

THE RETURN OF THE CHRIST

An Oratorio Dedicated to the Reappearance of the Coming One

The One we call the Christ is the Savior of Humanity, the "Bodhisattva", the Lord Krishna, the Head of the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet, and "Eldest in a great family of brothers". He is the prototypical human being of our true "Earth humanity" consisting of those human beings most of whom were individualized on our planet some eighteen and a half million years ago and not on the Moon-chain during far more ancient times.

Without the love, power and wisdom of the Christ directed towards the human race, that race (so beset with dire problems which threaten its very existence) could perish or face a nearly total destruction which would set back its progress for millions of years.

But the great Lord Maitreya (as He is known in the East), the Christ, has turned His compassion and saving power upon Humanity, and intends (with the aid of His closest disciples — the Masters of the Wisdom) to do all in His power to "save" Humanity from its lower nature. His Will, is the Will-to-Redeem, and during the Aquarian Age He (and His fellow Masters) will labor intensively for the redemption of Humanity.

His true nature is deeply mysterious to many, and yet there are thousands who have seen Him "face to face" in the Chamber of Initiation. He is the Great Friend of all aspiring human beings — their Great Teacher.

All aspiring souls versed in the Ageless Wisdom Tradition look forward to the Reappearance of the Christ — the World Teacher. His coming will coincide with the first initiation of Humanity, and with the advent of the Age of Aquarius during which Humanity will be lifted to spiritual heights presently unimaginable.

Who Is He?

The first song, "Who is He?", focusses on the Identity of the Great Lord, and the expectant attitude of suffering Humanity as it anticipates His Reappearance.

Song 1: Who Is He?

Who is He? Who is He?
The One they call Maitreya Buddha,
The One they call Lord Krishna,
The One called Bodhisattva?
Who is He? Who is He?
Waiting,
We are waiting,
Groaning and travailing,
Groaning and travailing, together and in pain until now.
Come forth!
Come forth!
Come forth, oh Sons of God!
Come forth, oh Long-Awaited One!
Come forth!

Who is He? Who is He?
The One they call Messiah,
The One called Avatara,
The One they call the "Coming One"?
Who is He? Who is He?
Waiting,
All are waiting,
Groaning, travailing,
Groaning and travailing together and in pain until now.
Come forth!
Come forth!
Come forth oh Sons of God!
Come forth oh Coming One!
Come forth!

Who is He? Who is He? Who is He?
The One they call the living Christ?
Who is He? Who is He?

He is the Eldest in a vast family of brothers.
He is the Eldest in a vast family of brothers.
He our Eldest Brother,
He our Eldest Brother,
He, the first flower on the Human Plant,
The Flower of the Human Race,
He the Rose of God,
The Rose of God!

And through His Coming,
And through His Teaching,
Human woe shall cease.

Who is He? Who is He?
A man like unto us,
Tempted in all ways as we are,
Vulnerable as we are,
A *person* like ourselves.

Who is He? Who is He?
An all-pervading *Presence*,
Wherever two or more are gathered.
Wherever two or more are gathered,
He is present in their midst.
A *Presence* is the Christ!
The Christ!

Who is He? Who is He?
One so pure, so holy, so enlightened,
That He was permitted to embody for Humanity the Principle of Love,
The *Cosmic* Principle of Love.
Who is He? Who is He?
The *Principle* of Cosmic Love!
A Ray of Love Divine!

And through His Coming,
And through His Teaching,
All thy travail shall cease!
And through His Coming,
And through His Teaching,
All thy travail shall cease!
Come forth oh Long-Awaited One!
Come forth, come forth, oh Coming One!
Come forth oh Living Christ!
Come forth oh Living, Living, Living Christ!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder the Identity of Christ, the Savior of the modern human race.

Beneath His Great Pine

Great is the Love of the Christ for Humanity! The entire human race is subjectively in His care. He is the invincible opponent of all that would engulf Humanity in ignorance and darkness. Standing beneath the great pine tree in His garden, daily He pours forth upon Humanity and the entire planet His Blessing — a great stream of Love-Wisdom — uplifting, healing and strengthening all who aspire.

His daily Blessing is a great act of service. Who knows how many have been lifted from despair because the stream of Blessing has touched them? Who knows how many have received from the Blessing of the Christ the courage to take their next step, the strength to make the next liberation possible?

Our indebtedness to the Great Lord is beyond our power to fathom. Only later when we are ready to "stand before Him", will we know the ways in which we and all people of goodwill have been protected by His deep Love.

Song 2: Beneath His Great Pine

Daily He pours forth His blessing on the world,
In His garden,
There beneath His great pine,
At the sunset hour,
At the sunset hour.

With Hands uplifted in blessing,
In blessing,
Blessing,
In blessing,
Blessing all who earnestly seek to aspire.

To Him all seekers are known,
Even though they know Him not.
The Light He pours forth uplifts them,
Fans the spark of struggling life,
Spurs them on!

