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In Matthew's Gospel, Matthew starts out by defining the Genealogy of Jesus. It took 42 generations of people to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. Some had a big part to play and others had a smaller part, all of which were necessary. It's when you put all these works together that the tapestry of God's plan for mankind can be seen more clearly. Are we in fact preparing the way for the return of Jesus in Glory?



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Spirit is alive in everyone, and He guides and directs us along our earthly journey. Pray to the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.

The Teachings of Jesus

Become an Apostle of Truth

Truth only comes from God and before the world can come to an end, as we know it, the truth must be revealed. How will this be done? The Lord will accomplish this by using his prophets; the same way He used the prophets in the Old Testament which also contains the Book of the Prophets.

This work presents the teachings that were given, by the Lord, to the prophets of our time that are located throughout the world. When these teachings are brought together, they present a clear picture of the events that will lead us to the return of Jesus in Glory and the end of a period of salvation.

Jesus is speaking: "All the strands of this Mission are being drawn together to form a pattern. Then, when the various parts are linked and fitted together, like the pieces of a jigsaw, when all the pieces begin to merge, the final picture will become clear."

Ref: MDM message Jan 24, 2014

The 'final picture' has been assembled and presented in the twelve volumes of the Alpha and Omega of Creation Series



Become an Apostle of truth by passing on the Lord's teachings to family and friends. The Lord has revealed the past, the present and the future. You can't even begin to comprehend His love for you unless you understand the very beginning, only then will you understand who you really are and how great is His love for you.

In Honor of the Holy Spirit

May the Holy Spirit descend upon you and fill you with love and wisdom, as you journey through space and time, to discover the wonders of creation as the Father reveals His Divine Plan for mankind. May the Magnificat of the Blessed Mother's "yes" be your "yes" as you open your heart and mind to receive knowledge, truth, and understanding that only the Holy Spirit can give.



"When the Paraclete comes, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father – and whom I Myself will send from the Father – He will bear witness on My behalf. He will guide you to all truth."

(John 15, 26-27; 16:13)

The Spirit of Truth Prayer

Holy Spirit baptize me with the fire of your love. I have surrendered to you the best of my ability, and now I want to activate Your Spirit of Love within me. I need Your power in my life. Please fill me now. I believe that as I yield and ask, You will release Your strength, wisdom, healing, and love to meet the needs of the hour. Work in me in a powerful way. I want every purpose God has for my life to be fulfilled, and I need you, mighty Spirit of God, to bring that purpose to fulfillment. Release Your Spirit within me, Amen.

They shall all be taught by God

John 6:41-51

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Introduction: The Messianic Cycle Begins with Mary

BD No. 5551 of 12/09/1952 taken from book 61

God the Father is speaking: "I want to teach you what you want to have clarified, for I want you to have the correct information first before you instruct your fellow human beings, which is the task of those of you who want to serve Me. I want you to understand everything yourselves before you pass your knowledge on, for the other person is frequently not very patient, he desires an explanation, especially when he has doubts, and then you should also be able to provide it informatively. The problem of God's human manifestation in Jesus gives rise to most questions, because so far it has been explained such that it causes increasingly more confusion instead of illumination. My earthly existence as a human being did not differ in any way from that of other people, I just gave room to the development of love in My heart where others increased their selfish love and instead of 'giving' they 'desired'.



The spark of love smolders in every human being's heart, but it can ignite into a bright flame just as it can be smothered. This, however, also differentiates people from each other, for love leaves its mark of divinity on everyone, whereas selfish love is My adversary's image who exalted himself and thus fell. Love is therefore the Divine in the human being, which appears only as a very tiny spark at the start of earthly life but has the capacity to expand infinitely. The spark of love was already recognizable in the infant Jesus because a soul of light had embodied itself in the child, which indeed had left all of God's glories behind in the spiritual kingdom yet not its love, and this strength of love expressed itself at times when the spiritual spark made contact with the eternal Father-Spirit, which happens with every loving child, but in Jesus it was intended to be obvious to people so that they would believe in the Divinity of the child Jesus. The working of the spirit is not prevented in an infant like that, it just rarely, if ever, surfaces because the human being's intellect and free will first have to strive for the working of My spirit themselves, which only consciously happens when he is old enough to make use of the intellect and will in freedom of thought.

The explanation for the miracles of the child Jesus, for the unusual events, can only be found in the high degree of love, for Jesus' soul came from above, it was a soul of light and love which was then wrapped in a human form and also prevented from its hitherto unrestricted work and activity in order to do justice to its human external form. The infant Jesus possessed a high degree of love, yet the earthly-human nature asserted itself too, the world, that is, My and His adversary also exercised his influence on this earthly-human nature since he was allowed to do so for the sake of the test of will. And then My spirit remained silent, for even the human being Jesus had to take this test of will, and the work of His soul's deification had to take place under the same conditions as with every other human being, albeit due to His love My spirit was and remained in Him.

Yet the highest degree of love had to be attained by the human being Jesus' own will, and therefore My spirit withdrew during these years, it did not insist and impel Him, it allowed the human being Jesus complete freedom until, as a result of His intensified love, the ever-increasing abundance of My spirit manifested itself as wisdom and might, as outstanding knowledge and miracle-working. The human being Jesus had been chosen for this mission since eternity. A supreme being of light descended to earth; one of My children, living in magnificence, started His earthly progress, and thus this soul already had to permeate the earthly form of the infant Jesus, and everything remarkable in His youth was entirely natural and understandable, yet for people living in darkness equally incomprehensible, and so a cover was spread across the radiant light in later years and the actual mission began, the deification of an earthly human being by means of love. I was indeed at all times able to work through My spirit in the human being Jesus, for all conditions to do so were given; yet for the sake of Jesus' mission everything divinely-spiritual withdrew, and this mission was accomplished by Him as a human being, Who took His strength entirely from His active love, which was just as difficult for Him to develop as for every other human being, because My adversary truly did not let his influence go to waste since, after all, Jesus' victory meant the adversary's defeat. But My adversary was unable to affect Jesus' free will, and this was wholly and completely aimed in My direction. And therefore, He succeeded in accomplishing the work, for His will arose from His love for Me. Love, however, is the strength which is stronger than death and therefore He also defeated the one who had brought death into the world. Love was victorious and will remain so eternally."

"Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father"

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Jesus is speaking: "Whoever sees Me sees the Father, because the Father and I are one. I brought the Word to people, but they did not recognize it as God's Word, as the expression of His infinite love for His living creations. They looked at it as human word, given to them by Me from Myself, because they were dark inside and did not know about God's working within the human being. Hence, they could no longer hear God's voice themselves, which could have provided evidence to them of God's presence, of His essence and his close relationship with people. I, however, wanted to return this knowledge to them; I wanted to introduce them to the strength of love and faith, so that they might become noticeably aware of God's presence if they heeded My teaching. I came to them as a mediator sent by God to proclaim His Word to people of good will in accordance with His instruction. The eternal Father-Spirit took abode in Me to visibly work through Me. Everything I said and did was His work, His will, His strength and His love. I was merely the form through which God expressed Himself, or His presence would have been unbearable for the people who were living in profound spiritual darkness. And the form which veiled the Father-Spirit also belonged to Him, for everything within Me aspired towards the Father-Spirit, albeit it was a mortal shell like any other human being. But because of the spirit within Itself It became immortal.

I was Jesus, the man, but only in My external appearance, because everything in and about Me was spiritualized by love, it was united with the eternal love to which I was inseparably connected since eternity. God as a spirit is not visible

to human beings, nevertheless He made Himself visible to them in Me as a person, He adopted My physical garment and showed Himself in it to people, identifying Himself as wisdom, love and omnipotence. And to those who believed in Me My work on earth gave evidence of the Deity through miracles, which were only possible to God and which My will could accomplish because God was in Me, and thus His will, wisdom and strength permeated Me. Hence there was no further separation between God and My mortal body, It had become one with Him, He occupied it completely, He Himself walked on earth in My external form, which in turn was a work of His love in order to make Himself accessible to people. And I brought His Word to them. He Himself spoke through Me, He, the eternal Word Himself, had become flesh in order to make Himself heard by people. Because they no longer knew the mystery of eternal love, the eternal Father-Spirit, Whose Word establishes the bond with people.

They no longer knew about the strength of the Word which draws everything towards itself when it can become effective in a person. They did not know that every human being could hear the divine Word Itself in himself if he shaped himself to love in accordance with God's will, in order to receive the divine love Itself. For this reason, God came to earth Himself, and He brought them the knowledge again which should release the people from their darkness. And people did not recognize Him, they pursued Me, who sheltered the Divine inside of Me, as a human being. And I had to allow it to happen in order to safeguard their free will. I brought the Word to them, but they did not accept it, and they did not recognize in Me the One Who permeated Me completely. They saw Me but not see God in Me, who did not conceal Himself from their view but performed signs and miracles in order to make the blind see again. But to those who believed He revealed Himself in His love, wisdom, and omnipotence. And they saw Him rise to heaven in full glory, they saw His shell spiritualizing itself before their eyes and in radiating light ascend to the kingdom which had been its home since eternity."

The Lord's Foreword

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber

I LIVED IN THAT WELL-KNOWN TIME up to My thirtieth year just like any other properly raised boy, then young man and then man, and first had to awaken the Deity within Me - just as every man must awaken Me within himself - by conforming My earthly way of life to the Law of Moses.

Just like any other responsible person, I first had to awaken My faith in the existence of God and comprehend Him ever more and more through all manner of self-denial as well as ever increasing love until by degrees I finally achieved complete control of the divine Power.

Thus I, as the Lord Myself, was a living example for every man, wherefore every man can now draw Me to himself just as I Myself put on the divine Nature within Me, and of his own free will can become just as wholly one with Me by his love and by his faith as I Myself as part man and part God am wholly one with the divine Essence in all infinite fullness.

TO THE QUESTION as to how the Child-wonders of Jesus and His divinely spiritual activity as a Child may be correlated to His as it were isolated human nature during adolescence and manhood and again to His at that time performed wonders

- if one is to think of Him in these (isolated) years as only a human being - a look at a tree from spring to fall serves as an answer.

In the springtime the tree blossoms wondrously and is alive with activity. After the blossoms have fallen the tree again seems to be inactive. But towards fall the tree reemerges in its greatest activity: the fruits, the surely wondrous, are flavored - and colored more beautifully than formerly the blossoms - and thus ripened, and the blessing bestowed on them is freed of its bonds and falls as such into the lap of the hungry little children.

This parable may be discerned with the eye of the heart, but never with the eye of worldly wisdom. The passages open to question are quite readily discerned - if the Deity of Jesus is not denied but is upheld by the faith of the heart, which is a light of love toward God ... For as soon as the heart of man becomes pure it easily understands that the complete union of the fullness of the Deity with the man Jesus was not consummated at one time, as if in an instant but, like all things under the guidance of God, only progressively, like the gradual (successive) awakening of the divine spirit in the human heart. And this consummation was fully achieved only through His death on the cross although the Deity in all Its fullness already dwelt in the Child Jesus but made Itself manifest in wondrous works only in time of need.

THE TEMPORAL DEATH OF JESUS is the utmost condescension of the Deity into the judgment of all matter and therewith makes possible an entirely new establishment of relations between Creator and creature.

Only through the death of Jesus does God Himself become altogether man and created man by means of this divine, supreme grace a newly conceived child of God - that is, a God - and only thus as the Creator's perfected likeness can the created being stand face to face with Him and see, speak, recognize and beyond measure love Him as its God, Creator and Father, and only thus gain the perfect eternal, indestructible life in God, from God and beside God ... And there with the power (that is: will) of Satan is broken to the extent that he no longer can prevent the full approach of the Deity to the children of men, and conversely their approach to the Deity.

To say it more briefly: Through the death of Jesus every man now can fraternize with God in fullest measure, and never again can Satan intervene - for which reason the word to the women visiting the grave states: Go and tell it to My brothers! - The rule of Satan in the outer form may well be constantly discerned, but eternally never again can he restore the once torn curtain between the Deity and mankind and thus rebuild the old impassable gulf between God and mankind.

And from this brief exposition of the subject every man who thinks and sees with his heart can very easily and clearly appreciate the boundless gain inherent in the temporal death of Jesus. Amen.

Getting to know Jesus, the eleven-year-old Jesus at work.

Ref: Revelation by Jakob Lorber, the Prophet.

Getting to know Jesus

"In the New Testament, we get to know Jesus and his deeds in a summarized form. But the longing of many people is great to experience more about Jesus, this extraordinary God made man. In the wonderful New Revelation by Jakob Lorber, Jesus granted this wish in a rich way. In the work titled "The Childhood of Jesus", we learn about his life into the twelfth year.

As if we were there, we experience how Mary, educated in the temple in Jerusalem, goes to Joseph the carpenter as a foster child by lot. He was a widower with five grown sons. We share how the angel predicts that Mary, pregnant by the spirit of God, will give birth to Jesus, our God and father, in a cave which served as a stable or sheep shelter.

The reason for the birth taking place in a stable or cave was not because Mary had been turned away at an inn, but because labor pains began before they reached Bethlehem. We experience the visit of the Three Wise Men, the flight into Egypt, and other events there, as well as the return to Israel. Until the beginning of his mission, Jesus lived and worked with Mary, Joseph and his sons in Nazareth, serving as a carpenter.

Our joy will increase, all the more, when we read the great Gospel of John, in which Jesus himself tells, by way of the "writing servant" Jakob Lorber, what happened during the three years of his apprenticeship.

At that time, Jesus gathered the most developed souls on the earth to educate them and make them capable of bringing to mankind His teachings. So, in this wonderful work, we experience the revelation of many secrets, of which humanity had no idea up until the time of this revelation. If we read this splendid work, it is as if we were travelling with Jesus and his Disciples through the Holy Land and were witnesses to their conversations and deeds."



Let's begin our journey:

Section 1: The Messianic Cycle Begins



**What is Jesus holding in His hands?
He's offering you something; do you know what or who it is?**

The Messianic Cycle Begins, Mary in God's Eternal Thought, Jesus Grandparents, The Immaculate Conception of Mary, The Light Descends to Earth, The Immaculate Conception of Jesus and the Souls of Light, The Mystery of the Incarnation of God in Jesus, The Mystery of the Birth of Jesus and the Nativity, All of Nature Stood Still, Mary is the Second Born of the Father, Christmas Message. . .

The Messianic Cycle Begins

Ref: MV Volume 1:19

The Virgin Mary was embraced by the holy Trinity before time ever existed. She was the Trinity's Tabernacle. She contained the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in her womb, because She contained the blessed fruit of Her virginal womb, Jesus, in whom was found the unity of the Word with the Father and the Holy Spirit. She was thus the Beloved of the most Holy Trinity. Revelation is Her treasure, and She is the kind and beloved Queen of Revelation. She distributes Wisdom and gives the Word. She is the virginal Fountain made life-giving by God. She gushes forth with streams of living water, that is, eternal life, for whoever drinks of it."

Mary in God's Eternal Thought

Ref: The Book of Azariah:281 (Azariah is the Guardian Angel of Maria Valtorta)

After the battle of angels in heaven: Azariah is speaking: "At this point, we turned our attention from the abyss of desolation to the Divinity, so as to behold His splendor. We were filled with awe such as we had never experienced before. We then contemplated the second revelation of Eternal Thought. [It was Mary, who would worship God's Incarnate Word and become His handmaid]. When the proud angels became aware of the first revelation [the Incarnation of the Divine Word], they refused to worship Him, thus causing disorder to appear. At this we were troubled, but when we became aware of the second revelation [Mary], the worshiper and handmaid of the Divine Incarnate Word, we were once again filled with peace.



We saw Mary in God's eternal Thought. Seeing Her and possessing that wisdom which is comfort, security and peace, was one and the same thing. We greeted our future Queen with the song of our light. We contemplated Her freely received perfections [Her unique privileges], as well as Her voluntary perfections [Her exceptional merits, etc]. What a beautiful instant that was! To comfort His Angels, the Eternal One showed them the precious stone of His Love and Power. We saw that She would be filled with such humility that, by itself, it could make up for all the pride of creatures [whether angels or humans].

She taught us right then and there not to turn the gifts we had received into instruments that would ruin us. It was not Her bodily form that spoke to us, but Her spiritual reality, speaking wordlessly. Contemplating Her in God's thought for a moment preserved us from every proud thought, because She was most Humble. [Thus, Mary was a means of salvation even for the Angels, since, by Her, they were preserved of every sin of pride and were strengthened in their charity.]"

As you can see, the second revelation to God's plan was never revealed to the angels that refused to worship the Incarnate Word. This revelation was reserved for the angles that remained faithful to God. Satan knew that the Son of God would be born of a woman, but he didn't know how, who, or when.' Satan first entered

man through the flesh [sensuality], and if he can, he will do it again gladly. Women were meant to be God's sweetness on earth. They were meant to be manifestations and testimonies of God's love. Satan was aware of the perfection [of women]. Satan, who is sly, crafty, and cruel, wormed his way into that perfection, bit into it, and injected his venom.

