Now we feel that we can deal with the two personages mentioned in the Gospel story, namely Jesus and Christ, in doing so we come inevitably to the personality of the man Jeshu ben Pandira upon whom the early Fathers based their story of Jesus. As we have constantly said, secular history is silent upon the subject of the birth, life and death of the individual named Jesus; the only evidence we have is that contained in the Bible itself and of the Post-Micene Fathers, and the more we dig into the past the more the figure of Jesus fades away into mythology and speculative tradition but on the other hand we find evidence that Jeshu ben Pandira did live and did perform wonders and did die because he revealed to the mass the Wisdom Religion. In an attempt to unravel this controversial subject let us first take the evidence of Gerald Massey in his THE HISTORICAL JESUS, THE MYSTICAL CHRIST, which was privately printed and is very rare.

He says: "The personal existence of Jesus as Jehoshua or Jeshu can be established beyond a shadow of doubt. One account affirms that, according to the genuine tradition, "The man (who is not to be named) was a disciple of Jehoshua ben Parochia." It also says: 'He was born in the fourth year of the Jewish King Alexander Jannaeus, notwithstanding the assertions of his followers that he (Jesus) was born in the reign of Herod." Strange that they should claim this evidence, since history has it that Herod died four years before the supposed birth of Jesus. That would be more than a century earlier than the date of the birth assigned to the Jesus of the Gospels! But it can be further shown that Jeshoshua Ben Pandira may have been considerably earlier than even the year 102 B.C., although the point is not much of consequence here...This ben Parachia had begun to teach as a Rabbi in the year 154 B.C.,...We may therefore reckon that he was born later than 180-170 B.C., and it could hardly be later than 100 B.C., when he went down into Egypt with his pupil. For it is related that he fled there in consequence of a persecution of the Rabbis, feasibly conjectured to refer to the civil war in which the Pharisees revolted against King Jannaeus, and consequently about 105 B.C., if we put the age of his pupil, Jeshoshua ben Pandira, at fifteen years, that will give us an approximate date, extracted without pressure, which shows that Jeshu may have been born about the year 120 B. C."

C. Jinarajadasa says in his translation of THE PARADOXES OF THE HIGHEST SCIENCE, written by Eliphus Levi, says: "I may explain that some of the most eminent occultists hold that the Gospel Christ to be an ideal, based upon a Jesus who lived a considerable time before Anno Domini. This Jesus, Jeshu ben Panthera, lived from about 120 to 70 B.C., was a pupil of Rabbi Joachim ben Parachia, his grand uncle, with whom, during the persecution of the Jews by Alexander Jannaeus,

he fled to Alexandria, and was initiated into the Egyptian mysteries, or magic. On his return to Palestine this Jeshu was charged with, and convicted of, heresy and sorcery (he was unquestionably an adept) and hung on the tree of infamy (the Roman Cross) outside the city of Lud or Lyddia. This man was a historical character, and his life and death are indubitably established...It will now be understood what E.O. (the Master K.H.) means when he says Jesus preached a hundred years before his birth." page 53. This is very interesting, since C.J. seems to verify Gerald Massey's findings, and more especially G. M. was a materialist, per se., whilst C. J. was a well known Theosophical Leader.

Gerald Massey goes on to say that: "According to the Babylonian GEMARA to the MISHNA TRACT 'Shabbath', 41 B.C., this Jeshoshia, the son of Pandira and Stada, was stoned to death as a wizard, in the city of Lud or Lyddia, and afterwards crucified by being hanged upon a tree, on the eve of the Passover. This is the manner of death assigned to Jesus in the BOOK OF ACTS. The Gemara says there exists a tradition that on the rest day before the Sabbath they crucified Jeshu, on the rest day before the Passah...in the year of his death...is not given... there are reasons for thinking it may not have been much earlier or later than 70 B.C., ...because the Jewish King Jammaeus--reigned from the year 106 B.C., to 79 B.C...he was duly succeeded by Salome called Alexandra who reigned nine years. Tradition relates...that the queen of Alexander and the mother of Hyrcanus, who must therefore be Salome...showed favour to Jesus and his teachings, and tried to save him from the hands of his sacerdotal enemies, because he was related to her... and her reign ended in 70 B.C., and he died."