Until the dawning of that day momentous,
When they stand face to face with Him,
With Him,
With Him,

With Him —
Who by being “lifted up” drew them unto Him,
Who by being “lifted up”, drew them unto Him,
Unto Him!
The Bodhisattva,
The Prince of Peace,
Initiator of the Sacred Mysteries,
Of Light,
Of Love,
Of Life!
Of Life!

Daily,
Daily,
At the sunset hour,
At the sunset hour,
Beneath His great pine.

Meditation: In meditation deep, we visualize the streams of Love and Wisdom pouring forth from Christ the Bodhisattva.

Every Eye Shall See Him

The prophecy tells us that when He comes, “every eye shall see Him”. This does not mean that everyone will *recognize* Who He really *is*. He comes, we are told, “for His own”.

The modern world is far smaller than the world of ancient days. In an instant we can be in touch with each other no matter where on Earth we may be. Telecommunications and the Internet have placed all earthly events potentially under the ‘Eye of Humanity’. Thus, it will be for the Great Lord when He again emerges into visibility. All will behold Him.

However, He will not be *welcomed* by all. Those who are selfish, those who care only for the welfare of their personal ego and its aggrandizement, will recognize in Him a great danger to the acquisition of all they crave. The selfish, material forces will fight Him in every way possible to them.

His coming signals Humanity's growing power over the predations of the "Black Lodge" and its ranks of black magicians — highly intelligent yet evil human beings who wish to retard and disrupt the Divine Plan of the Logos of our planet, Earth. These "lords of wickedness and pride" are the enemies of love and of the human heart. Therefore, they are the enemies of the Christ — the "Lord of Love".

Immensely powerful though they be, they have no chance of victory against Him. The power of His Love is too great, and with that Love He will disperse them. Aided by His Hierarchy and millions of spiritually progressive human beings, He will drive them back onto the astral plane, ending their effectiveness as disruptors of planetary progress. Later, they will be drive back still further.

The Divine Plan, itself, with the aid of the Christ, will "seal the door where evil dwells" — at least for the duration of this cycle. Thus, He will aid Humanity to achieve a great victory over the forces of obstruction and opposition.

Song 3: Every Eye Shall See Him

And when He comes,
And when He comes,
Every eye shall see Him!
And when He comes,
And when He comes,
Every eye shall see Him!
Before the eyes of all He shall stand!
For the world has become so small,
That He shall be seen by all,
Every eye shall see Him!

And the forces of hate shall gather.
The evil ones shall gather to oppose, to obstruct, to destroy.
And the power hate shall rise,
Shall rise against him!
Nine heads,
Nine heads,
Nine heads,
Shall rise in all their fury,
Their fury, their fury!
Fury!
Fury!
Intent upon unholiness,

Intent upon unholiness.
Dark Powers shall rise against Him!
Dark Powers shall rise against Him!

And He the Lord of Love,
And He the Lord of Love,
Shall disperse, shall disperse, shall disperse them!
He shall drive them from the sphere of salvation!
With Love He shall repel them!
With Love He shall repel them —
Seal them fast behind the door where evil dwells,
Seal them fast behind the door where evil dwells!

The Christ will prevail!
The Christ will prevail,
And Humanity shall triumph!
The Christ will prevail,
The Christ will prevail,
And Humanity shall triumph!
The Christ will prevail!
The Christ will prevail!
The Christ will prevail and Humanity shall rise —
Shall rise!
And when He comes,
And when He comes,
Every eye shall see Him!
Every eye shall see the Christ prevail!

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder on the hatred directed at the Christ when He is revealed. Who opposes Him? Why is He so opposed? Is there anything within *us* that still opposes his coming? Let us ponder.

Three Surround Him

The Christ is reappearing because our Planetary Logos is in process of taking a significant initiation through the Earth-chain, the fourth chain of our planetary scheme. That initiation is the fourth initiation in a series of seven. It is a difficult and painful initiation — a kind of crucifixion or renunciation. This fact makes the Christ's redemptive task during the Aquarian Age one of the greatest difficulty. Alone and unaided perhaps He would not be able to accomplish His Mission in the way foreseen by Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World, the "One of Awful Power".

But the Christ is supported by three Great Lives, who 'surround' Him with Their strength, love and great illumination. These three are the Buddha, the Spirit of Peace (a Shamballic Life), in fact an extra-planetary Life, and the Avatar of Synthesis (a great interplanetary Avatar of origin unknown to man). The Christ, then, stands as the receptive, distributing "Point within the Triangle", and His work in the Aquarian Age will be greatly fortified by these upholding Presences.

The light of knowledge and wisdom needed in the New Age; the spirit of loving understanding needed in the New Age; the spirit of synthesis needed in the New Age — these the Christ will distribute as the agent of the three, great supportive Lives.