The question to us is: How will God implement the second part of His Divine Plan now that both angels and man have failed their test? We are all descendants of Adam and Eve, which means that every descendant is born with original sin. So how is it possible for Mary, the mother of Jesus, to be conceived without the stain of original sin? Mary must enter into the world and be free from all sin, if she is to contain the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ within Her womb.

The answer to this question is to understand the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We will start with Mary's parents:

Jesus Grandparents – Anne and Joachim

MV Vol1:14

Jesus speaks about His Grandparents: "The just are always wise, because, as friends of God, they live in His company and are taught by Him, yes, by Him, Infinite Wisdom.

My grandparents were just and therefore they possessed wisdom. They could quote *accurately* from the Book, singing the praises of Wisdom from its context: 'She is what I loved and searched for from my youth: I resolved to have her as my bride.'



Anne of Aaron was the strong woman of whom our Ancestor speaks. And Joachim, a descendant of King David, had not sought so much charm and wealth as virtue. Anne possessed a *great* virtue. All holy attributes joined together like a sweet-smelling bunch of flowers to become one beautiful thing that was: this exceptional *Virtue*. A real virtue: worthy of being set before the throne of God.

Joachim had therefore married twice, (1) 'loving her more than any other woman'; (2) the Wisdom of God enshrined in the heart of a just woman. Anne of Aaron had not sought anything else but to join her life to that of an upright man, certain that family joy lies in righteousness. And to be the embodiment of the 'strong woman' she lacked only the crown of children, the glory of the married woman, the justification of marriage, the one of which Solomon speaks, as for her happiness she lacked children, the flower of a tree that has become one thing with the adjoining tree and obtains thereof abundance of new fruit, in which the two good qualities blend into one, because she had never experienced any disappointment on account of her husband.

Although she was now approaching old age and had been Joachim's wife for many years, she was always for him 'the spouse of his youth, his joy, his most dear love, the graceful fawn,' whose caresses always had the fresh charm of the first nuptial evening and sweetly fascinated his love, keeping it as fresh as a flower sprinkling with dew, and as ardent as a fire continuously kept burning. Therefore, in their affliction, their childless state, they spoke to each other 'words of consolation in their thoughts and troubles.'

And eternal Wisdom, when the time came, besides teaching them in waking consciousness, enlightened them with dreams at night, visions of the poem of glory that was to come from them and was Most Holy Mary, My Mother. If their humility made them hesitant, their hearts trembled in hope at the first hint of God's promise. There was already certainly in Joachim's words: 'Do hope... We shall gain our favor from God by our faithful love.' *They were dreaming of a child; they got the Mother of God.*

The words of the book of Wisdom appear to be written for them: 'By means of her I shall acquire glory before the people ... by means of her, immortality shall be mine and I shall leave an everlasting memory to my successors.' But to obtain all this they had to become masters of a true and lasting virtue which no event marred. Virtue of Faith, Virtue of Charity, Virtue of Hope, Virtue of Chastity, the chastity of a married couple? They possessed it, because it is not necessary to be virgins to be chaste. And chaste nuptial beds are guarded by angels and from them descend good children who make the virtue of their parents the rule of their lives.

But where are they now? Now children are not wanted, neither is charity. I therefore say that love and marriage are desecrated."

Anne Announces that She is a mother.

MV Vol1:16

"Glory to the Almighty Lord Who had love for the children of David.
Glory to the Lord!
His supreme grace has visited me from Heaven
The old tree has borne a new branch and I am blessed.
At the Feast of Lights hope scattered the seed;
Now the fragrance of Nisan sees it germinating.
Like an almond-tree my flesh is adorned with flowers in spring.
In the evening she perceives she is bearing her fruit.
On that branch there is a rose, there is a most sweet apple.
There is a bright star, an innocent little child.
There is the joy of the house, of the husband and wife.
Praise be to God, to my Lord, Who had mercy on me.
His light said to me: 'A star will come to you.'
Glory, glory! Yours shall be the fruit of this tree.
The first and last, holy and pure, as a gift of the Lord.
Yours it shall be and may joy and peace come upon the earth.
Fly, shuttle. Fasten the yarn for the infant's cloths.
The infant is about to be born. May the song of my heart rise to God singing hosannas."

Joachim comes in when she is about to repeat her song for the fourth time. 'Are you happy, Anne? You look like a bird in spring. What song is that? I have never heard anyone sing it. Where does it come from?'

'From my heart,' Joachim. Anne has got up and is now moving towards her husband, smiling happily. She looks younger and lovelier than ever.

'I did not know you were a poet,' declares her husband looking at her with obvious admiration. They do not look like an elderly couple. In their glance there is the fondness of young couples. 'I came from the other end of the orchard when I heard you singing. For years I had not heard your voice, that of a turtledove in love. Do you mind repeating that song for me?'



'I would repeat it even if you did not ask me. The children of Israel have always entrusted to songs the sincere cries of their hopes, joys and pains. I have entrusted to a song the task of telling myself and you a great joy. Yes, also of telling myself because it is such a great thing that although I am sure of it now, it does not yet seem to me to be true...' and she begins the song over again. But when she comes to the point: 'On that branch there is a rose, there is a most sweet apple, a star...', her well-tuned contralto voice at first trembles, then it breaks, and with a sob of joy she looks at Joachim and raising her arms she cries: 'I am a mother, my darling!' And she takes refuge on his heart, between the arms that he has held out and has now clasped around his happy wife. This is the most chaste and happy embrace that I have ever seen in my life, chaste and ardent in its chastity.

And the sweet reproach is whispered over Anne's grey hair: 'And you were not telling me?'

'Because I wanted to be sure: Old as I am... to know that I am a mother... I could not believe it was true... I did not want to give you the most bitter disappointment of all. Since the end of December, I have perceived that my womb was becoming new and bearing, as I say, a new branch. But now on that branch the fruit is certain... See? That linen is for the one that is coming.'

'Is it not the linen that you bought in Jerusalem in October?' 'Yes, it is. I spun it while I was waiting... and hoping.'"

Anne Conceives Mary in the Temple

MV Vol1:17

Anne is speaking: "I was hoping because the last day while I was praying in the Temple of Jerusalem, as close as possible for a woman to be to the house of God, and it was already evening ... remember that I was saying: 'A little longer, a little more.' I could not withdraw from the place without receiving the grace! Well, in the growing darkness, from inside the sacred place, where I was watching



from the depth of my soul, to obtain assent from the ever-present God, I saw a light, a spark of beautiful light depart. It was as white as the moon and yet it had in itself all the brightness of all the pearls and gems that are in the world. It seemed that one of the precious stars of the Veil, the stars placed under the feet of the cherubim had become detached and bright with a supernatural light, it seemed that beyond the sacred Veil, from the Glory itself, a fire started which came quickly towards me and while cutting through the air, it sang with a heavenly voice chanting: 'May what you asked for, come to you.' That is why I sing: 'A star will come to you.' What child will ours ever be, since it reveals itself as the light of a star in the Temple and in the Feast

of Lights says: 'I am?' Did you perhaps foresee rightly when you thought I would be a new Anne of Elkanah? How shall we name our creature, whom I perceive talking to me in my womb as sweetly as the melody of waters, with its little heart beating repeatedly like the heart of a pretty turtledove held in one's hands?

If it is a boy, we shall call him *Samuel*... If a girl, *Star*. The word that stopped your song to give me joy of learning that I am a father. The form it took to reveal itself in the holy shade of the Temple.

Star. Our Star, because, I don't know why, but I think it is a girl. I think that such sweet caresses can only come from a most sweet daughter. Because I do not hear her, I have no pain. It is she who takes me on a blue flowery path, as if I was supported by holy angels and the earth was already far away... I have always heard women say that it is painful to conceive and bear. But I have no pain. I feel strong, young, fresher than when I presented you with my virginity in my far away youth. Daughter of God – because this creature born of a baron stump is more of God than ours – she gives no pain to her mother. She only brings peace and blessings: the fruit of God, her true Father.

Mary, then, we shall call her! Star of our sea, pearl, happiness the name of the first great woman in Israel. But she will never sin against the Lord and to Him only she will give her songs, because she is offered to Him: a victim before being born.

Yes, she is offered to Him. Male or female, as it may be, after rejoicing for three years over our creature, we shall give her to the Lord. We are victims ourselves, with her, for the glory of God."

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

MV Vol1:18, 19

Jesus is speaking: "Wisdom, after enlightening them with dreams at night, descended 'breath of the power of God, pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty,' and became Word for the barren one. He, who already saw His time for redemption close at hand: I, Christ, Anne's grandson, almost fifty years later, by means of the Word, will work miracles on barren, diseased, possessed, desolate women and on all the miseries of the world.

But in the meantime, for the joy of having a Mother, I whispered a mysterious word in the shade of the Temple that contained the hopes of Israel, of the Temple now at the end of its life, because a new and real Temple is about to come on Earth, no longer containing the hopes of one people, but the certainty of Paradise for the people of the *whole* world, and for centuries and centuries until the end of the world. And this Word works the miracle of making fertile what was barren. And also, the miracle of giving me a Mother, who not only had the best disposition, as was natural she should have, being born of two saints, but, unique creature, had not only a good soul as many others still have, not only a continuous increase of goodness because of Her good will, not only an immaculate body, but had an immaculate soul.

You have seen the continuous generation of souls from God. Now think what must have been the beauty of this soul which the Father looked fondly on before time existed, which formed the delight of the Trinity, which Trinity longed to adorn it with its gifts, to present it to Itself. Oh! Most Holy Mary that God created for

Himself and then for the salvation of men! Bearer of the Savior, You were the first salvation. Living paradise, with your smile you began to sanctify the world.

The soul created to be soul of the Mother of God! When this vital spark derived from the more lively throb of the Threefold Love of the Trinity, the angels rejoiced because Paradise had never seen a bright light. Like a petal of a heavenly rose, a mystical and precious petal, that was a gem and a flame, the breath of God descended to give life to a body quite differently than for others. It descended so powerful in its ardor that Guilt could not contaminate it, it came through the heavens and enclosed itself in a holy womb.

The world had its Flower, but did not yet know, the true, unique Flower, that blooms entirely: lily and rose, sweet-smelling violet and jasmine, helianthus and cyclamen, blending together and with them all the flowers on earth in one Flower only: Mary, in Whom every grace and virtue is gathered together.

In April the land of Palestine looked like a huge garden and the fragrance and colors delighted the hearts of men. But the most beautiful Rose was still unknown. She was already flowering to God in the secrecy of Her mother's womb, because *my Mother loved since She was conceived*. But only when the virgin gives its blood to make wine and the sweet strong smells fill the yards and the nostrils, She would smile to God first and then to the world, saying with Her most innocent smile; 'Here, the Vine that will give you a Bunch of grapes to be squeezed in the winepress, so that it will become eternal Medicine for your disease, is amongst you.'

I said: Mary loved since She was conceived!' What is it that gives light and knowledge to the soul? Grace. What is it that removes grace? Original Sin and the Mortal One. Mary, the Immaculate, was never deprived of the remembrance of God, of His closeness, His love, His light, His wisdom. She was therefore able to understand and love when she was but flesh forming around an immaculate soul *that continued to love.*"

Jesus Speaks About the Conception of Mary

Ref: Fr Gabriel M. Roschini O.S.M.293: Maria Valtorta

Jesus is speaking: "When the time of Grace had come, God prepared His Virgin. You will readily understand that God could not dwell where Satan had put an indelible mark [Original Sin and its consequence]. The Power therefore took action to prepare its future spotless tabernacle. And She, on whom there is no stain, was conceived of two just people [Joachim and Anne], in their old age, against the common rules of procreation. Who brought that soul into embryonal flesh that rekindled the old womb of My grandmother, Anne of Aaron... The Strength of God [Gabriel] has always been the victorious Archangel.

The Announcer, who was already familiar with the ways of the earth, as he had descended to speak to the Prophets, with a cry of joy took from the divine *Fire the spark which was the soul of the eternal Maid and clasping it in the circle of the angelic flames of his spiritual love, brought it down onto the Earth, into a house, into a womb, [Anne's]. And the world, from that moment, had*



the Adoring Maid; and God, from that moment, could look at a spot on the Earth, without feeling disgust."

The Birth of Mary and the Howl of Satan

MV Vol1:21-23

"They make hast because clouds driven by a strong wind, rush across and gather in the sky, while the plane darkens and shudders at the warning of a storm. When they reached the threshold of the dwelling, a first livid flash of lightning crosses the sky and the rumble of the first peal of thunder sounds like the rolling of a huge drum that mingles with the arpeggio (the sounding on notes in rapid succession) of the first drops on the parched leaves.

They all go in and Anne withdraws, while Joachim, standing at the door, talks with the workers, who have in the meantime joined him: a conversation is about the longed-for water which is a blessing for the parched land. But their joy turns into fear because a very violent storm is approaching with lightning and clouds threatening hail. If the clouds burst, it will crush the grapes and the olives like a millstone. Poor me!

Joachim is also anxious for his wife, whose time has come to give birth to her child. His relative reassures him that Anne is not suffering at all. But he is agitated, and every time his relative or any other woman, amongst whom is Alpheus' mother, comes out of Anne's room and goes back in again with hot water and basins and linens dried near the blazing fireplace in the large kitchen, he goes and makes inquires, but he does not calm down despite their reassurances. Also, the lack of cries from Anne worries him. He says: 'I am a man and I have never seen a child being born. But I remember hearing that the absence of those is fatal.'

It is growing dark, and the evening is preceded by a furious and very violent storm: it brings torrential rain, wind, and lightning, everything, except hail, which has fallen elsewhere.

One of the workers noticed the ferocity of the gale: It looks as if Satan has come out of Gehenna (A place or state of torment or suffering.) with his demons. Look at those black clouds! You can smell sulfur in the air, and you can hear whistling and hisses, and wailing and cursing voices. If it is *him*, he is furious this evening!

The other worker laughs and scoffs: A great prey must have escaped him, or Michael has struck him with a new thunderbolt from God, and he has had his horns and tail clipped and burnt.

A woman passes by and shouts: Joachim! It is coming. And it is so, happening quickly and well! And she disappears with a small amphora in her hands.

The storm drops suddenly, after one last thunderbolt that is so violent that it throws the three men against the side wall; and in front of the house, in the garden, a black smoky cavity remains as its memory! Meanwhile a cry, one resembling the tiny plea of a little turtledove that for the very first time no longer peeps but coos, is heard from beyond Anne's door. And at the same time a huge rainbow stretches its semicircle across the sky. It rises, or seems to rise, from the top of Hermon, which kissed by the sun, looks like a most delicate pinkish alabaster: it rises up in the clear September sky, through an atmosphere cleared of all impurities, it crosses over the hills of Galilee and the plain to the south, and over another mountain, and seems to

rest the other end on the distant horizon, when it drops from view behind a chain of high mountains.

We have never seen anything like this! Look, look! It seems to enclose in a circle the whole of the land of Israel. And look! There is already a star in the sky while the sun has not yet set. What a star, shining like a huge diamond! And the moon, over there, is a full moon, three days early. But look how she is shining! The woman arrived jubilant with the plump little baby wrapped in plain linens.

It is Mary, the Mother. A very tiny Mary, who could sleep in the arms of a child, a Mary as long, at most, as an arm: with a little head of ivory dyed pale pink. Her pretty little nose is between two tiny round cheeks, and when they get Her to open Her eyes, by teasing Her, they see two small parts of the sky, two innocent blue points that look but cannot see, between thin fair eyelashes. Also, Her hair on Her little round head is a pinkish blond, like the color of certain honeys which are almost white.

Her breathing can be seen, and the beating of Her little heart can be heard, if, as Her happy father is doing now, one lays one's lips there for a kiss. This is the most beautiful little heart the world will ever know: the only immaculate heart of a human being." [Note: In reference to the cover picture at the beginning of this chapter: "What is Jesus holding?" Jesus is holding a Star and her name is Mary and He's offering His Mother to you.]



The Revenge of God

MV Vol. 1:30

Jesus is speaking: "Hiss, O Satan, your hatred while She comes into the world! This child has beaten you! Before you were the Rebel, the Twister, the Corrupter, you were already beaten, and She was your Conqueror. One thousand assembled armies are of no avail against your power, the arms of men fall before your scales, O Perennial One, and there is no wind capable of dispersing the stench of your breath. And yet, the heel of this Child, which is so rosy, as to look like the inside of a rosy camellia, and it's so smooth and soft that silk seems coarse in comparison, and it is so small that it could enter the chalice of a tulip and make itself a tiny shoe with that vegetable satin, that heel is crushing your head without any fear and relegates you to your den. And Her cry causes you to flee away, although you are not afraid of armies. And Her breath purifies the world of your foul smell. You are defeated. Her name, Her look, Her purity are a lance, a thunderbolt, that pierces you and demolishes you and imprisons you in your den of Hell, O Cursed One, who deprives God of the joy of being the Father of *all* men created!