Theological dogma has it that Jesus was born about 4 B.C., but nowhere in factual history of those times is any reference made to this remarkable birth, the evidence for the birth of Jesus is based upon dogmatic history, whereas factual history knows nothing of the birth. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? The Jewish history is devoid of mentioning the man Jesus, but is very definite when it comes to the person of Jeshu ben Pandira as being stoned to death on the wall of the city of Lud, 70 B.C. For the last 1700 years the Christian world has been held in the tight grip of traditional Christianity and any attempt to question the fundamental basis for its claims has been met with murder, torture, flames, the rack, and holy wars, in the Churches fanatic attempts to stop any form of enquiry into its claims. In 1948 the veil of darkness was swept aside by the finding of the DEAD SEA SCROLLS at the remains of the QumranEssene Monastery, at the spot where all the occult investigators claimed the existence of an Essene Monastery. For some years the theologians have deliberately ignored their contents, but when public interest was aroused they were forced to recognize them, but, perhaps because of fear, they claimed that they were written after the beginning of the Christian Era. However, the scholars have now proved that they were written before the birth of Christ and it would seem that at last the true basis of what is commonly called popular Christianity is being brought to light and the scholastic world is now faced with a war on dates and identity.

Concerning the "Teacher of Rightousness", Dr. W. H. Brownlee, in the Bulletin of AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH of December, 1953, speaking of M. Dupont-Sommer, Professor of Semetic Languages and Civilizations at the Sorbonne, France, says that he "caused a sensation". "What invoked the most astonishment was his disclosure that the Teacher of Righteousness, founder of the sect of the scrolls, was in some respects an exact prototype of Jesus, particularly as a martyred prophet, revered by his followers as the suffering Servant of the Lord in Deutro-Isaiah."

We know that any attempt to identify the Teacher with the Jesus of the Gospels have come to nought. We would not be so stupid to attempt such a hopeless job, since the scrolls were obviously written before the advent of Christianity.

But we feel that, according to the known findings of the various authorities on the Scrolls, the Teacher was none other than Jeshu ben Pandira, and it is astonishing to find that M. Dupont-Sommer seems to verify our claims and that of the Jews. He says in his book *APERCUS PRELIMINAIRES SUR LES MANUSCRITS DE LA MER MORTE* (The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Preliminary Survey): "Everything in the Jewish New Covenant heralds and prepares the way for the Christian New Covenant. The Galilean Master, as He is presented to us in the writings of the New Testament, appears in many respects as an astonishing reincarnation of the Teacher of Righteousness. Like the latter, He preached penitence, poverty, humility, love of one's neighbor, chastity. Like Him, He prescribed the observance of the Law of Moses, the whole Law but the Law finished and perfected, thanks to His own revelations. Like Him, He was the Elect and the Messiah of God, the Messiah redeemer of the world. Like Him, He was the object of hostility of the priests, the party of the Sadducees. Like Him, He was condemned and put to death. Like Him, He pronounced judgment on Jerusalem, which was taken and destroyed by the Romans for having put Him to death. Like Him, at the end of time, He will be the supreme judge. Like Him, He founded a Church whose adherents fervently awaited His glorious return. In the Christian Church, just as in the Essene Church, the essential rite is the sacred meal, whose ministers are the priests. Here and there, at the head of each community, there is the overseer, the 'bishop'. And the ideal of both Churches is essentially that of unity, communion in love - even going so far as the sharing of common property."

So far so good, here we see an identity between the two teachers, bearing in mind that Jesus was later than the Teacher, so either the Jesus was a copy of the Teacher or vice-versa, that is if we accept the dogmatic assertion that the scrolls were written after the death of Jesus. The main question in our minds concerns the fact that the scrolls do tend to give proof to our assertion that Jesus died about 70 B.C. Could the Teacher of Righteousness be Jeshu ben Pandira? Dupont-Sommer says: "All these similarities - and here I only touch upon the subject - taken together, constitute a very impressive whole. The question at once arises, to which of the two sects, the Jewish or the Christian, does the priority belong? The reply leaves no room for doubt. **THE TEACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS DIED ABOUT 65-53 B.C.**; (this is about the date given for the death of Jeshu ben Pandira) Jesus the Nazarene dies about 30 A.D." Dr. Brownless seems to have hit the vital point fair and squarely when he says that the conclusions of Dupont-Sommer, "aroused much opposition, partly inspired by the fear that the uniqueness of Christ was at stake." This we fear is the correct conclusions, but truth must out and so far the Dead Sea Scrolls also seem to verify our claims that Jesus was in reality Jeshu ben Pandira the former a dogmatic copy of the latter.