Aquarius, itself, is a constellation of great intelligence, of universal love and of practical synthesis. These three energies will be realized and expressed during the next twenty-five hundred years or so, through the labours of the Christ and the sacrifice of Those Who are serving Him and the Planetary Logos (and us, as well), by serving as His protectors and the guarantors of His Mission of Redemption.

Song 4: Three Surround Him

So vital is His mission,
So stupendous is His task,
That He comes not as before,
As Lord of Love, alone,
He comes not all alone.

The One of Awful Pow'r,
The One of Awful Pow'r,
The One of Awful Pow'r has decreed —
That *Three* shall support Him —

A Triangle of Light, and Love and Power!
Of Light, and Love and Pow'r!

From Shamballa descends the Buddha, the Lord of Light,
Bequeathing to the Christ His Vestures —
All the Lord of Light has felt,
All the Lord of Light has known,
All that He has felt,
All that He has known,
To aid His Coming Brother,
To aid the Coming One,
To aid Maitreya Buddha, the Christ.
The Buddha, Lord of Wisdom,
Holds a sacred guarding point,
In the Triangle surrounding the Christ.

From depths of inter-planetary Space,
Comes a Being greater still,
The One, they call the "Spirit of Peace",
Who has come to over-shadow the Prince of Peace.
He has come to find expression through the Lord of Love,
Reaching, thus, the Race of Men with Peace,
With Peace,
With a Peace that passeth understanding —
Understanding.
The Spirit of Peace holds a sacred guarding point,
In the Triangle Surrounding the Christ.

The greatest of the Three
Is the Avatar of Synthesis,
Who comes forth depths of space,
Unknown e'en to our Planetary God.
This great and "Silent Avatar",
Of Oneness, of Wholeness,
This great and "Silent Avatar",
Will "keep His eye upon Him,
His potent hand beneath Him,
And His heart,
And His Heart in silent unison with His."
The Avatar of Synthesis stands watch,
As a sacred guarding point
In the Triangle surrounding the Christ.

They protect and guard the Christ.
They uphold and empower the Christ.
They find expression *through* the Christ,
The Christ!
They surround Him!
They surround Him!
The surround Maitreya, the Christ!

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder on the Inner Power directed towards humanity's redemption — the Avatar of Synthesis, the Spirit of Peace, the Buddha — all standing in support of the Christ.

Wherever Two or More are Gathered There Am I

The Christ has made a great promise expressive of His undying loyalty to Humanity and of the Power of Love. He has told us that wherever two or more are gathered "in His name", He will be present. Those Who have taken Him at His Word know His promise to be true. It expresses a deep esoteric Law concerning the Science of Relationship.

A great Initiate such as the Christ has long ago overcome the illusions of time and space (as we know them). He is not limited by concrete form as we are. His Presence is pervasive and abiding, and is especially attracted by the expression of Love wherever He may find it. In fact, His Presence *is* Love-Wisdom.

As a pervading Presence of Love-Wisdom He has abided with us throughout the approximately two thousand years of the Piscean Age, and will remain with us throughout the Aquarian Age — in sum, a duration of some five thousand years.

May we understand the truth of His loving *presence* as we learn to appreciate the true nature of relationship!

Song 5: Wherever Two or More Are Gathered There Am I

Wherever two or more are gathered in my Name,
In My Name,
There am I,
There am I,
There am I.
Lo, I am with you even unto the "End of the Age"!
Lo, I am with you,
With you.

Wherever two are more are gathered in My Name,
In My Name,
I pervade,
I embrace.
There am I,
There am I.
Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you,
Even to the "End of the Age"!
Lo, Lo, Lo
I am with you.
I am with you,
When you gather in My Name,
When you gather in My Name,
In My Name.

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder the unfailing Presence of the Christ for those who gather in His Name.

The Way, the Truth and the Life

The Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life—so He has said. This is a statement easily misunderstood, as we may think that He has made this claim regarding Himself as a *person*. Rather, it is the Christ *as soul and Spirit* Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As the World Teacher He is (both for Humanity and for the Angel Kingdom) the Great Exemplar. During the Aquarian Age the strictly emotional, aspirational kind of devotion may, indeed, wane, but it will be replaced by an intelligent, illumined idealism which will reveal to progressive Humanity the necessity of *following* the Way of the Christ.

To follow the Christ does not signify the elimination of individual responsibility, nor does it mean the relinquishment of one's personal identity and qualities. Rather, one's individuality is placed at the disposal of the "Inner Christ", the true soul, and all one's accumulated qualities and virtues are utilized for the furtherance of the Divine Plan.

Our task, no matter what may be our spiritual or philosophical tradition, will be to *tread* the Path, *live* the Truth and *be* the Life of which the Christ is the greatest human Exemplar. To do so will require all we have and all we are. Thus, to *tread*, thus to *live*, thus to *be* will cost not less than everything, yet will restore the "Life more Abundant" to the sacrificing one, and eventually to one and all.