In vain you have corrupted them, who had been created innocent, leading them to knowledge and conception by means of the sensuousness of lust, depriving God, in His beloved creature, of being the benefactor of the children according to rules, which, had they been respected, would have kept a balance on earth between sexes and races, a balance capable of averting wars between peoples and calamities between families.

By obeying, they would have also known love. Nay, only by obeying they would have known love and possessed it. A complete and peaceful possession of this gift from God, who from the supernatural descends to the inferior, so that also the flesh may rejoice devoutly, since it is united to the spirit and created by Him Who created the spirit.

Now, men, what is your love, what are your loves? Either lewdness disguised as love or an incurable fear of losing the love of your partner through her or other people's lewdness. You are never sure of possessing the heart of your husband or wife, since lust entered the world. And you tremble and cry and become over wrought with jealousy, sometimes you kill to avenge a betrayal, sometimes you despair, and sometimes you lack will or even become insane.

This is what you have done, Satan, to the children of God. Those, whom you have corrupted would have known the joy of having children without suffering any pain and would have experienced the joy of being born without fear of dying. But now you are beaten in a Woman and by a Woman. From now on, whoever loves Her will become once again God's own, overcoming your temptations, to be able to look at Her immaculate purity. From now on mothers, though not able to conceive without pain, will find comfort in Her. From now on she will be the guide of married women and the Mother of dying people, so that it will be sweet to die resting on that breast which is a shield against you, you Cursed One, and against the wrath of God.

She is the virgin. She is the only one. She is the Perfect One. The Complete One, conceived as such, generated as such, remained such, crowned such, eternally such, She is the Virgin. She is the acme of intangibility, of purity, of grace, that is lost in the Abyss from which it emerged: in God: most perfect Intangibility, Purity, Grace.

This is the revenge of the God Triune and One. Against creatures desecrated, He raises this Star to perfection. Against pernicious curiosity, He raises this Coy Virgin, contented only with loving God. Against the science of evil, this sublime Innocent Virgin. In Her there is not only no knowledge of dejected love: there is not only non-acquaintance with the love that God had given to married people. Much more. In Her there is the absence of incentives, inheritance of Sin. In Her there is only the icy and white-hot wisdom of divine love. A fire that strengthens the flesh with ice, so that it may be a transparent mirror at the altar where God married a Virgin and does not lower Himself because His perfection embraces Her perfection, which, as it becomes a bride, is only inferior to His by one point, subject to Him as a Woman, but without fault as He is."

Mary is Presented in the Temple of Jerusalem

MV Vol.1: 42 (Mary entered the Temple when she was just over 3 years old.)

"They proceed slowly, very slowly. They seem to be wishing to protract their journey for as long as possible. Everything serves as a pretext to stop. But a journey must come to an end! And this one is about to end. Up there, at the top of this last stretch of the road, there are the Temple walls. Anne utters a groan and holds Mary's hand tighter.

'Anne, my dear, I am here with you!' A voice utters, coming out from the shade of a low arch built over a crossroad. And Elizabeth, who was waiting for them, approaches her and embraces her. And since Anne is crying, she says: 'Come into

this friendly house for a little while. Then we shall go together. Also, Zacharias is here.'

They all enter a low dark room where the only light is a big fire. The landlady, obviously a friend of Elizabeth's, but unknown to them, kindly withdraws and leaves them alone.

Zacharias enters and greets them saying: 'May the peace of the Lord be with the just.' 'Yes,' replies Joachim, 'implore peace for us, because our hearts are trembling in our offer, as Abraham's did, while he was climbing the mountain, but we shall not find another offer to replace this one. Neither do we want it, because we are faithful to the Lord. But we are suffering, Zacharias. Since you are a priest of God, please understand us and do not be perturbed.'

'Never: On the contrary, your sorrow, which does not go beyond reasonable limits and does not shake your faith, teaches me how to love the Most High, but take heart. Anna, the prophetess, will take care of this flower of David and Aaron. At present She is the only lily of David's holy issue in the Temple, and She will be taken care of as a royal pearl. Although we are approaching a time when the Messiah is to come, and the woman belonging to the house of David should be anxious to consecrate their daughters to the Temple, because the Messiah will be born of a virgin of David's issue, yet, because of the general weakening of faith, the places of the virgins in the Temple are empty. They are too few and none of the royal offspring, since Sarah of Elisha left three years ago to get married. It is true that there are still thirty years to the appointed time, but... well let us hope that Mary will be the first of many origins of David's offspring before the Sacred Veil. And then ... who knows...' Zacharias does not say anything else. But he looks at Mary thoughtfully. Then he resumes: 'Also I will watch over Her. I am a priest and I have power in here. I will make use of it for this angel. And Elizabeth will often come to see Her.'

'Oh! Certainly! I am in such need of God that I will come and tell this little Girl, so that She may tell the Eternal One.'

Anne has taken heart again. To relive her anxiety even more, Elizabeth asked her 'is this not the veil of your wedding? Or have you been wearing new byssus.' (a fine-textured linen of ancient times)

'It is. I am consecrating it to the Lord with Her. My eyes are no longer so good ... and also our wealth has been reduced by taxation and misfortunes... I could not afford heavy expenses. I have only seen to Her clothing for the time She will be in the house of the Lord and afterwards. Because I do not think that I shall be there to dress Her for Her wedding, but I want it to be the hands of Her mummy, even if cold and motionless, which prepare Her for the wedding and weave Her linens and dresses.'

'Oh! Why think of that?' 'I am old, my dear cousin. I have never felt it so much as I do now in my great pain. I have given the last ounce of strength in my life to this flower, to bear Her and to nourish Her, and now the pain of losing Her is drawing my last strength away and dispersing it.'

'Don't say that, for Joachim's sake.' 'Yes, you are quite right. I will try and live for my husband.' Joachim pretends he has not heard, intent as he is on listening to Zacharias, but he has heard and he sighs deeply, his eyes shining with tears. 'It is

between the third and the sixth hour. I think we ought to go' Zacharias says. They all get up to put on their mantles and set off.

But before going out Mary kneels down on the threshold with Her arms stretched out: a little imploring cherub. 'Father! Mother! Your blessings, please.'

She is not crying, the little brave girl. But Her lips are trembling and Her voice, broken by a sob, resembles more than ever the trembling cooing of a little dove. Her face is pale, and Her eyes have the look of resigned distress which I will see again on Calvary and in the Sepulcher, where it was so much more intense that it was impossible to look at Her without deep suffering.

Her parents bless Her and kiss Her: once, twice, ten times, they are never satisfied. Elizabeth is weeping silently and Zacharias, notwithstanding his efforts to conceal his tears, is deeply moved.

They go out. Mary is between Her father and mother as before. Zechariah and his wife are in front of them.

They are now inside the walls of the Temple. 'I will go to the High Priest. You go to the great terrace.'

They go across three yards and through three halls, set one upon the other. They are now at the foot of the huge marble cube crowned with gold. Every dome, convex like a huge half orange, blazes in the sun, which now, at midday, is shining down directly on to the large yard surrounding the solemn building and is filling with its dazzling light the large square and the wide flight of steps leading up to the Temple. Only the porch facing the steps, along the façade, is in the shade and the very high bronze and gold door is even darker and more solemn looking in so much light.

Mary looks whiter than snow in so much sunshine. She is now at the foot of the steps, between Her father and Her mother. How violently their hearts must be throbbing! Elizabeth is beside Anne, but a little behind her, about half a step.

Upon the blare of silver trumpets the door rotates on its hinges, which seem to be emitting the sound of a cittern (stringed instrument like a guitar with a flat pear-shaped body), while turning on the bronze balls. The interior appears with its lamps in the far end and a procession is moving towards the door, a stately procession with silver trumpets, clouds of incense, and lights.

It is now at the threshold. In front of the High Priest, a stately old man, dressed in very fine linen, and wearing over his linen dress a short linen tunic and on the top of it a kind of chasuble (A long sleeveless vestment worn over the alb by a priest during services), something multicolored between a chasuble and a deacon's vestment: purple and gold, violet and will alternate and sparkle like gems in the sun: two real gems are shining more brightly at the top of his shoulders. Perhaps they are buckles with their precious settings. On his breast there is a large metal plate shining with gems and held by a gold chain. Pendants and trimmings gleam on the hem of his short tunic and gold shines above his forehead on his miter, which reminds me of the miter worn by the Orthodox priest, a miter shaped as a dome instead of being pointed like the Roman Catholic one.

The solemn personage moves forward, alone, as far as the beginning of the steps, in the golden sunshine that makes him look even more splendid. The others stand waiting under the shady porch, in a circle outside the door. On the left there

is a group of girls, all dressed in white, with prophetess Anna and other elderly ladies, obviously teachers.

The High Priest looks at the little Girl and smiles. She must look very tiny at the foot of a flight of steps worthy of an Egyptian temple! He lifts his arms to the sky in prayer. They all bow their heads in perfect humility before the priestly majesty communicating with the Eternal Majesty.



Mary enters the Temple and is swallowed up by the darkness

Then, he beckons to Mary. And She departs from Her mother and father, and as if fascinated, climbs the steps. And She smiles. She smiles in the shade of the Temple, where the precious veil is hanging. She is now at the top of the steps, at the feet of the High Priest, who imposes his hands on Her head. The victim has been accepted. Which purer victim had the Temple ever received?

Then he turns round and holding his hand on Her shoulder, as if he were leading the immaculate little Lamb to the altar, he takes Her to the Temple door. Before letting Her in, he asked Her: 'Mary of David, are you aware of your vow?' When She replies 'yes' in Her silvery voice, he cries out: 'Go in, then. Walk in my presence and be perfect.'

Mary enters and is swallowed up by the darkness: The group of virgins and teachers, then the Levites hide and isolate Her more and more. She can no longer be seen.

Also, the door is now closing on its sweet-sounding hinges. Through the gap which is becoming narrower and narrower, the procession can be seen advancing towards the Holy of Holies. Now it is only a thread. Now it is no more: it is closed.

The last chord of the harmonious hinges is replied to by a sob from the two old parents and by a joint cry: 'Mary! Daughter!' and then two groans, the one invoking the other: 'Anne!' 'Joachim!' and they finish whispering: 'Let us give glory to the Lord who has received Her in His House and is leading Her along His path.' It all ends thus."

The High Priest

MV Vol. 1:47

Jesus is speaking: "The High Priest had said, 'Walk in my presence and be perfect.' The high priest did not know that he was speaking to the Woman Who is inferior in perfection only to God. But he was speaking in the name of God, and therefore his order was a sacred one that is always sacred, particularly when with regard to the Virgin Full of Wisdom.

Mary had deserved that 'Wisdom should proceed Her and show Itself to Her first,' because 'from the beginning of Her day She had watched at Its door, and wishing to be taught, *out of love*, She wanted to be pure to achieve perfect love and deserve to have Wisdom as Her teacher.'

In Her humility she did not know that She possessed Wisdom before being born and that the union with Wisdom was but the continuation of the divine pulsations of Paradise. She could not imagine that. And when God whispered sublime words to Her in the depths of Her heart, in Her humility She considered them thoughts of pride and raising Her innocent heart to God, She besought Him: 'Lord, have mercy on Thy Servant!'

Oh! It is true that the True Wise Virgin, the Eternal Virgin, has had only one thought from the dawn of Her day: to raise Her heart to God from the morning of life and to watch for the Lord, praying before the Most High, asking forgiveness for the weaknesses of Her heart, as Her humility convinced Her, and She was not aware that She was anticipating the request for forgiveness for sinners, which She would later make at the foot of the Cross, together with Her dying Son.

'When the great Lord will decide, She will be filled with the Spirit of intelligence' and will then understand Her great mission. For the time being She is only a child, who is the sacred prize of the Temple, establishes and re-establishes closer and closer connections, affections and memories with Her God."

This is for everybody:

Jesus is speaking: "Look once again at Mother. And consider what so many ignore or *wish to ignore*, because sorrow is too irksome to their taste and their spirit. Sorrow. Mary suffered from the very first hour of Her life. To be perfect as She was, implied the possession of a perfect sensitivity. Consequently, sacrifice was to be more piercing: And thus, more meritorious. He who possesses purity possesses love, who possesses love possesses wisdom, who possesses wisdom possesses generosity and heroines, because he knows why he makes a sacrifice.

Raise your spirit, even if the Cross bends you, breaks you and kills you. God is with you."

The Death of Joachim and Anne

MV Vol.1:48



“What light is left to Joachim, an invalid, and to his sorrowful wife, in the long and silent nights of two old people who feel they are about to die? Only the little dresses, the first pair of little sandals, the simple toys of their little daughter, now far away, and memories of Her, memories. And peace when they say: ‘We are suffering, but we have done our duty of love towards God.’

And then they were overcome by a supernatural joy shining with a celestial light, a joy unknown to the children of the world, a joy that does not fade away when heavy eyelashes close on two dying eyes: on the contrary, it shines brighter in the last hour, illuminating the truth that had been hidden within them throughout their lives. Like a butterfly in its cocoon, the truth in them gave faint indications of its presence, just soft flashes, whereas now it opens its wing to the Sun and shows its beautiful decorations. And their lives passed away in the certainty of a happy future for themselves and their descendant’s, their trembling lips murmuring words of praise to God.

Such was the death of my grandparents: Such as their holy lives deserve. Because of their holiness, they deserve to be the first guardians of the Virgin Beloved by God, and only when a greater Sun showed itself at the end of their days; they realized the grace God had granted them.

Because of their holiness, Anne suffered no pain in giving birth to her child: it was the ecstasy of the bearer of the Faultless One. Neither of them suffered the throes of death, but only a weakness that fades away, as a star softly disappears when the sun rises at dawn. And if they did not have the consolation of having Me present, as Wisdom Incarnate, as Joseph had, I was invisibly present, whispering sublime words, bending over their pillows, to send them to sleep, awaiting their triumph.

Someone may ask: ‘Why did they not have to suffer when generating and dying, as they were children of Adam?’ My answer is: ‘If the Baptist, who was a son of Adam, and had been conceived with the original sin, was pre-sanctified by Me in his mother’s womb, simply because I approached her, was no grace to be granted to the mother of the Holy and Faultless One, Who had been preserved by God and bore God in Her almost divine spirit, in Her most pure heart, and was never separated from Him, since She was created by the Father and was conceived in a

womb, and then received into Heaven to possess God in glory forever and ever?' I also answer: 'An upright conscience gives a peaceful death, and the prayers of saints will obtain such a death for you.'

Joachim and Anne had a whole life of upright conscience behind them and such a life rose like a beautiful landscape and led them to Heaven, while their Holy Daughter was praying before the Tabernacle of God for Her parents far away, whom She had presented to God, Summum Bonum (In Christian philosophy, the highest good is usually defined as the life of the righteous, the life led in Communion with God and according to God's precepts.), and yet She loved them, as the law and Her feelings commanded, with a perfect supernatural love."

Mary Leaves the Temple

MV Vol.1:59

"My child, I am aware of Your grace and goodness, I know that every day you are growing in grace and knowledge before God and man. I know that the voice of God whispers His sweetest words to Your heart. I know that You are the Flower of God's Temple and that a third Cherub is before the Testimony since You were here. And I would like your perfume to continue to rise with the incense every day. But the Law says differently. You are no longer a girl, but a woman. And every woman must be a wife in Israel to bear a son to the Lord. You shall follow a commandment of the Law. Do not be afraid, do not blush. I am aware of Your royalty. The Law that prescribes, that each man is to be given a woman of his own stock, will protect You. But even if that were not the case, I would do so, so that your magnificent blood might not be corrupted. Don't You know anyone of Your stock, Mary, who might be Your husband?

Mary lifts Her face full of blushes. Her eyes are shining with tears which begin to appear and with a trembling voice She replies: 'No, nobody.'

'It is not possible for Her to know anyone, because She came here in Her childhood and David's race has been struck too severely and scattered too widely to allow the various branches to gather like foliage around the royal palm' says Zacharias.

'We shall then leave the choice to God.'

The tears that Mary had restrained so far gush out and fall on Her trembling mouth. She looks imploringly at Her teacher.

'Mary has consecrated Herself to the Lord for His glory and for the salvation of Israel. She was but a little child just learning to read and write, and She had already made Her vow...' says Anne, help Her.

'Is that why You are crying then? Not because You wish to resist the law? Just for that, and nothing else?' 'I shall obey you, Priest of God.'

'This confirms what I have always been told of You. How long have You been consecrated to the Lord?'

'I have always been, I think. I was not yet in this Temple, and I had already given Myself to the Lord.'