Justin Martyr says that the "blasphemous writings of the Jews about Jesus always referred to Jeshu and not to this Jesus, and they claim that they have another truer account of Jeshu or Jesus, in which it is stated that this Jesus learnt the arts of magic in Egypt and was put to death accordingly. This is the only story known to Celsus, who was the writer of the *TRUE LOGOS*, since destroyed by the Christians. Celsus observes that he was not the pure Word, not a true Logos, but a man who had learned the arts of sorcery in Egypt. So, in the *CLEMENTINES*, it is in the character of Ben Pandira that Jesus is said to rise again as a magician. But here is the conclusive fact: "The Jews know nothing of Jesus, the Christ of the Holy Writ, as an historical character: and when the Christians of the fourth century trace his pedigree, by the hand of Epiphanius, they are forced to derive their Jesus from **PANDIRA!** - Jacob, called Pandira, Mary = Joseph - Cleophas, Jesus. This proves that in the fourth century the pedigree of Jesus was traced to Pandira, the father of Jeshoshua who was a pupil of Ben Parachia, and who became one of the magicians of Egypt (and because he became an Initiated Priest in the Egyptian Mysteries), and who was crucified as a magician on the

eve of the Passover of the Jews, in the time of Queen Alexandra, who had ceased to reign in the year 70 B. C. - the Jesus, therefore, who lived and died more than a century too soon." Gerald Massey, op.cit. page 3. This is sufficient proof to the reader to show that Jesus of the Gospels and of the early Christians was in actual fact Jeshu and not the Jesus who is now commonly accepted.

One of the Jewish versions of the birth and life of Jesus is given in the SEPPHER TOLDOS JESHU in the following words: "Mary having become the mother of a son, Jehoshia, and the boy growing up, shw entrusted him to the care of the Rabbi Elhana, and the child progressed in knowledge, for he was well gifted with spirit and understanding. 'Rabbi Jeshosuah, son of Parachiah, continued the education of Jeshosuah (Jesus) after Alhana, and initiated him into the secret knowledge'; but the King, Jammaeus, having given orders to slay all the initiates (the slaying of 600 of the 'Innocents (initiates) in the outer court of the temple - see the Massacre of the Infants in Christianity), Jeshosuah ben Parachiah, fled to Alexandria in Egypt; taking the boy with him. While in Alexandria, continues the story, they were received in the house of a rich and learned lady (personified as Egypt). Young Jesus found her beautiful, notwithstanding 'a defect in her eyes', and declared so to his master. Upon hearing this, the latter became so angry that his pupil should find in the land of bondage anything good, that 'he cursed him and drove the young man from his presence'. Then follows a series of adventures told in allegorical language, which shows that Jesus supplemented his initiation in the Jewish Kabbalah with the additional acquisition of the secret wisdom of Egypt. When the persecution ceased, they BOTH returned to Judaea.

"The real grievances against Jesus are stated by the learned author of TELANGAE SATANAE (The Fiery Darts of Satan) to be two in number: 1st, that he had discovered the great mysteries of their Temple, by having been initiated in Egypt: and 2nd, that he had profaned them by exposing them to the vulgar, who misunderstood and disfigured them". vide, LA SCIENCE DES ESPIRITS, by Eliphus Levi (The Abbe Louis Alphonse Constance). This is what they say: There exists, in the sanctuary of the Living God, a cubical stone (we presume the original of the Black Cubical Stone at Mecca), on which were sculptured the holy characters, the combination of which give the explanation of the attributes and power of the uncommunicable NAME. This explanation is the secret key of all the occult sciences and forces in nature. It is what the Hebrews call SCHAM HAMPHORASH. This stone is watched by two lions of gold, who roar as soon as it is approached. The gates of the temple are never lost sight of, and the door of the sanctuary opened but once a year to admit the High Priest alone. But Jesus, forged for himself invisible keys, and thus was enabled to penetrate into the sanctuary unseen,...He copied the characters on the cubical stone, and hid them in his thigh (Arnobius tells the same story) after which, emerging from the temple, he went abroad and began astounding people with his miracles." ISIS UNVEILED, Book 11, pages 203-4.

Perhaps a warning to our readers will not be amiss, the above ought to be read in two ways, first as history and then later as an allegory which has two meanings. First, from the outside, and lastly from the inside; the exoteric and esoteric interpretations. So much for the Jewish version of the story of Jeshu or Jesus, now we will see what the Wisdom Religion or the Sacred Tradition has to say of him.