Song 6: The Way, The Truth And The Life

"My Heart is beating,
My Heart is sounding,
My Heart is calling,
Calling for Thee"!

The Heart of the Christ is beating,
The Heart of the Christ is sounding,
The Heart of the Christ is calling,
Calling for thee!

"My Heart is calling, calling, calling — follow Me"!

And the rising Heart of Humanity will follow,
Will answer His call.
We come from the Star of David.
We come from the Star and Crescent.
We come from the Cross uplifted!
We will follow,
We will follow,
Follow, follow Thee.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
You are the Way, the Truth and the Life —
"The Way which leads to Glory,
The Truth revealing Glory,
The Life that *is* the Glory!
"Follow, follow Me"

We follow,
We follow, follow Thee!

We come from the Parsi's Rising Flame.
We come from the pathless Path of the Tao.
We come from Thy Brother Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path,
And uphold His Four Noble Truths.
We will follow,
We will follow, follow Thee!

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
You are the Way, the Truth and the Life!

As pilgrims we will *tread* that Way!
As pilgrims we will *live* that Truth!
As pilgrims we will *be* that Life revealed in Him!

"Follow",
"Follow"!

We follow,
We follow.
We follow, we follow, we follow Thee!

For the Way leads to God's Glory!
And the Truth reveals God's Glory!
And the Life *is* the Life of All,
Of All, Of All,
Of All, Of All.
We follow,
We follow,
We follow, follow thee.
"Follow Me",
"Follow Me".
We follow Thee —
Thee,
Thee,
Thee.

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder what it means to truly follow the Great Lord — the Lord Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Inscribe His Image On My Heart

The Tibetan Teacher has told us that there is rendered no true likeness of the Christ. His true image is not in the exoteric possession of Humanity. Yet, the initiate of the first or second degree will see the Great Lord "face to face" and in his inmost depths (perhaps unremembered by the consciousness in the physical brain) will *know* the true image of the Christ.

Master D.K. has said of our knowledge and recognition of the Christ: "We arrive at knowledge of Him because He is ours, as we are His. Do you understand that whereof I speak?" The true "image" of the Christ is not an outer likeness but a great impression of *love* made upon the 'heart'. It is not for others to convey this image to us. When love arises in our heart, that image will be inscribed upon our consciousness, upon our soul, i.e., upon our *heart*. It is *love* that will reveal the true image of the Christ. If we wish to know Him, we must *love*.

Song 7: Inscribe His Image On My Heart

Inscribe His image on my heart.
Engrave His image on my heart.
Make my heart a canvass for the Image of the Lord!
My heart is but a canvass for the Image of the Lord.
Inscribe His image on my heart.
Engrave His image on my heart.
Make my heart a canvass for the Image of the Lord —
For the Image of my Lord!

But all unknown is He.
No one has portrayed His likeness as it is.
No one has portrayed His likeness as it is.
The Great Ones say that none can see the living Christ —
The Great Ones say that none can see the living Christ —
Through the eyes of another,

Through the eyes of another —
Only with one's own.

How, then, shall we know Him —
Blind as we are?

How shall He be known, except through Love?
How shall He be known, except through Love!
The Lord of Love shall not be known —
Except through Love
Love inscribes His the Image on our heart!
If we love,
If we love,
We shall surely know Him —
Surely see His Image as it is.

We shall surely know Him,
Because He is ours,
Because we are His,
Because we are His.
Forever! Forever! Forever!
Inscribe His image on my heart.
Inscribe His image on my heart.
Inscribe the Image of the Lord of Love upon my Heart.

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us search within our heart and find the Image of the Lord, unique to every Seeker.

Forgetting The Things That Lie Behind

The love which the Love of the Christ reveals to the human heart is so magnetic, so compelling, that there arises (for the true disciple of the Great Lord) an unrelenting fire of aspiration — a determination to leave the past behind and pursue the "high calling that is in Christ".

The aspiring soul realizes that the Reappearance of the Christ is the greatest imminent spiritual event upon our planet and that its success is indispensable to the future of Humanity and to all lives within the three lower worlds.

Christ comes to guide, to direct and to teach. He does not come to take from Humanity the privilege of fulfilling its destined responsibility — to build the new civilization. The true follower of the Christ realizes the nature of his obligations. If the work of building the new civilization is to be accomplished, it will be accomplished through human labor, human effort — accomplished “by human hands and human feet”.

To follow the Great One is to serve Humanity with full heart, mind and will, and to put all secondary things (however worthy) aside — at least temporarily. The old saying is understood as true: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all things will be added unto you”. He who strives into the future, in fulfillment of His “higher spiritual possibilities”, leaves the dead to bury the dead; for him the past is truly gone. He counts all as loss except that he “win the Christ”.