'But are You not the little one who came twelve years ago and asked me to be allowed to enter?'

'I am.... With My lips which still tasted of My mother's milk, but with My heart full of celestial honey,' I then said: 'Here I am, I am coming, I am Yours. No one will

have My body, but You, My Lord, neither will My soul have any other love... And while saying so, it seemed to Me that I was saying over again things already said that I was fulfilling a rite already fulfilled, and the chosen Spouse was not a stranger to Me, because I already knew His ardor and My sight had been formed at His light and My capacity for loving had been fulfilled in His embrace... 'When?' 'I do not know. Beyond life, I would say, because I feel I always had Him, and that He always had Me, and that I exist because He wanted Me for the joy of His Spirit, and Mine... Now I obey you, oh Priest. But please tell Me how I am to behave... I have neither father nor mother. Please be My guide.'

'God will give You Your husband and he will be a holy man, because You have entrusted Yourself to God. You will tell him Your vow.'"

Joseph Takes Mary into His House

Ref: "The Childship of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 1

Jesus is speaking: "Joseph was building a house in the country between Nazareth and Jerusalem.

A distinguished citizen of Jerusalem was having this house built there to serve as an inn, for the Nazarenes had no shelter all the way to Jerusalem. And MARY, who was brought up in the temple, had matured, and the Law of Moses required that she be given from the temple.

Messengers were therefore sent into all of Judea with these tidings to summon the fathers - that if one were found worthy, he was to take the maiden into his house.

When these tidings reached Joseph, he quickly laid his axe aside and hastened to Jerusalem and there to the designated meeting and council chamber in the temple.

Three days later the applicants again met in the same chamber, and each candidate for Mary handed a fresh lily stalk to the priest as previously determined upon. The priest then went into the sanctuary of the temple with the stalks and there prayed.

When he had completed his prayer, he came out with the stalks and returned to each his stalk.

All of the stalks thereupon became spotted - only the one last given to Joseph remained fresh and unblemished. But a few began to find fault at this and said that this test favored Joseph, was therefore not binding and requested another test which would be above reproach.

The priest, somewhat provoked at this, immediately had Mary sent for, handed her a dove and told her to walk into the center of the candidates, there to let the dove fly free.

And before ordering the dove freed, he said to the candidates, 'Behold, you false interpreters of the sign of Jehovah! This dove is a pure, innocent creature and has no ear for our discussion, for it lives only in the will of the Lord and understands only the almighty language of God.

Hold high your stalks! - Upon whose stalk this dove settles, once it has been freed by this maiden, and upon whose head it will sit, he shall take Mary!'

With this the candidates were satisfied and agreed, 'Even so, this shall be a sure sign!'

And when Mary freed the dove at the word of the priest, it promptly flew over to Joseph, settled on his stalk and thereupon on Joseph's head.

Here the priest declared, 'Thus has the Lord willed it! Upon you, oh worthy craftsman, is fallen the unerring lot for the maiden of the Lord! Take her in the name of the Lord into your unblemished house for future care. Amen.'

When Joseph heard this, he appealed to the priest, saying, 'Hear me, oh anointed servant of the Lord according to the Law of Moses, the faithful servant of the Lord God Zebaoth - I am already an old man with grown-up sons at home and have been a widower for a long time. I shall become an object of ridicule before the sons of Israel if I take this little maiden into my house.

Therefore, let the choice be taken once more and let me stand aside, so I will not be counted among the candidates.'

Here the priest raised his hand and warned, 'Joseph - fear the Lord God! Do you not know what He did to Dathan, to Korah and to Abiram?

Behold, the earth opened up and all were swallowed by her because of their obstinacy! Do you suppose that He could not do the same to you?

I tell you, now that you have seen and recognized the unerring sign of Jehovah, do therefore obey the Lord who is almighty and just and always chastens the obstinate and the deserters of His will!

But otherwise, be greatly afraid for your house, whether the Lord will not also visit upon your house what He visited upon Dathan, Korah and Abiram.'

At this Joseph was filled with dread, and he said to the priest in great fear, 'So then pray for me, that the Lord may once more be gracious and merciful toward me, and then give me the maiden according to His will.'

The priest now went inside and prayed for Joseph before the Holy of Holies, and the Lord spoke to the three-praying priest: 'Do not trouble Me the man whom I have chosen - for more justly than he walks none in Israel, and none on the whole earth, and none before My throne in all the heavens!

Now go out and give the maiden, whom I have raised Myself, to the most righteous of men on the earth.'

And the priest smote his breast and exclaimed, 'O Lord, almighty God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be merciful to me a sinner before You, for now I know that You will judge Your people!'

Thereupon the priest arose, went out and with a blessing in the name of the Lord gave the maiden to the frightened Joseph and said to him, 'Joseph, you are found just before the Lord, therefore He has chosen you from among many thousands. Go in peace. Amen.'

Here Joseph took Mary and said, 'May the alone holy will of My Lord and my God always be done! What You, O Lord, give, is always good - therefore I gladly and most willingly take this gift from Your hand.



Now bless her for me and me for her, so I may be worthy of her before You now, as always. Your will be done, amen.'

When Joseph had said this before the Lord he was lifted up in his heart, then went out of the temple with Mary and led her into the land of Nazareth and there into his humble dwelling.

Much work awaited Joseph, so he wasted no time at home and accordingly said to Mary, 'See, Mary, I have taken you into my home from the temple of the Lord, my God, according to His will. But I cannot remain with you now to protect you, for I must fulfill my contract to complete the house I showed you on our trip here.

But be assured that you will not be left at home alone. For I have a closely related housekeeper who is devout and just - she and my youngest son will be with you, and the grace of the Lord and His blessing will not leave you.

In a short time, I and my four sons will return to you, and I shall be your guide in the ways of the Lord. The Lord God will now watch over you and my house, amen."

Joseph Comforts Mary

Ref: MV VOL1:64

Joseph is speaking: "I remember the evening You were born. We all remember it because of the prodigy of a heavy rain that saved the country and of a violent storm during which the thunderbolt did not damage even a stem of heather and it ended with such a large and beautiful rainbow that the like has never been seen again. And then, who does not remember Joachim's happiness? He handled You showing You to his neighbors. As if you were a flower that had descended from Heaven, he admired You and wanted everyone to admire You, a happy old father who died talking about his Mary, who was so beautiful and good and Whose words were so full of wisdom and grace. He was quite right in admiring You and in saying that there is no other woman lovelier than You are! And Your Mother? She filled Your house and the neighborhood with her songs, and she sang like a skylark in springtime when she was carrying You, and afterwards when she held You in her arms. I made a cradle for You. A tiny little cradle, with roses carved all over it, because Your mother wanted it like that. Perhaps it is still in the house. I am old, Mary. When You were born, I was beginning to work. I was already working. I would never have believed that I was going to have You as a spouse! Perhaps your parents would have died a happier death if they had known, because they were my friends. I buried Your father, mourning over his death with a sincere heart, because he was a good teacher to me.

Mary raises Her face, little by little, taking heart, as She hears Joseph speak to Her thus, and when he mentions the cradle, she smiles gently and when Joseph speaks of Her father, she holds out Her hand to him and says: Thank you, Joseph, A very timid and gentle, thank you."

The Annunciation

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch 3

Jesus is speaking: "On a Friday morning Mary again took the water jug and went out to fill it with water, when lo, - a voice said to her, 'Greetings to you, rich in the grace of the Lord! The Lord is with you, oh consecrated among women!'

Mary was greatly frightened at such a voice, for she did not know whence it came and therefore looked nimbly about to the right and left - but she could discover no one who might have spoken.

She therefore was seized with still more tormenting fear, hastily took the filled water jug and hurried away into the house.

Quakingly arrived there, she quickly set the water jug aside, again took the purple in hand, sat down on her work stool and recommenced to spin the purple quite industriously.

But hardly had she fully reaccustomed herself to her work, when behold, there before the busy maiden stood the angel of the Lord and said to her: 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found infinitely great favor before the face of the Lord. Behold, you will become pregnant by the Word of God!'

When Mary heard this, she began to weigh these words back and forth and could not grasp their meaning, wherefore she said to the angel, 'But how shall that take place? For I am still a long way from being a man's wife and also have never made the acquaintance of any man, who then might take me as his wife, so I might become pregnant like other women and bear child as they do!'

And the angel said to Mary: 'Hear, you chosen maiden of God! It shall not happen in that manner, but the power of the Lord will overshadow you.

Therefore, that holy Child which will be born of you will be called: the Son of the Almighty!

And when He is born, you shall give Him the name: Jesus - for He will redeem His people from all sins, from judgment and from eternal death.'

Here Mary fell down before the angel and said, 'Behold, I am only a handmaiden of the Lord; so, let it be done to me according to His will, as made known by your words!' Hereupon the angel disappeared, and Mary returned to her work.

Mary Entreats the Lord for Grace

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch 4

Jesus is speaking: "When the angel had disappeared, Mary praised and glorified the Lord God and spoke in her heart, 'Oh what am I before You, O Lord, that You should show me such grace? I shall become pregnant without ever having known a man, for I just do not know what difference there is between me and a man. 'Do I really know what it is to be pregnant? - O Lord, see, I just do not know.

Do I know what is meant when people say: A woman gives birth? - O Lord, look upon me graciously. I am just a maiden of fourteen years and have only heard speak of that and actually know nothing about it.

Oh, what will happen to me when I shall become pregnant - and do not know how such a condition is!

What will Father Joseph say to that, so I shall tell him, or will he notice that I am pregnant? 'But being pregnant cannot be anything bad, especially when a handmaiden of the Lord, as once Sarah, is chosen for that by the Lord Himself!

For I have heard it said a number of times in the temple, what great joy the women have when they are with child.

Therefore, pregnancy must be something quite good and highly blessed and I shall also rejoice when it is given me of God that I shall conceive! 'But when, when will this be and how? Or has it happened already? Have I already conceived, or is this still to happen?

O Lord, You are eternally the Holy One of Israel, do give me, Your poor handmaiden, a sign when such shall happen so I might exalt and praise You!

At these words Mary felt a light breath of air and a very gentle voice said to her, 'Mary, do not concern yourself vainly; you have conceived, and the Lord is with you! Go to your work and complete it, for henceforth no more work of this kind will be done for the temple.'

Hereupon Mary fell down, prayed to God and praised and exalted Him for such grace. And when she had offered her praise to the Lord, she arose and returned to her work."

A Prophecy of The High Priest

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch5

Jesus is speaking: "In a few days Mary also finished the purple, folded it and laid it with the scarlet.

She then thanked God for His grace, in that He had allowed her to complete her work so well, wrapped the spinning in clean linens and travelled therewith toward Jerusalem.

She went alone to the house which Joseph was building; but from there on Joseph again accompanied her to Jerusalem and there into the temple.

Upon arrival Mary promptly turned the work over to the high priest.

He well examined the scarlet and the purple, found the work to be of the most excellent quality and greeted and praised Mary for it with the following words, 'Mary, you did not have such skill naturally, but the Lord has guided you with His hand!

Great has the Lord therefore made you, blessed shall you be among all women of the earth from the Lord God, for you are now the first who has delivered her work to the Lord in the temple!'

Here Mary, filled with joy and humility in her heart, said to the priest, 'Worthy servant of the Lord in His sanctuary! Oh, do not praise me too much nor place me above the others - for this work is not really of my merit but only of the Lord who guided my hand.

Therefore, to Him alone be all praise, all honor, all my love and all my worship without ceasing!'

And the high priest responded, 'Amen, Mary, you pure maiden of the Lord, you have spoken well before Him. Go your way now in peace; the Lord be with you.'

Thereupon Mary arose and returned with Joseph to the building site, where she refreshed herself with bread and milk.

Now by a half day's journey from the building site, across a small mountain range, there lived an aunt of Mary's named Elizabeth, whom she wanted to visit and therefore asked Joseph for his permission.

And Joseph promptly consented and sent along his oldest son as a guide, who was to accompany her until she could see Elizabeth's house."

The Light Descended to Earth

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God the Father is speaking: "The world was held in bondage. You should understand that no-one who stayed on earth, no-one who lived in Lucifer's world which sheltered the fallen beings, was able to release himself from Satan's bondage. He kept everyone shackled and would never ever have released them either, for he was devoid of all love, he was purely motivated by hatred and opposition to Me, Who is eternal Love Itself and from Whom he, too, had originated. The world was held in bondage, and therefore I Myself descended to earth in order to sever these fetters, to break the chains, to help the fallen beings ascend again, in order to deliver people from his power. My descent to earth was an act of greatest compassion, for this wretched state was people's own fault, since they once followed him voluntarily. They existed in darkness and not even the smallest light would have been accepted by these fallen beings had I not taken pity on them and ignited a light in them, in order to show them the path which leads to Me, back to their Father, whom they had once voluntarily left. This is why the Light Itself came into the world. The Eternal Light embodied Itself in an infant in order to take the path as a human being on this earth, and the infant Jesus became My outer shell. I availed Myself of the human form in order to accomplish the act of Salvation, in order to defeat My adversary in an open battle and to wrest those souls from him who had the will and the desire to return to Me. I paid the purchase price for these souls, I sacrificed My life on the cross, I bought them from My adversary with My blood. Thus I started the earthly path as a human being with the birth of the boy child Jesus, which already started in an unusual way because this human being called Jesus had to fulfill an unusual mission: to serve Me Myself as a shell, because the sinful human race would have been unable to endure Me in My abundance of light and thus the 'Light of Eternity' had to enshroud itself. Nevertheless, exceptional light shone from the infant Jesus already, yet only visible to those whose loving way of life enabled them to endure the light and who therefore were permitted to come close to Me, for I knew who possessed this inner maturity and drew the few people to Me, who thus paid homage to Me as an infant like their king, for their clear souls recognized Me and prayed to Me.

My birth took place in seclusion for the abundance of spirit which permeated the infant Jesus at His birth caused the most miraculous happenings, and thus a few people were able to recognize that the announcements of many prophets were coming true, who had predicted the Messiah Who was to bring salvation to people in dire need. Those who still believed in a God and whose hearts were willing to love expectantly yearned for their Messiah and their hopes were fulfilled when I was born. But they were unaware of the fact that I Myself had descended to earth, they were unaware that their God and Creator laid in the manger before them, although they were seized by sacred awe and felt drawn to the infant in the manger with their

whole being. For My love shone forth to them from this infant and touched their hearts. And this was the start of My mission of giving love and of thereby awakening peoples love in return. I took the life as a human being upon Myself, I conformed to all laws of nature, I consciously travelled an earthly path whose goal had been the suffering and dying on the cross. And although the spirit within Me occasionally broke through and expressed itself I was nevertheless no more advantaged than other people, for I had to overcome the pestering of everything which was unspiritual in exactly the same way as is your task, for I wanted to exemplify for you a life as it complied with the Fathers will, who was within Me. I, too, had to shape and spiritualize My corporeal body such that the Eternal Love was able to take abode in it. And My way of life constantly offered Me the opportunity for that; after all, I lived My life as a 'human being' because all of you humans were meant to follow My example by preparing your human body as a vessel for the divine spirit, just as I had to do and did during My early years and during the years before My actual teaching activity. ***And the Father took abode in the man Jesus, who shaped Himself such that He served Me as a dwelling place, so that I, therefore, as Jesus the man, was 'full of the Holy Spirit', so that I taught and performed miracles because the Father Himself was within Me.*** Every person can achieve this if he only is of good will to serve the divine spirit as a vessel into which it can flow, and then every person will also be able to release himself from the adversary's bondage, for as soon as he has entered into unity with Me in Jesus Christ, I Myself will loosen the chains and set him free. For I lived on earth in order to redeem humanity, I brought people the light so that they will find and indeed be able to cover the path which leads back to Me, back into the Fathers house."

God Comes to Earth

Ref: From the works of BD

If he whom you are to bear is truly God made flesh, then rightly do we call you God's mother; for you have truly given birth to God.

The Birth of Jesus is the very moment that God became visible to His created beings. He descends from heaven to heaven, from His throne to His throne.

"When the soul of light embodied itself on earth in the infant Jesus the eternal Love itself descended to earth and thus 'God' became a 'human being.' And the human shell in turn had to spiritualize itself through its life on earth, in the midst of dark surroundings it had to let the light within itself shine; through living a life of love it had to let itself be permeated completely by the Eternal Love.

And this accomplished the deification, so that everything about the man Jesus became love, and thus Jesus became 'God.' God's human manifestation in Jesus cannot be explained in any other way than the fact that the Eternal Deity, Love, manifested itself in Jesus because He, as a soul of light having descended to earth, so shaped His human shell that it enabled God to take abode in it, which would have



been impossible in a heartless, sinful person. And the unification of Jesus with God can equally only be understood as the complete deification of the man Jesus through love. God sent His Son to Earth.