Dr. Annie Besant, a natural seeress, says in her truly remarkable and inspiring book, ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY, on pages 129 to 131: "The child whose Jewish name had been turned into that of Jesus was born in Palestine about 105 B.C., during the consulate of PUBLIUS RUTILINIUS RUFUS and GNEAUS MALLIUS MAXIMUS. His parents were well-born though poor, and he was educated in a knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures, his fervent devotion and a gravity beyond his years, led his parents to dedicate him to a religious life, and soon after a visit to Jerusalem, in which the extraordinary intelligence and eagerness for knowledge of the youth,

were shown in his seeking of the doctors in the temple, he was sent to be trained in an Essene community in the southern Judaeian desert (Could it have been at Qumram where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found?). When he had reached the age of nineteen he went on to the Essene monastery near Mount Sebal, a monastery which was much visited by learned men travelling from Persia and India to Egypt, and where a magnificent library of occult works - many of them Indian of the Trans-Himalayan regions - had been established (where the manuscript of THE GOSPEL OF THE HOLY TWELVE was found). From this seat of mystic learning he travelled later to Egypt. He had been fully instructed in the secret teachings which were the fount of life among the Essenes, and was initiated in Egypt as a disciple of that one sublime Lodge from which every great religion has its Founder. For Egypt has remained one of the world-centres of True Mysteries, whereof all semi-public Mysteries are a faint and far-off reflection. The Mysteries spoken of in history as Egyptian were shadows of the true things 'in the Mount', and there the young Hebrew received the solemn consecration which prepared him for the Royal Priesthood he was later to attain."

"So superhumanly pure...of devotion was he,...his gracious manhood stood out...shedding on the stern Jews around him the fragrance of a gentle and tender wisdom...fair and stately grace of his white purity was around him as a radiant moonlit halo and his words, though few, were ever sweet and loving, winning even the most harsh to a temporary gentleness, and the most rigid to a passing softness ...growing from grace to grace. This superhuman purity and devotion fitted the man Jesus, the disciple, to become the mighty temple of a loftier Power, of a mighty indwelling Presence...a mighty 'Son of God' was to take flesh upon earth, a SUPREME TEACHER, 'full of grace and truth' - JOHN 1:14. One in whom the Divine Wisdom abode in the fullest measure, who was verily 'the Word' incarnate, Light and Love in outpouring richness, a very Fountain of the Waters of Life. Lord of Compassion and of Wisdom - such was His name - and from His dwelling in the Secret Places, He came forth into the world of men. For Him was needed an earthly tabernacle, a human form, a body of a man, who was fit to yield his body in glad and willing service to One before whom Angels and men bow down in lowest reverence, as the Hebrew, thus purest and noblest of the 'Perfect', whose spotless body and stainless mind offered the best that humanity could bring... the Lord of Love, who took unto Himself that pure form as a tabernacle, and dwelt therein for three years of mortal life. The rare charm of His royal love, outpouring from Him as rays from a sun, drew around Him the suffering, the weary, and the oppressed, and a subtle tender magic of His gentle wisdom purified, enobled, and sweetened the lives that came into contact with His own...Rejected by His Essene brethren among whom He first laboured...because He carried to the people the spiritual vision that they regarded as their proudest and most sacred treasure...He saw gathering around Him all too quickly the dark clouds of hatred and suspicion...His spirituality, was a constant reproach to their materialism, His power a constant, though silent, exposure of their weakness...the human body of Jesus paid the penalty for enshrining the glorious Presence of a Teacher more than man." Those who have conquered their emotional prejudice and human conceit will not fail to wonder that the splendid and noble Personage the Lord Christ is to those who know Him, the Lord and Lover of Mankind, in very truth the embodiment of the Logos in matter.

Whether we accept the version of the Gospels or that of the Gnostics, whether we call Him Jeshu or Jesus, we do know that He did live and that He offered himself as a spotless vehicle for the World Teacher, and for this sacrifice He attained the goal of humanity, the goal of all the Mysteries, that of a Master of the Wisdom Religion and the COMMUNION OF SAINTS. The main fact which stands out from both stories is that He was in very truth the embodiment of God, or the

Second Aspect of the Divine and Glorious Trinity. If, as we sincerely believe, that the "Teacher of Righteousness" of the Scrolls is actually Jeshu, then we have the verification that Christ did come to earth and found His Church. This seems to be evidenced by the fact that after 325 A.D., the existence of the Essenes seemed to fade from the stage and the Christian Church became more prominent. Could it be that the Essene Church was really the Primitive Christian Church?

Now we come to that mighty Presence whom we call the Christ, the Lord of Love and Compassion. A. Powell Davies in his latest book THE MEANING OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, on page 74, says of the Christ: Christ is not the name of a person but of an office, the office of the "Anointed", any "anointed one" was a Christ". All students of the Light know that there is the Office of the Christ or World Teacher in the Inner Hierarchy. As we have said earlier, He comes at different times to found a new religion and uses the physical body of one of His pupils, as He did with the vehicle of Jesus or Jeshu ben Pandira or Panthera. It is around this life of His on the earth that are built the myths and legends which are akin to all religions. This question of the sameness of the principle facts in the lives of all great Teachers who have come to give the Ancient and Imperishable Wisdom Religion or the GNOSIS, is one which many people find very hard to accept, we are not referring to those who accept the whole story in blind and unreasoning faith and who absolutely refuse to either read or listen to any knowledge which would refute their emotional prejudices, such as Roman Catholics and Evangelicals, but to those who have learnt to use their logical reasoning mind and who have begun to use discrimination and have applied the laws of comparison.