Song 8: Forgetting The Things That Lie Behind

Forgetting the things which lie behind,
Forgetting the things which lie behind,
I will strive —
I will strive towards my higher spiritual possibilities!
By human hands, by human feet,
By human hands, by human feet,
By human hands, by human feet!
I dedicate myself anew to the service of the Coming One,
And will do all I can do,
To prepare men's minds and hearts for that event!
I have no other life intention —
I have no other life intention —
I have no other life intention!

By human hands, by human feet,
By human hands, by human feet,
By human hands, by human feet,
Shall the Work be accomplished,
Shall the Temple rise,
Shall the glory of the New Age come!
Forgetting the which that lie behind —

Forgetting,
Forgetting,
The things which lie behind —
I will strive!

I will strive!
Towards my higher, spiritual possibilities!
I dedicate myself,
I dedicate myself,
I dedicate myself,
Anew,
Anew!
By human hands by human feet,
By human hands by human feet,
To the service of the Coming One —
The Coming One!
I have no other life intention!
I have no other life intention!
I have no other life intention!
I have no other — life — intention!
By human hands and human feet!

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder on this Mantram of Commitment admitting of no compromise.

The Gates Of New Life

All earnest striving and struggle lead eventually to the Portal of Initiation — the Gates of New Life. The Wheel of Life has been reversed. One no longer yearns for form but for the expansion of consciousness. The time comes for penetration into the Fifth Kingdom of Nature. The higher worlds (especially the higher mental plane — the “home of the soul”) now become *home*.

The evolutionary effort which the Solar Angel has supervised for so many millions of years now bears its fruit with the human being’s entry into the process of initiation. This entry into a new kingdom is supervised by the “First Initiator” — the Christ, the Bodhisattva. It is He Who will greet the candidate as he stands “with just expectancy” before the “Two Leaved Door of Initiation”. The relationship between the Initiator and the initiated is of rare beauty. It is Christ’s great wish to throw open the “gates of New Life” to every worthy candidate. And this He does! May the day soon come when every earnest seeker will have earned to right to see the Christ stand before him, welcoming him into to the Kingdom of the Soul.

Song 9: The Gates Of New Life

And when the Silent Voice has called my name,
The wheel reversed and turning towards the Higher Light,
And when I put behind me the ancient lure of lunar sin,
And stand in just expectancy before the "Two-Leaved Door",
Who shall it be? Who shall it be? Who shall it be?

And when the sacred Golden Flower reveals itself in Heaven,
And when the Ninefold Wheel of Light, shines forth before my inner eye,
And when the Glorious Angel, resplendent stands before me,
In the third of heavenly worlds —
Who shall it be?
Who shall it be?
Who shall welcome me into the Kingdom of the Soul?

Oh Man, "Oh Saul — it shall be —
A Face like my face that receives thee; a Man like to me,
Thou shalt love and be loved by, forever:
A Hand like this hand
Shall throw open the gates of new life to thee!
See the Christ stand!"
See the Christ stand!
See the Christ stand!

Meditation: In meditation deep, let us ponder the initiatory role of Lord Maitreya, Who greets us as we enter the Kingdom of the Soul.

At The Centre Of All Love I Stand

The Christ is both a person and a principle — Humanity's greatest expression of the Principle of Love. Those Who love the Christ and seek with Him to serve Humanity, have learned to stand as the soul "at the centre of all love".

Following is a song based upon a beautiful and ancient mantram. It is one of mantrams expressive of a soul-inspired life — the kind of life which every disciple must learn to live. Each lover of the Christ and of Humanity is to become a radiant expression of solar fire — the fire of the heart which pours forth from the "Heart of the Sun". May we all, identified in soul, learn to stand at the "Centre of all Love"! If we do so, we will be standing within the Energy of the Christ.

Song 10: At The Centre Of All Love I Stand

At the centre of all love I stand;
And from that centre, I the soul will outward move;
From that centre, I the one who serves will work.
May the love of the Divine Self be shed abroad in my heart,
Through my group
And throughout the world.
May the love of the Divine Self be shed abroad —
In my heart,
Through my group,
And throughout the world.
At the centre of all love I stand.
I stand!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder our expression of the Love of the Soul and the Love of Lord Maitreya.

Test Thyself Upon His Sword

Love is the most exacting of all disciplines — it is not for the faint of heart or for spiritual cowards. Peace does not mean the same thing to the Great Lord as to many unthinking human beings. The Lord brings to us the "Sword of Discrimination", in relation to which we must test the strength of our aspiration and love.

A great *battle*, anticipating the Armageddon (the "Judgment Day" of the fifth round) is now taking shape. Only those who have tested themselves upon Lord Maitreya's Sword can fight within the Army of the Christ — Maitreya's Army.

The Master Morya has told us in the book *Agni Yoga* that the Army of Lord Maitreya is a million strong. This Army is composed of all true servers of the human race — those who are willing to sacrifice themselves for the upliftment of Humanity and the enactment of the Divine Plan.