God and Jesus are One, and the strength of the spirit emanates from this Oneness because, again, it is an inseparable part of its nature, because God is love, wisdom and strength, something spiritual which no-one is able to behold. But the eternal Deity manifested itself in the man Jesus and became a visible God to His created beings. And all the angels in Heaven praise and glorify Him, Who descended to earth for the love of His living creations which desired to see Him. And He opened the gate to eternal bliss for all of them.

Jesus is God because God is strength of love, which permeates a fully spiritualized form, thus it consists entirely of divine fundamental substance and is therefore only visible to those beings who have also become spiritualized in order to see spiritually."

Immaculate Conception of Jesus and the Souls of Light

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God the Father is speaking: "I want to help you in every earthly and spiritual adversity so that you believe in My love, in My wisdom and might. For I love you, My living creations, infinitely, and I also want to gain your love. I know of your adversity and also how to end it, and I have the power to do so. I gladly demonstrate My love, wisdom and might to children who turn to their Father and trustingly appeal to Him for His consideration and help. I want to eliminate your earthly and spiritual adversity, yet occasionally I demand your patience in earthly hardship for only I know why it had to happen to you. But I will take it from you. However, anyone experiencing spiritual adversity will not have to wait long, for as soon as he calls upon Me to consider him, I Am already willing to help. Spiritual adversity consists of: psychological weakness, thus a diminished will, spiritual darkness and constantly recurring doubts, spiritual adversity is My opponent's activity and influence, who very frequently especially dares to tackle people who are already My Own and whom he wants to get back under his control. And as long as the human being lives on earth, he will try to exert his influence, intending to weaken him time and again. Yet as soon as the person turns to Me he displaces My adversary, and I will let My strength flow and give the person light and perception, I fulfill his request to avert his spiritual hardship.

You should know that it is My adversary's intention to extinguish the bright radiance of the light of truth which penetrates everywhere and disperses the region of darkness where only My adversary is able to work. Thus, he will try to extinguish the light. He will want to cast shadows across it by raising doubtful questions in the person and thereby intending to obscure the light of awareness. But I will not allow the latter, instead My light of truth from above will shine down even more brightly, and the light he tried to obscure will illuminate the night even more, and wherever a shadow still exists it will be consumed by the all-permeating light from Me, for nothing dark can endure this light. And thus the 'Eternal Light Itself' will proclaim to you:

You, who are living on earth, as well as all spirits which once had already lived an earthly life as a human being, you are the 'once fallen spirits', with few

exceptions; for beings of light also embody themselves on this earth. Thus, beings from the kingdom of light descend to you humans in order to assist you in serious spiritual hardship. Therefore, you must differentiate between spirits having fallen away from God and original spirits remaining with God, the former exists in the abyss as followers of My adversary and the latter stay with Me in all perfection. Furthermore, you have to differentiate between beings which still harbor the adversary's will within themselves and those which have already entered into My will but are not yet perfected and therefore still subject to his influence. And then you will be able to understand that the latter need to be helped because they are too weak to resist his influence. Thus, the mission of these beings of light, which voluntarily also embody themselves on earth in order to help them; will be explicable to you too. And then you will also comprehend the mission of the human being Jesus, who, as such a being of light, wanted to accomplish a rescue mission which defeated My adversary's power.

All were children of My love, the fallen beings as well as those remaining with Me, but the beings did not stay the same, they had become different now, they were radiant and dark beings which could not stay in the same spheres together. And thus the 'kingdom of light' and the 'kingdom of darkness' became the abode for these different-natured beings. And no bridge existed between these two realms until the arrival of Jesus, one of My remaining angel spirits, who wanted and succeeded in bridging this distance through a unique act of compassion. The beings which once had lost their perfection due to their rebellion against Me required someone to help them, since they were too weak by themselves even though the connection had been established, for My adversary also had great power which he was able to use against his former followers. But the beings which had stayed with Me were strong too, since they constantly let themselves be permeated by the strength of My love. Thus, the strength of a non-fallen angel spirit would have fully sufficed in order to achieve victory over My adversary and to save his followers from him. Yet this contradicted My law of eternal order, given that the free will of all beings which once had followed My adversary would have been ignored, and such an attained victory would have prevented the beings from becoming perfect.

Consequently, another way had to be found, 'Love' had to make a sacrifice, and it had to be every fallen being's decision to avail itself of this sacrifice, thus, to want that it was also made for itself. But only a human being can offer a sacrifice; a being of light can indeed have the will to sacrifice itself but then it has to render it as a human being, for a being of light is unable to suffer and also has so much strength at its disposal that it is able to do anything.

A human being, however, is a weak, imperfect being and sensitive to suffering and torment, which needs to muster a vast amount of willpower when it voluntarily accepts sufferings and torments in order to achieve something, not for itself but for its fellow human beings, and which wants to bestow its love on the wretched human race. It had to make the sacrifice as 'a mere human' for its fellow human beings. It had to be capable of suffering and dying.

And thus, you will understand that the human being Jesus was not allowed to demonstrate any advantages which would characterize Him as an extraordinary person, even though His soul was a spirit of light. Although it had not passed through the creation like the human beings' souls, the fallen brothers; nevertheless,

this soul, when it entered the body of flesh, which, like other people's bodies, was a cluster of immature spiritual substances, thus also subject to the same feelings, longings and passions, had to learn to overcome these as the human being Jesus during His earthly life. For His mission, apart from the salvation, the redemption of the gravest guilt of sin, was to exemplify to people the only way of life which would guarantee them a return to Me. Thus, if people who were completely inadequate, weak and captivated by passions were asked to do something it should be possible for them to accomplish this request. And if the human being Jesus wanted to serve as an example, He had to be just like His fellow human beings.

His extraordinary origin, like that of the embodied beings of light on earth which want to be of help to people, by no means infers unusual abilities or advantages which would have required a less stringent fight with himself in order to thus find the unification with Me on earth, which is the goal and task of every human being on earth and for which the human being Jesus set the example that it can be achieved. All the advantages Jesus had as a spirit of light He surrendered before His incarnation as a human being, or His work could not have been what it is: a sacrifice made by love, the blessing of which should benefit all people. But neither can it ever be denied that 'God Himself' made this sacrifice because love was the determining factor which so infused the human being Jesus that I thus was able to be in Him after He, as a human being, had voluntarily shaped himself such that I could take abode in Him, that He became a vessel for Me and thus He then possessed strength and light in abundance, which again is a process that could not just take place in the human being Jesus but which all people should and are able to achieve because they now have help through the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, since due to his act of Salvation as a human being he gained an amount of grace which is now available to every person. And anyone who avails himself of it will also reach the goal. He will likewise find unification with Me on earth, he will be able to receive light and strength without limitation.

However, you shall continue to receive clarification, because as long as questions arise in you it is also necessary to provide you with the correct answer. And the more sincerely you desire this answer the sooner you will receive it.

The souls evolving from the abyss can expect as the last stage of their development on earth to be embodied as a human being, then the process of development will be completed, and the soul will enter the spiritual realm, irrespective of how it is shaped when it discards its physical shell. Hence these souls proceed in accordance with divine order; they release themselves from hard matter by way of service and yet rise gradually. ***Souls of light embodied on earth, however, only descend to earth for the purpose of a mission, they take abode in the human body straight away but then they indeed travel their earthly path like every other person and are thus also subject to natural law and equally have to struggle on earth.*** Their external shell will make the same demands on them, because it is composed from still completely immature spiritual substances, from tiny particles of the soul of a once fallen original spirit which is still in utter opposition to God and which first has to be pacified and changed by the soul, which is always a struggle. The soul is not conscious of its earlier state of light, the earthly body has caused its own darkening, only love will arise sooner and more intense in such a person and disperse the darkness more rapidly too.

A soul from above will also always turn its eyes upwards towards God, whom it very quickly learns to recognize. Such a soul usually will not need a long time to unite itself with the divine spark within, which can easily influence it and then spirit, and soul try and succeed to influence their external shell too. Still, the fact that the soul is travelling the path across earth is always associated with the self-evidence that the soul has to fight, because it constantly has to overcome obstacles in this earthly-material world in order to attain the spiritual goal.

Thus, no soul is able to ascend without pain, not even a soul of light, since at the beginning of its incarnation it has descended into the abyss, into a state of ignorance, of constraint and weakness. This should therefore always be taken into consideration when the earthly life of an embodied being of light is assumed to be an easy one. ***The earthly body is and remains a shackle for the soul until it leaves it.***

And yet even the body can still vary. The flesh can still be steeped in sin, thus still incorporating much of Lucifer within itself if it is born out of sin, if the people creating a new life are only controlled by satanic attributes. And then again, a being, newly awakened into life, may owe its life to two people's urge to love, predominantly good instincts could therefore also have entered this being, and thus the external shell will be appropriately natured. It will carry much of the 'genetic makeup' within itself and more or less has to fight hard in earthly life and therefore also arrive at its goal with more or less difficulty. Yet no human being's earthly existence remains without struggle. *A light being's earthly life is in fact frequently even exceptionally difficult because the soul unconsciously experiences its stay in the earthly world as torment and for the sake of its mission often also accepts a very arduous earthly fate.*

The process of procreation is now, due to Adam's failure, unblessed, for it did not correspond to God's will, who wanted to give the first human couple His blessings at the right time. Lucifer participated in the procreation of the people, and he will never relinquish this right (granted to him through Adam's will) either. He will always participate in the emergence of new life, even if people's degree of love can keep him at bay to a point and God's protection against him is requested. ***And now you will understand that God Himself, however, opposes His adversary, when He creates a bodily shell for Himself which He wants to take possession of Himself one day and which should already serve Him as an abode at the time of birth. For God Himself will never ever unite with His adversary in His activity. And likewise, He will not allow the natural carrier of His shell to be taken over by His adversary. For He, the God and Creator of eternity, who brought everything into being, who assigned purpose and destiny to everything, truly has the power to externalize from Himself everything He wants, thus it will surely also be possible for Him to bring forth a human being without the lawful act of procreation; and it will also truly be possible for Him to keep His adversary at bay until His will is done.***

For God only takes shelter inside a pure cover, He will not unite with something impure, which, however, does not exclude that the human being in this kingdom of imperfection, in the kingdom belonging to His adversary, is nevertheless subject to all harassments and that his earthly progress is therefore no less anguished and full of conflict like that of his fellow human beings. For without fight there could be no victory. God's adversary, however, had to be defeated, and Jesus

has truly won the most arduous battle which ever was fought on earth, and He has won it as a human being, not as God.”

God the Father Reveals the Mystery about the Incarnation

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God the Father is speaking: “That the human spiritual state is growing increasingly darker is revealed by fact that people are no longer able to understand God’s ‘becoming One’ with Jesus properly, and that they therefore also lack the right comprehension for God’s ‘human manifestation.’ Owing to the misguided teaching of the three-person Deity they began to think wrongly. Yet, time and again, it has to be said that the eternal Deity cannot be personified, thus it cannot be conceived as anything other than power permeating the whole of eternity. *This power cannot be limited, nor can it be thought of as a ‘form’, but it can permeate a form completely. And this process of complete permeation by divine strength occurred in the man Jesus.*

“Time and again I want to emphasize the fact that I Am the Word of eternity. I Am the Word. Yet in the beginning the Word was with God. How can you understand this? I Myself Am the be-all and end-all, everything that exists is emanated strength to which I gave life. I created similarly natured beings for Myself whose fundamental substance was the same as I Myself: divine strength of love. And I was in contact with these beings from the very beginning through 'the Word'. Thus, the Word was 'in the beginning', when the beings were brought into life by Me. Prior to this nothing existed which was able to hear My Word, although I always and forever carried the Word within Myself, for I Am a self-aware, thinking Being Which put Its will into practice and thus was able to create whatever came to Its mind as an idea or thought.

Jesus' soul had been chosen to enable My human manifestation on earth, and this soul was truly the most elevated spirit of light Who, as first-born Son, had emerged from Me, that is, from My strength and the will of the one whom My greater than great love had externalized as first-created being. And this being had an exceptional status, for His love, as the first spirit emanated by My and Lucifer's love, was so immeasurably profound that only He could be considered for My human manifestation and thus a previous process as a human being on this earth was out of the question which, however, does not exclude that He, too, took part in creating the material world, for He knew about My plan of return and *He always unreservedly accepted My will and as a being with an abundance of light and strength was also able to accomplish it. This being was so devoted to Me that it enabled the complete fusion with Me, that He and I had to be one, because I in Him and He in Me absorbed each other completely, and this will therefore unveil the secret of My human manifestation in Jesus the moment the being has attained the degree of light again that gives him brightest realization.*



It is necessary to clarify the concept of the 'soul' so that you do not live in error: Thus, the soul is not a substantial form anymore, if 'substance' is to be understood as something material, visible. It is a spiritual form; it is My emanated strength which gives life to a dead form, the human body. Even so, the soul can think, feel and want, which the body itself cannot do once the actual life, the soul, is missing. The human organs certainly perform their functions, yet always driven by or animated by the soul, the real Self, which determines the activity of all these functions. This is why the whole responsibility for the existence on earth rests on the soul, never on the body, but it would always think, and act wrongly had I not provided it with the spiritual spark as My share, which subsequently tries to influence the soul to subordinate itself to its urging and which always wants to advise it according to My will yet never forcibly influence the soul.

I created everything, even the human shell of Jesus came forth from Me, Which I chose for Myself in order to be able to stay amongst people. You humans, too, came forth from My will yet you once separated yourselves from Me voluntarily, for only love establishes a bond with Me but you forfeited it of your own free will, whereas the human being Jesus was permeated by love, thus My fundamental substance was in Him, for this is Love. Hence, in keeping with His nature He must be God Himself, and only his external shell was human until He spiritualized it as well, so that it was able to unite with His divine Soul and nothing human remained once Jesus had accomplished the act of Salvation. Anyone who therefore has recognized Me in Jesus has also escaped the darkness, for then the Light Itself will draw him into higher spheres, for I Myself Am the Light, and the light shone to earth through the human being Jesus because it permeated the human being completely. And I would like to send this ray of light to all of you, yet your heart has to open itself to Me, you must direct your thoughts towards the One Who created you. You have to muster this will freely but then you will also be seized by My merciful love and everything will be done to impart the correct knowledge about Jesus Christ to you, and if you acknowledge Him as God's Son and Redeemer of the world Who became as one with Me you will never ever be able to go astray again.

He was full of love and love is the fundamental substance of the eternal Deity, ceaselessly emanated into infinity, which creates and maintains everything. And this divine strength of love permeated the human form of Jesus and thus manifested itself in Him. God's fundamental nature took abode in the man Jesus and thus God became 'human', and since Jesus was completely filled with the fundamental substance of God, He became 'God'. Because even His completely spiritualized human form was able to wholly unify with God *after* His crucifixion so that Jesus then became the comprehensible Deity, that the human being cannot imagine God other than in Jesus, but that it cannot ever be a question of 'two people'. The human being Jesus had achieved the goal on earth, the complete deification, which all created beings should achieve; because God wanted to create images of Himself whose final perfection, however, had to be achieved by the free will of the being itself. Jesus the man achieved this deification not only on account of a life of love, but with the act of Salvation He also redeemed humanity's guilt of sin, for He used God's strength of love or He would have been unable to bear the terrible suffering and crucifixion. This strength of love was God's fundamental nature; thus God

Himself was within the man Jesus in all fullness and accomplished the act of Salvation.

*However, it is a misleading concept when you humans speak of a three-person God because the eternal Deity cannot be personified since It is pure love, and this love manifested Itself in Jesus, and thus the eternal spirit God was working in Jesus, and to all beings He can only be comprehensible in Jesus. Since God's former created beings had abandoned Him because they could not see Him, He became a visible God to them in Jesus. **But Jesus is not a second being that could be thought of as existing next to God.** He is God because God is strength of love, which permeates a fully spiritualized form, thus it consists entirely of divine fundamental substance and is therefore only visible to those beings who have also become spiritualized in order to see spiritually.*

It is certainly correct to describe God's nature as Father, Son and Holy Spirit if the Father is acknowledged as love, the Son as wisdom and the Holy Spirit as the will or power of God, Because God's nature is love, wisdom and power. But the goal God had set for Himself when He created the beings, the voluntary deification of these beings, also explains when it is achieved; *God's manifestation in Jesus, the visible Deity in Jesus, while the three-person Deity does not allow for a correct, i.e. truthful explanation. People have created their own concepts which obstruct their spiritual maturing process, because only one God can be called upon; three different Gods may not be prayed to but God Himself wants to be acknowledged in Jesus, and hence He can only be worshipped in Jesus. And He demands this acknowledgment of all human beings, because this acknowledgment had been denied to Him in the past, and because the act of Salvation has to be accepted at the same time. Because no person can find forgiveness of his original sin without Jesus Christ, and therefore the human being has to declare his belief in Him, he has to believe that God Himself has shown compassion for humanity and accomplished the act of Salvation in Jesus."*

In summary, when the spirit of God's first-born Son descended into the womb of Mary and now became the soul of the man Jesus which now gives life to the body and the body provides the opportunity for God to become man. "And this divine strength of love permeated the human form of Jesus and thus manifested itself in Him. God's fundamental nature took abode in the man Jesus and thus God became 'human', and since Jesus was completely filled with the fundamental substance of God, He became 'God'". Thus, Jesus was both Man and God and since they were one, they had the same nature and will which is one.