We will first discuss these similarities, but we must understand that mythology and true symbolism have not been invented by artificial means, but is a fact in nature, and symbols and mythology are methods used to establish fundamental relationships between the things of earth and the Universal Principle, thus it will link the material, psychic and spiritual regions of man's being. Madame Marguerite Mertens-Stienon says: "...symbolism evolves with human consciousness and economic conditions, but it is essential to realize that at all times esoteric symbolism is in advance of the Race, and prepares the new age which is coming. The orthodoxies of the past, having usually clung to the letter of the once living teaching, have thus gradually built round the latter a rigid shell, and they always struggle dogmatically against the new spirit. They fear it because they have identified their consciousness with the 'form' of the old, and not with the 'life'. The esotericism of one age becomes partly public property in following ages, and then the initial teaching degenerates and becomes distorted and reviled; they lose their universality, for the sap of the Tree of Life ceases to flow in that special branch which, in course of time, withers and decays, DOGMAS ALWAYS KILL LIFE, whether they are scientific or religious. This explains how symbols expressing facts related to cosmic manifestation, have been, through the vision of orthodox religion and orthodox history, interpreted as having their genesis and their finality in a material world only. They have been erroneously fixed in time and space, and prejudiced knowledge has thus belittled great truths. One has ignored that 'all civilizations in their mythologies ever used the configuration peculiarities of their countries to symbolise Cosmogonical events, while their legends enact the History of the Universe". THE MEANING OF SYMBOLISM.

For a clear and logical explanation of these myths and symbols and their operations we can do no better than again quote Dr. Besant's work, op.cit., on pages 152-3: "Now as 'myth' is by no means what most people imagine it to be - a mere fanciful story erected on a basis of fact, or even altogether apart from fact. A myth is far truer than a history, for history only gives the story of the shadows, whereas a myth gives the story of the substance that cast the shadows. AS ABOVE, AS BELOW; and first above and then below. There are certain great principles according to

which our system is built; there are certain laws by which these principles are worked out in details; there are certain Beings who embody the principles and whose activities are the laws; there are hosts of inferior beings who act as vehicles for these activities, as agents, as instruments; there are Egos of men intermingled with all these, performing their share of the great cosmic drama. These multifarious workers in the invisible world cast their shadows on the physical plane, and these shadows are 'things' - the bodies, the objects, that make up the physical universe. These shadows give but a poor idea of the objects that cast them, they are the mere outlines, with blank darkness in lieu of details, and have only length and breadth, no depth."

She goes on to speak about history: "History is an account, very imperfect and often distorted, of the dance of these shadows in the shadow world of physical matter. Anyone who has seen a clever shadow-play, and has compared what goes on behind the screen on which the shadows are cast, with the movements of the shadows, may have a vivid idea of the illusory nature of the shadow-actions, and may therefore form several not misleading analogies." Plato in his book THE REPUBLIC, Book VII., used this idea of shadows to teach his pupils in the Wisdom Religion, and gave an account of the Cave and its inhabitants (We must remember that Plato was an Initiate of the Mystery Schools and would naturally adopt the same methods of teaching, as in these Schools.)

Dr. Besant further says, and we have condensed her words as much as possible for brevity: "Myth is an account of the movements of those who cast the shadows; language...given is called the language of the symbols in their fixed and accepted meanings...The Sun is the symbol of the Logos...also for the incarnation of the Logos...or...great messengers who represent Him for a time. High Initiates who are sent on special missions to incarnate amongst men and live with them for a time as Rulers and Teachers, would be designated by the symbol of the Sun...All these who are signified by this symbol have certain activities, during their lives on earth...In fact, in the Pseudo-Mysteries, were represented by actors who acted out the drama, and many secondary myths are these dramas put into words." It was from the Pseudo-Mysteries came what we now know as the stage and its actors in our present civilization.