Many spiritual tests lie ahead for all servants of the Christ and His beloved Humanity. The rigors of the Christ-like life have hardly been appreciated by the average aspirant or disciple. May we learn that the Sword of the Lord Maitreya really exists within each one of us — it is the Sword of Spirit, which is the true source of our strength for the Good.

Song 11: Test Thyself Upon His Sword

Test thyself upon the Sword,
Test thyself on Maitreya's Sword!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
"I come to bring not Peace but the Sword"
"I come to bring not Peace but the Sword" —
Saith the "Prince of Peace".

The Sword to sever Good from evil,
The Sword to sever Truth from lie,
The Sword to sever Light from dark,
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
Maitreya wields the Sword of Spirit.
Maitreya wields the Sword of Love.
Maitreya wields the Sword of Living Truth.
Christ is the Angel with the Flaming Sword!

Test thyself upon the Sword,
Test thyself on Maitreya's Sword!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!

And should the Sword of Maitreya touch thee —
Then, oh Brother, be thou warned!
Evil will arise before thee!
By the world thou shalt be scorned!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
Test thyself on Maitreya's Sword!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million!
Maitreya's Army numbers one million —
And all its soldiers are tested on the Sword of the Christ,
And all its soldiers are tested on the Sword of the Christ!
Cleave Good from evil!
Cleave the darkness from the Light

Cleave Love from hated!
Cleave Life from death!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
Test thyself on Maitreya's Sword!
Test thyself upon the Sword,
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!
The Sword of Lord Maitreya!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder on the discipline required of those who would, sincerely and to the End, follow the Lord of Love.

The Rose Of God

The rose (considered by many the most lovely of all flowers) is spiritually regarded as the highest 'member' of the second Kingdom of Nature — the vegetable kingdom. The Great Lord, the Christ, is the 'Rose of Humanity' — its first and most beautiful Flower and — as the rose is to all other members of the second kingdom, He is the highest and most beautiful of all human beings. He has achieved this beauty of Spirit through the power of *loving sacrifice*, staining rose-red the chalice of his life.

The Great Lord is a Representative of the energy of Venus (just as the Buddha represents Mercury). Venus is a Planetary Lord of the Fifth Ray (a Ray Lord called the "Rose of God"), but even more deeply, a Lord of the sixth and second Rays. A great stream of Love emanates from Venus towards the Earth; it is for Earth's Humanity a great spiritual gift.

The Christ, as true Representative of the Venusian energy is, in His own right, a "Rose of God" — "the first and finest flower on the human plant". All flowers belong to Venus; all flowers belong to the "Way of the Heart", Master M. tells us. Through the power of the heart—the power of Love — and under the guidance of the Christ, the disciple develops the 'Power of Resurrection', consummated eventually at the seventh initiation.

Then, like the Christ, he shall become a "Rose of God" and it may be said of Him, spiritually, that "he *arose*" — in so doing moving more deeply into the Kingdom of Souls and in preparation for his entry into the Kingdom of Planetary Lives (of which the Christ is even now a Member).

Song 12: The Rose Of God

The Rose of God —
He arose,
He, a Rose!
The Rose of God —
He arose,
He, a Rose!
The first and finest flower on the Human Plant is a Rose.
A Rose, a Rose, a Rose —
A Rose!

The flower of the Human Race is a Rose.
The Rose of Humanity,
The perfect Flower!
The Rose of Humanity,
Lord of consciousness unfolding,
Lord of loving understanding,
The perfect Flower —
He arose.
He, a Rose

The blood of Life is the red of the Rose,
A flower stained in sacrifice,
Stained,
Stained,
Eternally in beauty —
Through sacrifice.

May every heart be as a rose unfolding!
May every heart be as a rose unfolding!
May every heart become a Rose of God!
May every soul display the Glory of *the* Rose of God!

Only Love can make a Rose!
Only Love can make a Christ!
The flower of Humanity, Who arose!
He arose!
He the Rose of Resurrection!
He, the Christ arose — a Rose!
He arose!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder on the Symbol of the Rose — exquisitely expressing the Energy of the Risen Christ.

They Shall Pass Before Him

Throughout the Aquarian Age the Christ and His great Brother, the Buddha, will labor for the welfare of Humanity. Centuries will pass and They will labor on. But at last there will arrive an end to these particular labors — first for the Buddha and then for the Christ.

The Buddha's Age will be the Age of general illumination under Mercury — the middle period (or decanate) of the Aquarian Age. This will be followed by the 'Age of Venus' — the Age of Brotherhood, over which the Christ will preside during the third decanate of the Age.

Both of these Great Lords shall see of the travail of Their Soul and be satisfied. They will have ushered Humanity into far fuller understanding and expression of Light and Love.

When this has been sufficiently accomplished (and at a time which, given our limited knowledge, we cannot anticipate), these two unparalleled Teachers of Humanity will pass before the Lord of the World (as the Planetary Logos) and bring to a conclusion the seventh initiation — a process which each of Them began long ago.