Mystery of the Incarnation of God in Jesus.

Ref: "The Spiritual Sun" Vol.2 by Jakob Lober Ch 12 &13

Jesus is speaking: "When man hears the word of God and looks at His works, the thought of God is called forth in man. Once the thought has been called forth, man shall no longer omit it, but take hold of it more and more firmly. This holding on stronger is faith. When man then, through his firm faith, that is, by the ever-greater fixation of the idea of God in himself, has made it such a living feeling in himself, that he has stepped with his feet into the world of God within himself. In this world, he sees wonders upon wonders.

This is the waxing recognition of God. But this world, the marvelous, is still essentially empty, the splendid building still has no inhabitants. But see, there is a sacrificial altar in the middle of the building, which is now standing before us, and a lot of fresh wood is laid on the sacrificial altar. We will light it, and it shall immediately become evident whether this world is essentially empty or not. But with what shall we light the wood?

I tell you; the very strange lighter is also in your heart, it's called love! We will bring these to the altar, and you will then convince yourself as soon as you realize that not only the pure thoughts of God but also the living beings' dwell in man. What would it do, if any man said, behold my brethren, behold my sisters if he did not love them? But if he loves them, he certainly does not love them outside, but in his heart. And so, they are not outside for him, but in the love of his heart. So, we ignite the wood so that this building can become inhabited!

You ask: How will we elicit fire from our hearts so that we may kindle this wood? O, brothers, and friends! What a question from you! Is not a single thought of Jesus sufficient to make the heart burst out in flames for Him? O, brothers, and friends! If you could comprehend what this Name of all names says, what effect it has in it, you should instantly pass into such a powerful love for Jesus, and this fire would be sufficient to ignite a whole army of suns, making them burn a thousand times brighter in their endlessly wide space regions, than is presently the case.

I say to you, Jesus' greatness is so tremendous that, when His Name is spoken, the whole of infinity trembles with great reverence. *If you say: God, you also call the very highest being, but you call it in its infinity, it is fulfilling the infinite universe and works with His infinite power from eternity to eternity. But in the name of Jesus, you designate the perfect, powerful, essential center of God, or even more clearly:*

Jesus is the true, most authentic, essential God as man, from whom all divinity, which fulfills infinity, emerges as the Spirit of His infinite power, might, and form like rays from the sun. - Jesus is, therefore, the sum total of the Divinity, or: In Jesus, the Divinity dwells truly physically in its most infinite abundance; and therefore, the whole Divine infinity is always animated when this infinitely most sublime Name is spoken!

And this is, at the same time, the infinite grace of the Lord, that it has pleased Him to accept the grain kernel of mankind. But why did He do this? Listen, I will reveal to you a little secret!

Before the Lord's incarnation, a man could never speak to the true nature of God. No one could ever see it without completely losing life, as Moses says, "no one can see God and live at the same time!" The Lord in the primordial Church, as well as in the Church of Melchizedek, to whom Abraham himself was acquainted, was often seen in person, and has spoken with His saints and taught His children Himself. *But this personal master was in fact not the Lord Himself but at all times only an angelic spirit filled with the Spirit of God for this purpose.*

From such an angelic spirit, the Spirit of the Lord then spoke, as if the Lord Himself spoke directly. But, in such an angelic spirit, the fullest perfection of the Spirit of God was never present, but only to the extent necessary for the immediate purpose.

You can believe it: during this time even, the purest angelic spirits could ever see the Divinity differently than you see the sun at the firmament. And none of the angelic spirits would ever have dared to imagine the Divinity under any picture, just as it was very strictly commanded in the Moses era to the Israelite people that no carved image was to be made of God.

But now listen: It once pleased this infinite nature of God, and at a time when men were least inclined to think about it, to unite Himself in His whole infinite abundance, and to take on in this union, the perfect human nature!

Now think: God, who never looked a created being in the eye, came as the most infinitely loving and wise Jesus into the world!

He, the infinite, the Eternal One, before Whose breath eternities sputter like loose chaff, walked among and taught His creatures, His children, not as a father, but as a brother!

But all this would still be too little. He, the Almighty, was even persecuted, captured, and slain by His own insignificant creatures. Tell me: Could you think of an infinitely greater love and a greater condescension than what Jesus knew?

Through this inconceivable act, He has changed everything in heaven. Even if He dwells also in His Sun of mercy, from which the Light inexhaustibly flows to all the heavens, He is still the same bodily Jesus as He has walked on earth in all His Divine fullness as a true Father and brother, being present as a perfect man among His Children. He gives to all His children all His grace, love, and power, and guide them to His personal essence, to work endlessly and mightily in His order!

There was an infinite gap between God and the created human beings, but in Jesus this gap was almost completely abolished; for He Himself, as you know, has made this known to us, firstly through His human incarnation; secondly, that He did not call us brethren only once, but several times; thirdly, because He ate and drank with us all and carried our burdens for us; fourthly, that He, as the Lord of infinity, was obedient even to the secular powers; fifthly, that He has even been captured by these worldly powers; sixth, that He allowed Himself to be overcome by the worldly mighty intrigues to be crucified and killed and finally: seventh, that by His omnipotence He Himself has torn the curtain in the temple, which separated the holy of holies from the people.

Therefore, He is the only way, life, light, and truth. He is the door through which we can reach God; through this door, we cross over the infinite gap between God and us, and find Jesus, the eternal, infinite, holy Brother!

We can certainly love Him who wanted this gap to be abolished, above everything!

Therefore, as I said at the outset; enough to awaken our love for Jesus, surely a single thought- only His name in our hearts should be eternally enough to burn in all love for Him! Therefore, you also dignify this Name worthily in your hearts, and you will see for yourself how great the fire of love will pass from your hearts, to kindle the wood of life through which the Gentiles should recover at this new sacrificial altar.

Of such heathen the likes of whom my brother Paul once converted, there are still many in our time; there are pagans who call themselves "Christians," but are worse in their hearts than those who once worshiped Moloch and Baal.

When the wood on this altar ignites, then you will see in this world, which you have called, many things that you have not yet seen. For I say unto you, In the world of spirits there are unfathomable depths. No created spirit could ever measure it, but we are in the Spirit of the Lord. His spirit lives, governs and works in us, and in this spirit, no depth is unfathomable to us; for no one can know what is in the Spirit, but the Spirit alone. Thus, no one can know what is in God, for only the Spirit of God. - Jesus, who united God in all His fullness, but has filled us with His Spirit. And with His Spirit in us, we can also penetrate His Divine depths. So, remember the Name of all names, the holiest of holiness, the Love of all love, the Fire of fire, and the wood on the altar will burn."

Joseph Notices Mary's Pregnancy

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch7

Jesus is speaking: "Joseph was filled with high presentiments and said to Mary, 'Child of the Lord! Much joy is given my house in you, my soul is filled with high presentiments!

But I also know that the Lord always painfully afflicts those He loves, so let us always ask Him to be gracious and merciful to us all.

It is even possible that the Lord will want to have the old Ark of the Covenant renewed through you and me.

Should something like that be in the offing, then woe to me and you, for we will have to withstand a very difficult task there. But no more of that now.

What must happen surely will happen and we will not be able to prevent it, but when it comes it will seize us with an all-powerful hand, and we will tremble before the will of Him who set the foundations of the earth!'

Mary understood nothing of all this and soothed the very troubled-looking Joseph with these words, 'Dear father Joseph! Do not be saddened at the Lord's will, for we know that He always wants only the best for His children! If the Lord is with us, as He was with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as He always was with those who loved him, what harm and evil can possibly befall us?'

Joseph was satisfied with this consolation, thanked the Lord in his heart with all his might that He had given him such a comforting angel in Mary, and then said, 'Children, it is already late in the evening, so let us intone the hymn of praise, partake of our blessed evening meal and then retire.'

The hymn was sung, whereupon Mary quickly brought the bread and Joseph apportioned it and all marveled that the bread this time tasted so exceptionally good.

Here Joseph said, 'All praise to the Lord! What He blesses always tastes well and has the best flavor.'

And Mary said to Joseph in a lovingly wise manner, 'See, dear father, therefore you should not fear the visitations of the Lord, for they truly are also His ever so precious blessings.'

And Joseph agreed, 'Yes, yes, you pure daughter of the Lord, you are right! I will indeed be glad to bear in all patience whatever the Lord gives me to carry. He surely will not make His burden too heavy for me nor His yoke too hard - for He is truly a father full of kindness and mercy even in His zeal. May His holy will always be done!'

Hereupon the devout family went to rest and worked at home the next few days.

In the meantime, Mary's body became fuller day by day, and since she was well aware of this, she attempted to hide her pregnancy from the eyes of Joseph and his sons as well as she could.

But after a time of two months her concealment helped her no more, and Joseph became suspicious and secretly consulted one of his friends in Nazareth concerning Mary's strange condition."

Joseph Questions Mary

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch8

Jesus is speaking: "Joseph's friend was an expert, for he was a doctor familiar with the herbs who not infrequently stood by the mid-wives in times of critical births.

He went with Joseph and secretly looked at Mary; and when he had viewed her, he said to Joseph, 'Listen to me, brother from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! A great misfortune has befallen your house, for the maiden is highly pregnant!

Now you are to blame for that yourself! See, it is already the sixth month since you have been away with your housebuilding. Tell me, who could then have well looked after the maiden?'

Joseph answered, 'See, during that time Mary was home alone only three weeks and that in the beginning when she came into my house. Then she spent three whole months with her aunt Elizabeth.

By now it is two months that she has constantly been under my care, and I have never seen anyone who might have gone to her openly or in secret.

And while I was gone, she was anyhow in the best of hands - my son, who led her to Elizabeth, first gave me his most solemn vow that except in an emergency, he would not touch even her garment during the whole trip.

Therefore, I know with great certainty that Mary must be perfectly clean as far as my house is concerned; but whether such is also the case with the house of Zacharias is another question.

Could that possibly have happened to her in the temple by one of its servants? May the Lord preserve me from such an opinion, for He would have exposed that long ago by the constant wisdom of the high priest!

But I know now what I shall do to get at the truth of the matter! - You, friend, may go again in peace, and I shall subject my house to a strict examination.'

Joseph's friend soon departed, whereupon Joseph promptly turned to Mary and demanded: 'Child, with what countenance shall I now look up to my God? What shall I say about you now?

Did I not receive you from the temple as a pure maiden, and did I not faithfully protect you by my daily prayer and by the faithful who are in my house?

I adjure you therefore to tell me who it is that has dared to deceive me and to so shamefully profane himself against me, a son of David, and against you, who are also come forth from the same house.

Who has seduced and defiled you, a maiden of the Lord? Who has managed to so becloud your purest inclination - and who was it that made of you a second Eve?

Why, in this the old story of Adam repeats itself with me in the flesh, for you have obviously been deluded by a serpent just like Eve was.

Now answer me my question. But see that you collect yourself, for you shall not succeed in deceiving me!' Here Joseph in his grief threw himself on his face on a sack filled with ashes and wept.

And Mary trembled from great fright, began to weep and sob and could not speak in her great dread and sorrow.

Here Joseph raised himself up from the sack and asked Mary in a somewhat moderate tone,

'Mary, child of God, whom He Himself has taken into His care, why did you do this to me? Why did you degrade your soul so greatly and forget your God?

How could you do this, you who were raised in the Holy of Holies and received your food from the hand of the angels and always had these shining servants of God as your playmates? Oh, speak, and do not be silent with me!'

Here Mary took courage and replied, 'Father Joseph, you just, hard man! I say to you, as truly as God lives, that truly am I clean and innocent and have never had anything to do with any man!'

At this Joseph asked, 'From whence then is that which you carry under your heart?'

And Mary answered, 'See, I am still only a child and do not understand the secrets of God! But listen, and I will tell you what happened to me. - And that is surely as true as there lives a just God above us!''

An Angel Witnesses to Joseph

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Ch9

Jesus is speaking: "And Mary told Joseph everything that happened to her while she was still working on the purple, and then ended her story with this assurance: 'Therefore, I again assure you, father, that as truly as God, the Lord of heaven and earth lives, that truly am I also clean and know no man and know just as little about the secret of God which I now must carry under my heart to my own great anguish!'

Here Joseph became silent before Mary and was filled with a mighty dread - for Mary's words went deep into his distressed soul, and he quakingly found his secret presentiment confirmed.

He therefore began to consider back and forth what he should do and said in his heart, 'If I conceal from the world what it now considers to be an undeniable sin on Mary's part, even though I do not recognize it as such anymore, I shall be adjudged a blasphemer against the Lord's law and will not escape certain punishment.

But if, against my innermost conviction, I reveal her as a cheap sinner before the sons of Israel, when that which she carries under her heart - according to her unequivocal statement - proceeds from an angel, then I shall be found by the Lord God to be one who has delivered innocent blood to the judgment of death.

What then shall I do with her? Shall I secretly leave her, that is, shall I secretly send her away and hide her somewhere in the hills near the border of the Greeks?

Or shall I wait for the day of the Lord so He may then tell me what to do? And if tomorrow or the day after someone comes to me from Jerusalem and recognizes

Mary, what then? Yes, I think it is best that I secretly send her away without anyone except my children knowing anything about it.

The Lord will surely reveal her innocence in time, and then everything will be saved and won; so, let it be in the name of the Lord!

Thereupon Joseph secretly made this known to Mary who acquiesced in Joseph's good intention, prepared herself and then, as it was already late in the evening, retired.

Joseph, given to his manifold thoughts, also fell into a slumber, when lo, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said to him: 'Joseph, have no fear about Mary, the purest maiden of the Lord! For What she carries under her heart is conceived by the Holy Spirit of God, and you shall give the Child, when He is born, the name: Jesus!'

Here Joseph awoke and praised the Lord God, who had bestowed such grace upon him.

And since it was already morning, Mary came to Joseph already for the intended journey, and indicated that it might be time to go.

At this Joseph embraced the girl, pressed her to his bosom and said to her: 'Mary, you pure one, you shall remain with me. Today the Lord has given me a mighty witness for you, for That which will be born from you shall be named: Jesus!'

Here Mary knew immediately that the Lord had spoken to Joseph, since she now heard the same name which the angel had told her, although she had mentioned nothing of this before to Joseph.

Joseph now watched over the girl attentively and let her want for nothing that she needed in that condition."

The Decree of Augustus Caesar

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 12

Jesus is speaking: "Joseph in good spirits now spent two more months in his house with Mary, now his wife, and worked for her support. When her time was fulfilled and Mary was close to the time of delivery, there came a new blow which caused Joseph great concern. For the Roman emperor Augustus issued a decree in all his lands that all the peoples in his empire were to be counted, recorded and classified for reasons of taxation and recruitment.

The Nazarenes were not exempt from this command, and Joseph was compelled to go to Bethlehem, the city of David, where the Roman recording commission was set up.

When he heard this command, because of which he had already been called to an assembly in Jerusalem, he said to himself, 'My Lord and my God, this is a hard blow for me at this very time when Mary is so close to delivery! What shall I do now? - I must of course have my sons recorded, for they are unfortunately subject to bearing arms for the emperor, but what in heaven's name, o Lord, shall I do with Mary? I cannot leave her at home, for what would she do when her time began to press her?

But if I take her along, who will assure me that her time will not befall her while still on the way and I will not know what to do with her? And if I do just manage to bring her before the officials of Rome, how shall I have her recorded there?

Perhaps as my wife - whereof no one except myself and the high priest knows anything?

Truly, I am almost ashamed to do that before the sons of Israel, for they know that I a man old man of over seventy years. What will they say, if I record the barely fifteen-year-old child - and that in a highly pregnant condition - as my lawful wife?

Or should I have her recorded as my daughter? But the sons of Israel know whence Mary is, and that she is not my daughter.

If I have her recorded as the to-me-entrusted maiden of the Lord, what might those few, who may not know that I have justified myself in the temple, say to me so they were to see Mary highly pregnant? -

Yes, now I know what I will do - I will wait for the day of the Lord! On that day the Lord my God will do what He thinks best, and it will also be for the best! So be it.'"

He Who Always Was Journeys to Bethlehem

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 13

Jesus is speaking: "The same day a wise old friend from Nazareth came to Joseph and said to him, 'Brother, see, thus does the Lord lead His people through many deserts and steppes. And those who willingly follow where He leads will come to the right place.