Eliphus Levi in his work entitled THE MYSTERIES OF MAGIC, on page 48, tries to explain the myth as an allegory, picturing inner truths: "Alfred Vigny has said that legend is frequently more true than history, because legend recounts not acts, which are often incomplete and abortive, and the genius itself of great men and great nations. 'It is pre-eminently to the Gospel that this beautiful thought is applicable, for the Gospel is not merely the narration of what has been, it is the sublime narration of what is, and will always be. Ever will the Saviour of the world be adored by the kings of intelligence, represented by the Magi; ever will He multiply the eucharistic bread, to nourish and comfort our souls: ever, when we invite Him in the night and tempest, will He come walking on the waves, ever will He stretch forth His hand and make us pass over the crests of the billows; ever will He cure our distempers and give back light to our eyes; ever will He appear to His faithful, luminous and transfigured on Tabor, interpreting the law of Moses and moderating the zeal of Elias."

Hear the words of one who lived for Them and served Them to the last; when all seemed lost They came to her and healed her in the name of the Supreme King of Love; when her people deserted her, He was with her sick and worn-out body, and whilst writing THE SECRET DOCTRINE, He was the oil that soothed her sick body. It was by her indomitable will to serve Him and the Elect that she gave to the world some of the fragments of the Wisdom Religion, and the world owes to this gentle woman a debt of undying gratitude, if they would but realize it. In one of her works, H.P. Blavatsky wrote: "Legends, myths, allegories, symbols, if they belong

to the Hindus, Chaldean, or Egyptian tradition, are thrown into the same heap of fiction. Hardly are they honoured with superficial search into their possible relations to astronomy or sexual emblems. The same myths - when and because, mutilated - are accepted as Sacred Scriptures, more - the Word of God! Is this impartial history? Is this justice either to the past, the present, or the future? 'Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.' said the Reformer, nineteen centuries ago. "Ye cannot serve truth and public prejudice," would be more applicable to our own age, yet our authorities pretend that they serve the former (such is their reactions to the contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls in our day)." ISIS UNVEILED, Book II, page 431, and on page 493, of the same work, we read: "Myth was the favourite and universal method of teaching in archaic times...the myths are the undisclosed thought of the soul. The characteristic trait of the myth is to convert reflection into history (a historical form). As in the epos, so in the myth, the historical element predominates (external events often constitute the basis of the myth, and with these, religious ideas are interwoven.)"

As we have said, the Life of the Christ has many aspects each aspect showing forth the various activities of the Messengers of God in Their work for humanity. Not only did the Christ come to teach His people the Wisdom Religion, but He also showed forth in His own life the dramatized knowledge of the universe and man's place in it. His life demonstrated the plan of evolution, the Path of Initiation and the methods and instructions of how we can reach His mighty stage of PERFECTION.

Each perfected individual has the power to control the laws of nature because he has learnt to work with her laws. Thus he is able to perform such miracles or wonders as seem to be entirely beyond us at present, but if we follow His teachings and instructions, we too will attain the Robe of Imperishable Glory becoming One with our Eternal Father.

St. Austin makes the assertion that Jesus could fly into the air with perfect ease. ORIGEN, Book II, says that the Jews accused Jesus to Pilate as a magician. This is also verified by Rabbi Iochan in his book MAGIA JESU CHRISTI - it is reported that the author of the same book was Jesus himself, but this is a debatable point. We also find the same accusation stated in the ACTS OF PILATE. Fabricus, in his work APPROCR. NEW TEST. CODEX, Book I, page 243, says of the accusation that Jesus was a magician: 'Did we not tell thee he was a magician.' Clesus in his book THE TRUE DOCTRINE, also speaks of the same charge against Jesus saying that he was well versed in the knowledge of the Sacred Science which he had learnt in Egypt. In the CLEMENTINE RECOGNITIONS, Book I, page 58, the charge against Jesus is that he performed his miracles not as a Jewish prophet, but simply as a magician and an Initiate in the 'heathen temples.' Apollonius of Tyana could also fly into the air and walk upon the waters at will. Simon Magnus, or as suggested PAUL, it has been said, could fly into the air, and whilst in Rome he broke his legs in a fall whilst performing the same feat. Now this is pure magic and we find that behind all of the miracles performed by Jesus there is a thorough knowledge of the natural law, and it was obviously his training and initiation into the various Schools of the Mysteries which gave him the power to manipulate these Laws and perform these wonders and he is reported in JOHN xiv: 10-12, as saying: "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works'sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father."

YE CHRISTIANS, WHETHER BY LIP SERVICE OR BY ACTIONS, IF YOU BELIEVE IN HIM THEN GO AND DO LIKEWISE. IF YOU CAN! If ye cannot, then begone with your pretenses and ignorance and let those who can, become the Spiritual Leaders of Humanity.