The Lord of the World will set His Seal upon Their efforts and pronounce a great Word of Affirmation confirming the magnificent achievement of these two Lords — the Lord of Love and the Lord of Wisdom. A great *solar* initiation will be passed, and the power of the Solar Logos to express itself upon the Earth-scheme (our greater planet) will be confirmed.

Their Missions fulfilled, again, at a time which is not given to us to know, They will pass on to higher and greater forms of Service — satisfied that a great portion of Humanity has been lifted onto the spiritual Path and will be treading the 'Path of Redemption'.

Song 13: They Shall Pass Before Him

When the Water-Bearer's Age has nearly passed,
When Their burden has been borne unto the destined end,
Their task complete —
And Humanity illumined,
Humanity Illumined,
Possessed of "Life Abundant" and uplifted in its Soul,
And Brotherhood established in the heart of all Mankind,
Then, then,
Then, oh Then —
Then, They shall pass before Him!
Then, They shall pass before Him!
The East and West before Him —
Light-Wisdom, Love-Wisdom —
Pass before the Most High Lord —
Their Father in Heaven!
The King upon His Sapphire Throne!
The Lord of the World!

And They shall see His Glory,
And hear His Voice ring out in affirmation:
"These are my beloved Sons in Whom I am well pleased".
"These are my beloved Sons in Whom I am well pleased".
Brothers of Salvation!
Redeemers of Humanity —
The Lord of Light, and the Lord of Love —
Brothers and My Sons,
Brothers and My Sons —
In Whom I am well pleased,
In Whom I am well pleased!
Now They will pass,
Now They will pass,
To a Path that leads away from this Earth,
To higher service of a nature all unknown to mortal man!

And the Sun shall shine!
The Solar Sun shall shine —
In Love-Wisdom,
Love-Wisdom!
The *seventh* Solar Sun shall shine!
The *seventh* Solar Sun shall shine —
Upon the Lord of Light,
Upon the Lord of Love,

Who shall pass —beyond!
They shall pass!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder on the liberation of the Christ and of the Buddha — Their emancipation into fields of greater service, after once They have redeemed the human race.

It is Finished

An end must come. When through the Initiate Jesus, the Christ participated in the pronouncement of the words, "It is finished", the scene, *apparently*, was one of consummate agony and distress. Yet we human beings have misunderstood, for that final Word signalled a great liberation both for the Initiate Jesus and for His Master, the Christ.

Again will come the thought, "It is finished". At that time it will occur not at the beginning of an Age (as it did in relation to the Age of Pisces) but at the conclusion of the Aquarian Age, over which the Christ will have presided as the World Teacher. The Great Lord will have lifted a struggling Humanity far closer to the "Joy of the Soul" than would ever have been possible without His selfless service.

His Work for Humanity will then be done; as for Humanity, its part will be to enter into the 'Great Joy', the "Life More Abundant" which the Christ, His Way His Truth, His Life will have revealed.

Song 14: It Is Finished

Not from the Cross,
Not in pain,
But in Victory,
The voice of the Christ rings out:
"It is finished!"
"It is finished!"
"Consummation!"
"My Work for Humanity is done!"

Not in agony,
Not in grief for the wrongs to be done in His Name,
For the horrors to be done in His Name —
But in victory,
The voice of the Christ rings out!
In Victory!
In Victory!
In Victory!
“It is finished!”
“It is finished!”
“Consummation!”
“My Work for Humanity is done.”
“My Work for Humanity is done!”
“I have seen of the travail of My Soul and am satisfied!”
“Joy to Humanity!”
“Joy to Humanity!”
“Joy! Joy!”

Meditation: In meditation deep, we ponder the consummation of Lord Maitreya’s Mission of Salvation — for humanity a gift of magnitude immense.

Savior Of The World

What is a World Savior? To most of us it is an unfathomable concept. But if we slowly achieve the ability to develop within ourselves the “mind that is in Christ” and the ‘heart that is in Christ’, we will surely understand Who He is, and the nature of his saving Mission.

As the realization dawns in the depths of our heart, our most fervent wish will be to show our gratitude to the Great Lord by loving ever more perfectly until the “Day Be With Us”. Hail to the Christ!

Song 15: Savior Of The World

Savior of the World,
How may we aid Thee?
Savior of the World,
How may we express Thee?
May Your Mind be in us,
Your Heart be in us,
May you be the breath of life to us!
Hail to the Christ!
Hail to the Christ!

Savior of the World.
How may we follow Thee?
Savior of the World,
How may we give *all* to Thee?
May Your Mind be in us, the Mind of the Christ!
May Your Heart be in us, the Heart of the Christ!
May Your Life be in us the Breath of Life of the Christ!
Hail to the Christ!
Hail to the Christ!
Hail to the Christ!