We languished in Egypt and wept beneath Babylon's chains, but the Lord freed us! Now the Romans have sent their eagles over us - it is the Lord's will! Therefore, we will do what He wants, for He surely knows why He wants it that way.'

Joseph well understood what the friend meant to say to him, and when the friend had blessed him and departed, Joseph said to his sons, 'Listen to me! The Lord wants us to go to Bethlehem, so let us bow to His will.

You, **Joel**, saddle the she-ass for Mary, and use the saddle with the back rest; and you, **Joses**, bridle the ox and harness him to the cart in which we will take our food.

You, **Samuel**, **Simeon** and **James**, provide the cart with stable fruits, bread, honey and cheese, and take enough to provide us for fourteen days, for we do not know when our turn will come, when we will be free to go, and what might happen with Mary on the way. So put fresh linen and baby napkins in the cart also.'

Here the sons provided everything as told, and when everything was ready, they informed Joseph.

Joseph then knelt down with his whole house, prayed and commended himself and all his family into the hands of the Lord.

When he had finished praying, praising, and glorifying God, he heard a voice which seemed to come from outside the house, saying: 'Joseph, oh faithful son of David, who was a man after the heart of God! When David went out to battle with the giant, there was with him the hand of the angel whom the Lord placed at his side, and behold, your father became a mighty victor!

But with you is He Himself who always was, who created heaven and earth, who in Noah's time let it rain forty days and nights and let drown all men contrary to Him, who gave Isaac to Abraham, who led your people out of Egypt and terribly talked to Moses on Sinai!

Behold, He now is in your house bodily and will also journey with you to Bethlehem -so be without fear, for it will not be permitted that one hair on your head be harmed!'

When Joseph heard these words, he was glad, thanked the Lord for this grace and promptly had all prepared themselves for the journey.

He took Mary and set her on the she-ass as softly and comfortably as he possibly could and then took the reins in his hand and led the pack animal.

The sons grouped themselves about the loaded cart and went with it after the pacing donkey.

After a while Joseph handed the reins to his oldest son, and he himself walked at Mary's side, since she sometimes became weak and was not able to hold herself in the saddle alone."

See, There in The Hill Is a Cave

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 14

Jesus is speaking: "Thus the truly devout group of travelers came within six hours of Bethlehem and rested in the open.

Here Joseph looked toward Mary and saw that she must be full of pain, so he thought quite disconcertedly, 'What is the matter? Mary's countenance is filled with pain, and her eyes are filled with tears. Perhaps her time presses her?'

Therefore, Joseph looked at Mary again more closely, and behold, this time he found to his great surprise that she was laughing.

At this he asked her, 'Mary, tell me, what is going on in your heart? For I first see your face filled with pain, and then laughing and radiating great joy!'

And Mary said to Joseph: 'See, I now have two nations before me! The one wept, so I wept with it out of sympathy.

But the other walked before me laughing, and I was filled with joy and happiness, and had to laugh along with it and take part in its joy. That is all that drew pain and joy from my face.'

When Joseph heard this, he was reassured, for he knew that Mary oftentimes had visions; accordingly, he had the journey resumed and went up toward Bethlehem.

When they came close to Bethlehem, Mary suddenly announced to Joseph, 'Listen to me, Joseph! That which is within me begins to press me with great force, so call a halt!'

Joseph was thoroughly alarmed at Mary's sudden announcement, for he now realized that her time had come.

He therefore called a sudden halt, whereupon Mary hastily said to Joseph, 'Lift me down from the donkey, for That which is in me presses me mightily and wants to leave me - and I cannot resist Its force any longer!'

At this Joseph declared, 'But in heaven's name! You can see that an inn is nowhere in sight - where then shall I put you?'

And Mary said, 'See, there in the hill is a cave - it can hardly be a hundred steps to there. Bring me there - it is impossible for me to go on!'

Thereupon Joseph led his party of travelers to there and with great good luck found some hay and straw in this cave, since it served the shepherds as a stable in time of need, and immediately had a makeshift bed prepared for Mary."

Mary's Virginity during Jesus' Birth

Ref: MV Vol. 1:138

"Jesus was born of 'the Lily called Mary' in a phenomenal way, virginally, during an ecstasy: 'My Son's birth,' [Mary says to the Seer,] 'was an ecstasy for Me. After being enraptured in God at that time, I became aware of Myself and of the Earth, with My Child in My arms.'

The story of Christ's virginal birth is most interesting and fascinating. The spouses, never made it to the room at the inn and facing the imminence of the joyful event, took refuge in a cave near Bethlehem. The story begins:

"They hurry to the den. It is really a den. Among the ruins of an old building there is a hole, beyond which there is a grotto, an excavation in the mountain, rather than a grotto. It seems to consist of the foundations of the old building, with the roof formed by rubble supported by coarse tree trunks.

There is hardly any light, and to see better Joseph pulls out tinder and flint and he lights a little lamp that he takes out of the knapsack he is carrying across his shoulders. He goes in and is greeted by a bellow. 'Come in, Mary. It is empty. There is only an ox.' Joseph smiles, 'It's better than nothing! . . .'

The little fire is dozing together with its guardian. Mary lifts Her head slowly from Her bed and looks round. She sees that Joseph's head is bowed over his chest, as if he were meditating, and She thinks that his good intentions to remain awake has been overcome by tiredness. She smiles lovingly and making less noise than a butterfly alighting on a rose, She sits up and then goes on Her knees. She prays with a blissful smile on Her face. She prays with Her arms stretched out, almost in the shape of a cross, with the palms of Her hands facing up and forward, and She never seems to tire in that position. She then prostrates herself with Her face on the hay, in an even more ardent prayer, a long prayer.

Joseph rouses. He notices that the fire is almost out and the stable almost dark. He throws a handful of very slender heath on to the fire and the flames are revived, he then adds some thicker twigs and finally some sticks, because the cold is really biting: the cold of a serene winter night that comes into the ruins from everywhere. Poor Joseph must be frozen sitting as he is near the door if we can call a door the hole where Joseph's mantle serves as a curtain. He warms his hands near the fire, then takes his sandals off and warms his feet. When the fire is gaily blazing and its light is steady, he turns round. But he does not see anything, not even Mary's white veil that formed a clear line on the dark hay. He gets up and slowly moves towards Her pallet.

"Are You not sleeping, Mary?" he asks. He asked Her three times until She turns round and replies: 'I am praying.

'Is there anything you need? ', 'No, Joseph.'

'Try and sleep a little. At least try and rest.'

'I will try. But I don't get tired praying.'

'God be with you Mary,' 'And with you, Joseph.'

Mary resumes Her position.

When Mary was thus provided for, Joseph said to his sons, 'You two oldest keep watch over Mary and give her the proper care if she needs it, especially you, Joel, since you learned something about this matter from my friends in Nazareth.'

Then he told the other three to look after the donkey and the ox and to find a place for the cart inside the fairly spacious cave.

When Joseph had looked to all these things he said to Mary, *'Now I will go up on the hill and hurriedly seek a midwife in the city of my father and will bring her here to give you aid.'* After these words Joseph went out of the cave. It was already late in the evening, and the stars were well discernible in the sky. . .

A thin ray of moonlight creeps in through a crack in the vault and it seems like a blade of unearthly silver looking for Mary. It stretches in length as the moon climbs higher in the sky and at last reaches Her. It is now on Her head, where it forms a halo of pure light.

Mary lifts Her head, as if She had a celestial call, and She gets up and goes on to Her knees again. Oh! How beautiful it is here now! She raises Her head, and Her face shines in the white moonlight and becomes transfigured by a supernatural smile. What does She see? What does she hear? What does she feel? She is the only one who can tell what She saw, heard and felt in the refulgent hour of Her Maternity. I can only see that the light around Her is increasing more and more. It seems to come down from Heaven, to arise from the poor things around Her, above all it seems to originate from Herself.

Her deep blue dress now seems of a pale myosotis blue, and Her hands and face are becoming clear blue as if they were placed under the glare of a huge pale sapphire. This hue is spreading more and more on the things around Her, it covers them, purifies them and brightens everything. It reminds me, although it is somewhat softer, of the hue I see in the vision of holy Paradise, and also of the color I saw in the visit of the Wise Men.

The light is giving off more and more intensely from Mary's body, it absorbs the moonlight. She seems to be drawing to Herself all the light that can descend from Heaven. She is now the Depositary of the Light. She is to give this Light to the world. And this blissful, uncontainable, immeasurable, eternal, divine Light, which is about to be given, is heralded by a dawn, a morning star, a chorus of atoms of Light that increase continuously like a tide, and rise more and more like incense, and descend like a large stream and stretch out like veils. . .

The vault, full of crevices, of cobwebs, of protruding rubble balanced by a miracle of physics, the dark, smoky repellent vault, now seems the ceiling of a royal hall. Each boulder is a block of silver, each crack an opal flash, each cobweb a most precious canopy interwoven with silver and diamonds. A huge green lizard, hibernating between two stones, seems like an emerald jewel forgotten there by a queen: and a bunch of hibernating bats is like a precious onyx chandelier. The hay from the upper manger is no longer grass blades: it is pure silver wire quivering in the air with the grace of loose hair.

The dark wood of the lower manger is a block of burnished silver. The walls are covered with a brocade in which the white silk disappears under the pearly embroidery of the relief, and the soil... what is the soil now? It is a crystal lit up by a white light. Its protrusions are like roses thrown in homage of the soil; the holes are precious cups from which perfumes and scents are to rise.

And the light increases more and more. It is now unbearable to the eye. And the Virgin disappears in so much light, as if She had been absorbed by an incandescent curtain... '

The Mystery of the Birth of Jesus and the Nativity



[Mary, Did You Know? - YouTube](#)

OUR MOST HOLY MOTHER SHARES WITH US THROUGH **LUZ DE MARIA** A NEW REVELATION IN WHICH SHE ENABLES US TO UNDERSTAND THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST DECEMBER 24, 2017

The Blessed Mother is speaking: “My most beloved daughter, that My Son was born in such humble conditions was not a coincidence, but arranged thus by the Eternal Father so that from the first instant Humanity would understand that in order to enter the spiritual life and accept the Teachings of My Son you need to untie everything that keeps you bound to false personal beliefs, to the “ego” that remains strong in man, to human foolishness, and humbly look at yourselves and recognize what is and how it is, what must be left and what you must take up to in order to be united to My Son.

I ask you that every day be like this one, on which the man of God recognizes that Love must prevail in life and remember that without love we are nothing (cf. 1 Cor. 13).

We did not travel alone, but in the company of the protectors that God the Father sent to accompany us along the way, and before entering the stable, the Angels were already there, joyful, waiting for our entrance. **THE STABLE, THAT HUMBLE PLACE, WAS THE GREAT PALACE WHERE THE SON OF GOD WAS TO BE BORN.**

The Angels of God the Father became visible to our eyes and Joseph, astonished at such greatness, understood that, more than a palace, we were in the most beautiful place that could exist on Earth. We made haste to clean the place and the Angels of God helped Joseph, and the place, with impeccable cleanliness, was arranged for the birth of My Son, which had been announced to Me beforehand. The Angels perfumed such a great palace with heavenly aromas. I had been told of the birth and absorbed in My Womb, where Divine Love would come to Humanity; I penetrated into such unfathomable Mystery.

The chill of the night made Joseph light the fire in haste, and I asked him to rest, and Joseph, entering into a dream that was an ecstasy, saw what was happening with the Divine birth.

I was taken up above Creation and was filled with the greatest of wonders that filled My Heart, My Mind, My Thought, My Reason, My Soul and My Spirit to welcome "Sacred Mysteries" that had not been revealed to Me before. I was taken up in deep Divine Ecstasy until I entered into the light of God and was filled with Divine Science, Prudence, Divine Hope, Divine Love and Understanding . . .

Prostrate in the Divine Light of the Eternal Father, I received His great blessing and the Most High Majesty revealed to me all the instructions for the upbringing of the One who would become the Savior of Humanity. My Face radiated the Divine Light that the Father reflected in Me; aware of what was happening, in full use of My Senses, I saw myself transformed before such an Unfathomable Presence.

Instants later I felt My Child moving forcefully in My womb, already prepared to be born, and enthralled by the Divine Spirit, I saw that God made Man was being released from that cloister, without any pain. The Love of My entrails was united with the Divine Spirit and in total self-giving, not offering any resistance to the Divine Will, with absolute willingness and being like crystal to the light, the "Only Begotten of the Father" was born, by the Work and Grace of the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt. 1,18c), preserving My Virginal State; everything was a Miracle of Love.

I saw Saint Michael and Saint Raphael, and they were worshipping My Child, transfigured, more beautiful and brighter than the sun. His Skin, totally cleansed, radiated such Purity that the Light of His Divine Body came out of the place. My Child was delivered by the hands of Saint Michael and Saint Gabriel, and at that instant a Divine Colloquium happened between the two: MY SON AND I WERE FUSED, HE AS TRUE LOVE, AND I AS HIS MOTHER SAID TO HIM: MY BELOVED FOR ME AND I FOR MY BELOVED ... (cf. Song of Solomon 2,16).

WE ENTERED INTO AN INTIMATE COLLOQUIUM, AND WITH ALL MY MATERNAL TENDERNESS, SEEING THOSE BLESSED EYES, I LOVED HIM IN THE DIVINE WILL FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS.

Coming out of that state, I called Joseph and looking at the Child, he shed tears that flowed down his cheeks; the one he had been waiting for so much was there, I handed Him over into his arms and in total reverence he loved Him with eternal love.

THE HUMBLE CAME TO WORSHIP MY SON BECAUSE THE KINGDOM IS THAT OF THE HUMBLE."

Do You Know What the Manger Represents?

MESSAGE FROM THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO HER BELOVED DAUGHTER **LUZ DE MARIA**: DECEMBER 22, 2017

The Blessed Mother is speaking: "I KEEP YOU IN MY HEART... AND THUS UNITED, LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH OF MY SON.

In My Son I see you and as Mother of Humanity, My Heart overflows with joy for you.

BELOVED CHILDREN, MY SON BEGS YOU FOR UNITY, RECONCILIATION AND UNDERSTANDING. Households lack this at this instant in which each member of the family chooses what best suits their personal interests and not to the interests

of those around them. My Son says to you: "...Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" (Mt 12:48).

Do not only approach those with whom you feel comfortable or pretend to approach them just for this date or love only those you want by your side. KEEP IN MIND THAT MY SON CAME TO UNITE AND THIS DATE IS FOR THAT AND SO THAT THERE IS A TRUE FRATERNAL RECONCILIATION LASTING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.

DO NOT FORGET THAT MY SON WAS BORN IN A STABLE IN WHICH THERE WAS NO LUXURY except for the warmth of the straw in which We placed Him. My Son rejoiced at the sincere love of the humble who came to worship Him. Knowledge, understanding towards one's brothers and sisters, wisdom in treating one's brother and devotion to the neighbor for love of God are more accessible for the humble in spirit.



Beloved children, the stable where My Son was born tells you that you should not live by vain appearances or "status" nor desire economic importance or human honors. In the midst of conceit and selfishness, man does not come to this humble manger, since in order to go there you need to leave behind on the way that which prevents you from recognizing the greatest treasure that this manger holds, the greatest grandeur: DIVINE LOVE. SAINT JOSEPH AND I TOOK OUR SON AND IN THE MIDST OF THE HEAVENLY CHOIRS WE PLACED HIM IN THE MANGER (cf. Lk 2,7).

Do you know what the manger represents? The inner cloister in which man becomes small in order that My Son shows His Power, His Glory, His Majesty and His Omnipotence. The manger is where man recognizes his smallness and the need to be one with My Son and with his brothers and sisters.

DIVINE LOVE RECEIVES WARMTH FROM THE STRAW: do you know what the straw of the stable sheltering My Son prefigures? Each piece of straw represents each one of you, My children, those who continue in the midst of fatigue, temptations, calumnies, storms, those who walk in the footsteps of My Son. These are the Apostles of the Last Times.

LIGHT WAS NOT LACKING WITHIN THE STABLE, INTENSE RAYS OF LIGHT CAME DOWN FROM THE HEART OF THE ETERNAL FATHER, AND IN UNION WITH HIM THE HEAVENLY CHOIRS APPROACHED THE HUMBLE WHO WERE TENDING THEIR FLOCKS. How many of My children do not see the Light that is in front of them for lack of humility!

THEREFORE, YOU HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THIS LIGHT SO THAT AT THIS INSTANT YOU KEEP THE EARTH ILLUMINED THROUGH GOOD ACTIONS AND WORKS IN THE DIVINE WILL. YOU ARE FEW, YES, BUT MY CHILDREN MAKE THAT GOD THE FATHER LOOKS TO THE EARTH AND THE LATTER IS NOT IN TOTAL DARKNESS.