Whilst it is fresh in our memory, realising that Paul was an Initiate in the Greek and Egyptian Mysteries, being also the Apostle of Christ, he would naturally follow the same form of teaching and use the same methods of initiating his own pupils. In CORINTHIANS, xii:3-4, he writes: "I know a certain man - whether a body or inside a body, I know not: God knoweth - who was rapt in Paradise, and heard things ineffable which is not lawful for a man to repeat" which refers to the same experience, that of Jesus at the Transfiguration and His command to His disciples: "He charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of Man was risen from the dead. MARK ix, shows that as with Plato, Iamblichus and Herodotus, he was a full member of the Mysteries. The same experience is described by Apuleius in respect to his own initiation into the Mysteries: "I approached the confines of death; and, having trodden on the threshold of Proserphina, returned, having been carried through the elements. In the depth of the midnight I saw the sun glittering with a splendid Light, together with the infernal and supernal gods, and to these divinities approaching, I paid tribute of devout adoration." THE GOLDEN ASS, Book II. This link between the "pagan" writers and philosophers and the Founder of Christianity is too well forged to be dismissed lightly, or to be described as the works of the "Devil". Who or what he may be, is still a mystery! Can our Christian theologians say?

It is now necessary to explain what is meant in the ancient Mysteries of "the last and most awful of all the sacred mysteries" that of attaining interior communion with God; this is the stage when the personality is flooded with the Light and Power of the Divine Soul from within itself, the individual thus blessed in manifesting MEDIATORSHIP. The writer of THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLE TEACHINGS OF THE ALEXANDRIAN SCHOOL, Professor A. Wilder, when referring to Mediatorship, says: "Plotonus taught that there was in the Soul a returning (principle) or impulse, love, which attracted it inward towards its origin and centre, the eternal good. While the person who does not understand how the Soul contains the beautiful within itself will seek by laborious effort to realize beauty without, the wise man recognizes it within himself, develops the idea by withdrawal into himself, concentrating his attention, and so floating upward toward the divine fountain, the stream of which flows within him. The infinite is now known through the reason...but by a faculty superior to reason, by entering upon a state in which the individual, so to speak, CEASES TO BE HIS FINITE SELF IN WHICH STATE DIVINE ESSENCE IS COMMUNICATED TO HIM. This is ECSTASY! In other words UNION with the Divine Immortal Soul by a super-human effort and morality of their lives and by frequent interior ecstatic contemplation, a person can cause the Divine Soul to enter the human tabernacle and speak wisdom with absolute authority and assurance. This is the goal of the workings of the BROTHERHOOD OF THE ILLUMINATI and is shown very clearly in the instructions of the Christ in the New Testament and by the Gnostics in their writings.

It is this UNION within of the Divine is known in Christianity as the AT-ONE-MENT with the Christ, this being the case, then the Divine Soul is the Christ Consciousness within the human temple of man, so in other words the Mystic Christ is your own SOUL - the Christ within the Temple of Paul, but let us try and describe the Union with the CHRIST-SOUL within as we have given in one of the Monographs for the Brotherhood of the Illuminati. Let the Divine Soul speak for itself.

"We have been given many names, such as the Thinker, the Ego (Theosophy), the Soul (Christianity), the Monad (Plato), the Golden Fleece (Jason and his wanderings), the Holy Grail (King Arthur and the Round Table) and so on, but the facts of our (the Soul) nature and existence can be summed up in these words. The central core of yourself is Divine. that Inner Light which is named the Christ Consciousness (JOHN i:9); that Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world and which is located, as it were, at the centre of your being (I COR., vi:16).

We are the Light which has to shine (MATT.v:16) and pierce the many wrappings which you call "vestures", we call them veils of matter vibrating at different rate of motion, and we know that these veils of matter are temporary and will last only for the duration of the life in the personality. These veils act as channels for the true expression of your Divine Self (the Christ within), but we remain permanent no matter how many veils of sorts of veils we have to build up life after life to gain experience. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." JOHN i:14.

"When we make this journey through the lower worlds of the spirit, it is necessary each time to clothe ourselves in successive vestures of objective mental matter, then emotional and physical matter for all the changes, we are the Divine Immortal Soul which exists without change throughout the whole of many lives (the Soul-Christ is the LEGATUS of the Gnostics). The vesture in which function is made up of three types of matter, but vibrating at a very much faster rate than the matter of your personality levels. They are called ATMA - The Universal Spirit; BUDDHI - The Universal Soul and MAHAS - the sentient re-incarnating Principle in you. We dwell within this Soul, just as your human soul dwells for a short time within the vestures of the personality, we are able to function as an ENTITY within the Soul, simply because we are an EGO - THE I AM - this makes us an individual. But whilst we speak of being an individual, at the same time we are one with all the other Egos on our level. This is called by you the UNITY OF LIFE, yet although we are a unity, there is a very thin veil of intuitional matter between each EGO. However, our sense of unity is not marred by this veil of matter, it merely gives us the freedom of movement and allows us to develop our own individualities. We are referred to by St. Paul, who was Illuminated by his own Soul, then he says that we are "without mother, without father, without beginning nor end", we are the Christ Consciousness which dwells within you by means of the Shining Thread which links your human Soul with us, your Divine Soul:"