Meditation: In meditation deep, let our gratitude flow towards the Christ for all that He has given and all that He will give throughout the coming Age.

Love Conquers All

There is no power greater than the Power of Love. This is certainly true under the rulership of our great Solar Logos, the God of Love Who is also the 'Consuming Fire of Love'.

The Resurrection lies ahead for one and all — if not in this solar system, then in another and greater. That Resurrection is approached through the strengthening of the Power of Love. So great is this Power that nothing can withstand it. All melts before it. All is overcome by it.

All that must be conquered (whether within or without) — and so much must — can be conquered through the Power of Love. Do we believe this? Have we faced our most dire challenges through the strength of this irresistible buddhic power? Victory through Love lies ahead for every member of the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet. Within these 'Ranks of Light and Love' we will all someday stand. Then, with certainty, we shall know that "Love Conquers All"!

Song 16: Love Conquers All

Christ the Lord is risen!
Love conquers all!
Shattered is our prison!
Love conquers all!
Tell the wondrous story —
Victory and Glory!
Christ the Lord is risen!
Love conquers all!

From heights to depths the Veil is torn —
Love conquers all!
That man at last may be reborn —
Love conquers all!
Tell the wondrous story —
Victory and glory!
Christ the Lord is risen!
Love conquers all!

The pow'rs of Hell confounded —
Love conquers all!
With radiance surrounded —
Love conquers all!
Tell the wondrous story —
Victory and Glory!
Christ the Lord is risen!
Love conquers all!

Humanity ascending!
Love conquers all!
Love and Light unending!
Love conquers all!
Victory, yes, Victory!
Christ conquers all!

Victory, yes, Victory!
Love conquers all!
Creation's God is singing —
Love conquers all!
The note of joy is ringing —
Love conquers all!
Victory, yes, Victory!
For Love conquers all!
The Christ conquers all!
The Christ conquers all!
Our Lord the Christ conquers all!
The Lord of Love conquers all!

Meditation: In meditation deep, we find ourselves filled with Joy, anticipating the certain victory of Love.

Lo, I Am With You...

The Christ will pass 'beyond' and yet He will remain — with us. This is a mystery. Having taken His place within in the human heart, there He will abide — forever. The poet Robert Browning, in speaking of the Christ, said we will love Him forever — even as He will love us — forever.

As an Individuality He will be "with us" until the end of the Age of Aquarius — until the hour appointed for His departure. But as a Representative of the great Principle of Love (and one day He will be a great 'Ray of Love'), He will be with us as long as Love remains — and Love abides forever!

Song 17: Lo, I Am With You...

Lo, I have been with you even to the end of the Age,
The Water Bearer's Age.
Now you are brothers, illumined in mind,
Radiant in your loving heart.
My Mind now is yours,
My Heart now is yours — as it has always been.
Now I must bid you farewell,

Farewell
Farewell.
The Father calls, and I may not refuse,
So farewell, my brothers and my friends.
But do not despair,
Instead rejoice!
For I remain with you,
Closer that ever,
In the Love I am,
In the Love we are.
And though I pass beyond this sphere,
I am with you,
I am with you.
I am with you to the End.
For I *am* you!
And you are none but I,
And we are One in the Father,
We are One in the Father!
Thus, forever, I am with you,
I am with you,
I am with you.
You and I —
You and I —
You and I are One,
One,
One,
In LOVE.

Meditation: In meditation deep, we contemplate the Christ's amazing promise to abide with those He loves — to abide with the humanity He loves throughout the coming Age.

Epilogue

For those who care deeply about the fate of our planet and its Humanity, there is no more important task than to prepare the minds and hearts of all human beings for the Reappearance of the Christ and His Hierarchy. The Members of the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet know the importance of building an intelligent, loving and *independent, self-determining* Humanity. It is the Law of our Logos that Humanity make its own decisions and determine its own fate. Yet, the Wise Elder Brothers and Sisters also know that at this time of acute planetary transition and initiation, Humanity cannot (alone and unaided) issue into the calm waters of spiritual certainty (and safety) without the prolonged assistance of the Masters of the Wisdom, Who *know* the Plan of God (the Plan of our Planetary Logos).

Therefore, the Reappearance of the Christ and the Externalization of the Spiritual Hierarchy are *inevitable planetary necessities*, and to promote their successful manifestation, every lover of Humanity and of our planet must bend every effort. May we all care enough to do so!

The Composition of the Return of the Christ

The *Return of the Christ* has been composed and orchestrated to promote a truer image of the Great Lord, to prepare for His Coming and for the founding of that new and universal World Religion which will celebrate the Way, the Truth and the Life which He *is*.

If you discern the value of our musical project, one purpose of which is to create choral and orchestral music composed especially for the celebration of the New World Religion which the Christ will inaugurate, please do contact us. We truly need your generous support so that we may bring our spiritual-cultural service project to its intended consummation.