This 'Shining Thread' is called the Way of the Cross or the strait and narrow way which leads to the Kingdom of God within. Christ states that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, to find this way we must look for it within our souls, this being the case, and we place our knowledge upon the actual statements of the Christ, then the Christ is in some mysterious way, our own Soul and by becoming one with Him we become one with the Father, He is the MEDIATOR between God and man. The teachings of the BROTHERHOOD OF THE ILLUMINATI claim that a man, if he is prepared to be trained can attain this union with the Soul within - The Christ. The training given in the Mysteries was in the main directed towards this end, as Apuleius describes, he attained union with the Divinity within. Paul also describes this union very well and the vision he duly received was this self-same attainment. The Christ then, to us and for the Gnostics, is the Living Christ within our Souls, and it is only through this conception that many of the dark sayings of Jesus and Paul can become intelligible to us. The Gnostic claims that once he has attained the Gnosis of God, the human Jesus is not necessary to him for the Christ is a Spiritual Being within us, personally.

In the Mysteries one can trace the pattern of the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Cross, and here we will see the original of the 'Apostles Creed' clearly set out, and only one who had passed through the valley of death in his Initiation, or in the mystic-trance state can behold his Divine Self, the Christ within, and if one cares to look, it is clearly shown that when Jesus called out to his Father at the sixth hour, when all was apparently lost and it might appear that his God had forsaken him, he beheld his own Divinity, he beheld the last and awful and tremendous mystery of all - that he was one with the Father. He knew then, that he had in very truth, become the WORD MADE FLESH and the knowledge was vouchsafed to him that beyond ALL shadow of doubt he was forever safe.

When the Initiate had entered the portals of the Mysteries, he was first washed in pure water, as a symbol that his sins had been forgiven him and the Divine Ego was then able to enter its earthly tabernacle. For the moment, the mortal was one with the Divine, he beheld the Spirit now descending into the mortal frame, he had attained the First Mystery, the power of the emotional region. This first rite of the Mysteries is truly reflected in the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, the forerunner of the first Mystery, when the Spirit or Christ descended and took up His abode in the mortal body of Jesus, and for a very short period Jesus and the Christ were ONE. In very truth a SON OF GOD, at this sublime moment, He entered the confines of earth to redeem us from the lower animal self. At this moment the Christ who entered into Jesus, fully represented the coming of the Spirit into matter. "The Lamb of God slain from the foundations of the world, dying is very truth that we may live", REVELATIONS. What a grand and majestic thought for all of us. The Christ then becomes to us not just a figure on the stage of human history some thousands of years ago, who was born, lived, suffered, was betrayed, died and arose in time, but is in very truth the Living Christ within our own Souls, the Christ who can never die physically, but ever dies spiritually that we may live and attain His glorious level of Perfection.

Jeshu or Jesus then, is the example to us, whether He lived or not He becomes the ideal and example for us to live by and to attain as He attained. He will live in religious history as perhaps one of the grandest, noblest and most beautiful figures of Spiritual excellence, a positive witness and hope for all of us.

To sum up this work, we have endeavoured to show that the true Jesus was a very high Initiate of the Wisdom Religion, of such purity and humility, that the Christ was able to use his body to come to earth for a short time, becoming the very embodiment of the WORD, showing once again to man, the Path of the Wisdom Religion - the GNOSIS; to try and teach man to look within themselves for their redemption. Each one of us is responsible for his own salvation, by our own deeds we achieve our own heaven, or by building adverse Karma or evil, our own hell. We are neither taken by the hand and rewarded by a kindly God, nor are we condemned to eternal punishment by a god of wrath. WE MUST ALL achieve the final bliss of AT-ONE-MENT with ALL, but it is entirely dependent upon ourselves how long we take. The attempts to make historical the precious IDEAL of the Christ have only led to the theory, which must be untenable to all thinking men and women, that salvation is only obtained by those who have been "washed in the Blood of the Lamb". Christ has said: "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIGHT, NO MAN COMETH TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME". - not simply by the death of one man, whether nailed to a cross on Calvary, or stoned on the walls of Lud, but by the Christ within the heart of each of us He is waiting for the moment when we realize His Presence and cry with a loud voice. ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACTHANI - My God, My God, why hast thou glorified me.

"Thou canst not travel on the Path before thou hast become the Path itself"

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