In the midst of total adoration come the Kings who, following a star (cf. Mt 2: 9-11), have found the King who has been born and bow down before Him and worship Him, offering Him Gold, Incense and Myrrh (cf. Mt 2:11), acknowledging the Savior of Humanity. Beloved children of My Immaculate Heart, such an exalted Birth speaks at the same time of sacrifice for the salvation of man.

THIS CHILD IN THE MANGER SACRIFICES HIMSELF TO THE FATHER OUT OF LOVE FOR MAN. HE SACRIFICES HIMSELF ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY FOR EACH ONE OF YOU WHETHER YOU LOVE HIM OR DO NOT LOVE HIM, YES, MY SON LOVES YOU AND SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ALL (cf. Gal 2:19) .

Children, My Son wants to remain in you, wants truth in each one of you, wants His Divine Love to reign in you so that you are repeaters of His Love, His Action, His Truth.

As Mother, I call you to unity at this instant in which Humanity is running over with what is improper, seriously offending My Son, replacing the Commandments and Sacraments so as not to feel remorse.

Creation vomits out the errors of this generation, the biggest mistake being the lack of Love for God, the lack of Love in man. From this all errors are born and for this reason you have gone astray because of the constant disinformation with which they are confusing you.

The earth shakes at human disobedience, and in this shaking man suffers and will suffer more calamities. You have not understood that in disobeying the Will of God man punishes himself and God allows this punishment given human negativity.

My children, the moon will take on a different color from normal for a few instants, the vault of heaven as well. You keep in mind prayer with the heart and above all, constant work and action in the Divine Will.

Pray My children, pray for the innocent who suffer at the hands of ruthless men, pray that the Angels of God help these innocent creatures. Pray My children, pray, violence takes hold of Humanity, disturbances lead to conflicts and these to uprisings. Argentina, you will suffer for your errors! Colombia, you have been blind to My Requests! Chile, you rebel against My Son! You will again be shaken by the earth and Nature. Pray My children, pray for the United States and France, they will be prey to terrorism and Nature.

Beloved children of My Immaculate Heart, volcanoes are becoming active even in the sea.

Do not let yourselves be separated from My Son, cry out to the Holy Spirit, do not forget your Guardian Angels, your travelling Companions.

WAIT FOR OUR ANGEL OF PEACE (1), WAIT FOR HIM WITH LOVE, DO NOT CAUSE HIM PAIN BY REFUSING TO LIVE IN PEACE AND IN TRUTH. I AM IN FRONT OF YOU IN ORDER TO GUIDE YOU TO "THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE" (Jn 14,6)."

Joseph leaves the cave in search of a midwife:

And Nature Stood Still

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 15

"Here, in Joseph's own words, are his remarkable experiences after leaving the cave, as he told his sons upon his return with the midwife when Mary had already given birth.

And Joseph's words were as follows: 'Children, we are on the threshold of great things! Now I begin to understand what the voice told me on the evening before our departure. Truly, if the Lord were not present with us - even though unseen - such wondrous things as I now have seen could not possibly take place!

'Listen! - After I left the cave and went on my way, it seemed to me as if I were not walking! And I saw the rising full moon and the stars in the east as well as in the west, and lo, everything stood still, and the moon did not leave the earth's horizon, and the stars on the western horizon would not set!

'Then I saw flocks upon flocks of birds sitting on the limbs of the trees - all had their faces turned the other way and trembled as in times of great, imminent earthquakes, and could not have been dislodged from their places with shouts or stones. 'And I looked around on the ground again and saw a group of workmen not far from me who sat around a bowl filled with food - some held their hands motionless in the bowl and were unable to lift food out of it.

'Those who had already lifted a morsel from the bowl held it at the mouth which they could not open, so they might eat; and all faces were turned upward as if they saw great things in the sky.

'Then I saw sheep which were being driven by the shepherds; but the sheep stood motionless, and the hand of the shepherd who lifted it to strike the tarrying sheep remained in the air as if paralyzed and he could not move it.

'Again, I saw a whole herd of rams who held their muzzles over the water but were unable to drink, for they all were as if completely paralyzed. 'And I also saw a brook which had a long waterfall coming down from the hill, and behold, the water stood still and did not fall down into the valley! - Thus, all things on the ground appeared as if they had neither life nor motion.

'As I stood there or walked and did not know whether I was standing or walking, lo, I finally saw life again. For a woman came down the side of the hill directly toward me and when she reached me, asked; Man, where are you going so late?

And I said: I seek a midwife; for there in the cave is one who would give birth!

The woman then asked: Is she of Israel? I replied: Yes, lady, I and she are of Israel. David is our father!

The woman asked further: Who is she that would give birth there in the cave? Is she your wife, or a relative, or a maidservant?

I then answered: Since a short time, my wife only before God and the high priest; but when she became pregnant, she was not yet my wife and was only entrusted into my care from the temple by the witness of God, since she had formerly been brought up in the Holy of Holies!

But do not be surprised at her pregnancy - for That which is in her is wonderfully conceived by the Holy Spirit of God! At this the woman was amazed

and demanded of me: Man, tell me the truth! - And I said: Come and see and convince yourself with your own eyes!"

The Vision of The Midwife

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 16

Jesus is speaking: "The woman consented and followed Joseph to the cave, and when they arrived there, the cave suddenly became enveloped in a thick white cloud, so that they were unable to find the entrance.



At this phenomenon the midwife expressed great surprise and said to Joseph, 'My soul has this day experienced great things! This morning I had a sublime, wondrous vision, in which everything turned out as I now have seen it in reality, still see it and shall see more!

You are the same man who came toward me in the vision. I also saw all the world rest in the midst of its appointed rounds and saw how a cloud came over the cave and spoke with you as I now have spoken. And I saw still more most wondrous things in the cave, when my sister Salome came after me, to whom alone I confided my vision in the morning!

Therefore, I now say before you and before the Lord, my God: A great salvation is come to Israel! A Savior came, sent from above, in the time of our great distress!'

After these words of the midwife the cloud quickly withdrew from the cave, and a light of such intensity streamed from the cave toward the midwife and Joseph that their eyes were not able to bear it, and the midwife exclaimed, 'Everything is then true that I have seen in the vision! Oh man, you fortunate one, here is more than Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Elias!'

Thereupon the strong light gradually became more and more bearable, and the Baby became visible, just as He took His mother's breast for the first time. . .

"Yes. When the light becomes endurable once again to my eyes, I see Mary with the new-born Son in Her arms. A little Baby, rosy and plump, bustling with His little hands as big as rose buds and kicking with His tiny feet that could be contained in the hollow of the heart of a rose: and is crying with a thin trembling voice, just like a new-born little lamb, opening His pretty little mouth that resembles a wild strawberry, and showing a tiny tongue that trembles against the rosy roof of His mouth. And He moves His innocent head, but on the center of His chest, where underneath there is His little heart beating for us, where one day there will be the Wound. And His Mother is doctoring that wound in advance, with Her immaculate kiss. . .

Joseph rushes. And when he sees, he stops, struck by reverence, and he is about to fall on his knees where he is. But Mary insists: 'Come, Joseph,' and She leans on the hay with Her left hand and, holding the Child close to Her heart with Her right one, She gets up and moves towards Joseph, who is walking embarrassed, because of a conflict in him between his desire to go and his fear of being irreverent.

They meet at the foot of the straw bed, and they look at each other, weeping blissfully.

'Come, let us offer Jesus to the Father,' says Mary. And while Joseph kneels down, She stands up between two trunks supporting the vault, She lifts up Her Creature in Her arms and says: 'Here I am. On His behalf, O God, I speak these words to You: I, Mary, and My spouse, Joseph, your servants are here to do your will, O Lord. May Your will always be done by us, in every hour, in every event, for Your glory and Your love.'

Then Mary bends down and says: 'Here, Joseph, take Him.' and offer him the Child.

What! I? Me?... Oh, no! I am not worthy! Joseph is utterly dumfounded at the idea of having to touch God.

But Mary insists smiling; 'You are well worthy. No one is more worthy than you are, and that is why the Most High chose you. Take Him, Joseph, and hold Him while I look for the linens.'

Joseph, blushing almost purple, stretches his arms out and takes the Baby, who is screaming because of the cold and when he has Him in his arms, he no longer persists in the intention of holding Him far from himself, out of respect, but he presses Him to his heart and bursts into tears exclaiming: Oh! Lord! My God..." Ref: MV Vol. 1:138

The midwife now went into the cave to inspect the Baby and His mother, and when she found everything loosed to perfection she asserted: 'Truly, truly, that is the Savior extolled by all the prophets, who will be free of bonds already in His mother's body, to signify that He will unbind all the hard bonds of the Law! Now when has anyone seen that a newly born child already reached for its mother's breast? That truly is visible proof that this Child when a man will one day judge the world according to love, and not according to the Law!

Hear, you most fortunate husband of this maiden! Everything is in the best possible order, therefore let me go out of the cave, for it now begins to weigh heavily upon my breast, since I feel that I am not clean enough to bear the holy nearness of my and your Lord and God!

Joseph was thoroughly shocked at these words of the midwife, and she hastened out of the cave into the open.

As she went out of the cave she met her sister Salome outside, who had followed her because she knew of the vision, and immediately said to her, 'Salome, Salome, come and see my vision of the morning confirmed in reality! The virgin has given birth in fullness of truth to that which human wisdom and nature can never comprehend!'

And Salome replied, 'As truly as God lives am I unable to believe that a virgin is supposed to have given birth until I have examined her with my hand!'"

The Doubting Salome Is Forgiven

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 17

Jesus is speaking: "After Salome said this, she went into the cave and said, 'Mary, my soul is in no little conflict; therefore, I would ask you that you prepare yourself, so I may examine you with my well-experienced hand and learn therefrom how matters stand with your virginity!'

Mary willingly acquiesced in the desire of the unbelieving Salome, prepared herself, and allowed herself to be examined.

But as soon as Salome touched Mary's body with her experienced hand, she began a mighty lament and cried out at the top of her voice,

'Woe, woe to me because of my ungodliness and my great disbelief, that I wanted to tempt the eternally living God! See, see here - my hand is being consumed in the fire of the divine wrath over wretched me!'

After these words she quickly fell down on her knees before the Baby and exclaimed, 'O God of my fathers! You almighty Lord of all glory! Remember me, that I am also a seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Oh, do not set me up to ridicule before the sons of Israel, but give me back my healthy limbs again!'

And behold, thereupon an angel of the Lord stood beside Salome and said to her, 'The Lord God has granted your entreaty - go over to the little Child and carry Him, and a great salvation will be yours for it!' When Salome heard this, she went on her knees over to Mary and asked her for the Baby.

Mary willingly gave her the Baby and said to her, 'May He be to your salvation according to the saying of the angel of the Lord; may the Lord have mercy on you!'

And Salome took the Baby on her arms and while thus carrying Him kneeling testified: 'O God, you almighty Lord of Israel, You who reign and govern from eternity! In all, all fullness of truth is here born to Israel a King of Kings who will be mightier than there was David, the man after the heart of God. You I shall honor and praise forever!'

After these words Salome was completely healed again, then gave the Baby back to Mary in the most grateful contrition of her heart and thus justified went out of the cave.

And when she was outside, she wanted to cry out aloud about the great wonder of all wonders and had already begun to tell her sister what had happened to her.

At this a voice was heard from above, and it said, 'Salome, Salome, be sure to tell no one, what extraordinary thing has happened to you! For the time is still to come when the Lord will testify of Himself in words and deeds!'

At this Salome became silent, and Joseph went out and asked the two sisters to return to the cave according to Mary's wish, so no one should notice anything of the wonderful things that had taken place in this cave this day. And both humbly went back into the cave."

Peace On Earth, Good Will to Men

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 18

Jesus is speaking: "When all were gathered together in the cave, the sons of Joseph asked their father, 'Father, what shall we do now? Everything has been well attended to! The trip has tired our bodies, may we not retire?'

Joseph replied, 'Children, you have witnessed the infinite grace which has befallen us all from above - so you should stay up and glorify God with me!

And you have witnessed what happened to Salome in the cave because she would not believe - so we should not be sleepy either when the Lord visits us!

Now go over to Mary and touch the Baby! Who knows whether your eyelids will not quickly be so refreshed as if you had slept solidly for several hours!'

The sons of Joseph now went over and touched the Baby, and the Baby smiled at the man and stretched His hands toward them, as if He recognized them as brothers.

At this all were surprised and said, 'Truly, that is no ordinary Child! For where has it happened to anyone, that he was greeted so heartily by a newly born child?

Besides, we now have all been so completely restored in all our limbs as if we had never made a journey and were at home on a morning with a fully rested body!'

Joseph said, 'See, so my advice was good! But now I feel that it is becoming quite cool, so bring the donkey and the ox here. The animals will lie close to us and will give off some warmth by their breath and their body heat, and we will place ourselves close to Mary also.'

This the sons did. And when they brought the two animals close to Mary, these immediately lay down at the head end of Mary's resting place, breathed diligently over Mary and the Baby and thus warmed Him quite well.

And the midwife said, 'Truly, that cause can be of no little importance before God, which even the animals serve as if they had reason and understanding.'

Here Salome added: 'Oh sister, the animals seem to see more here than we do! While we hardly dare to think, the animals already worship Him who has created them!

Believe me, sister, as truly as God lives, that truly also is the promised Messiah here before us - for we know that such wonderful things have never taken place even at the birth of the greatest prophet!'

And Mary said to Salome, 'The Lord God has shown you great grace in that you behold That before which my soul quakes itself. But be silent about it, as the angel of the Lord bid you to do previously, or you could prepare a bitter lot for us!'

At this Salome vowed to Mary that she would remain silent the rest of her life, and the midwife followed her sister's example.

Everything now became still in the cave. And in the First hour before sunrise all heard ever-so-mighty songs of praise outside the cave.

Joseph at once sent his oldest son to investigate what it was, and who was singing so mightily to God's glory out in the open.

And Joel went outside and saw that all the reaches of the Firmament were Filled - high and low - with countless myriads of shining angels. And he hastened back into the cave in astonishment and told them all what he had seen.

All were highly astonished at Joel's report and went outside and convinced themselves of the truth of Joel's assertion.

When they had seen such glory of the Lord, they went back into the cave and bore witness to Mary. And Joseph said to Mary: 'Hear, oh purest maiden of the Lord, the fruit of your body is truly conceived by the Holy Spirit of God - for all the heavens now bear witness thereto!

But what will happen to us, when all the world is now sure to Find out what took place here? For I have just seen by the many shepherds that not only we, but all other people now see what manner of witness shines for us through all the heavens, for the shepherds had their faces turned upward and sang in harmony with the mighty choirs of angels which now visibly fill all the reaches of the heavens high and low down to the earth.

And their song sounded like that of the angels: Descend with your grace, o ye heavens upon the just! Peace on earth to all men of good will! And glory to God on high in Him who comes in the name of the Lord!

See, Mary, the whole world now hears and sees this, therefore it will also come here and will persecute us, and we will have to flee over hill and dale!

And so, I believe that we should depart from here as soon as we possibly can, and as soon as I shall be recorded - which shall take place still early today - we shall go back to Nazareth and from there over to the Greeks of whom I know several very well. Do you not agree with me?'

Here Mary said to Joseph, 'But you can see that I cannot leave this resting place today, so let us leave everything to the Lord. He has led and protected us up to now, so He surely will continue to lead us and protect us ever so faithfully! If He wants to reveal us before the world, say: to where would we flee where He could not find us? Therefore, His will be done! What He wants, that will be right. See, here on my bosom rests He whom all this concerns! He will surely remain with us, and thus God's great glory will not depart from us either, though we flee wherever we will!'

Mary had hardly finished speaking, when behold, two angels stood before the cave as leaders of a large group of shepherds and made it known to the shepherds that here was born the One who was the object of their songs of praise.

And the shepherds went into the cave, knelt down before the Baby and worshiped Him; and the angels also came in bands and worshiped the Baby.

Here Joseph with his sons looked over toward Mary and the Baby in great astonishment and asked, 'O God, what does this mean? Have You Yourself assumed flesh in this Child? For how could it otherwise be possible that He would be worshiped even by Your holy angels? But if You are here, o Lord, how then do matters stand with the temple and the Holy of Holies?'

Thereupon an angel went over to Joseph and said to him: 'Do not ask and have no concern - for the Lord has chosen the earth to be the stage of His mercies and has now visited His people, as He has foretold through the mouths of His children, His servants and prophets! What now happens before your eyes takes place according to the will of Him who is holy, most holy.'

The angel then left Joseph and again went over and worshiped the Baby, who now smiled on all the worshipers with open hands.

When the sun rose, the angels disappeared, but the shepherds remained and inquired of Joseph how this had come to be.

And Joseph answered, 'Hear, as wondrously as the grass grows out of the earth, so also did this wonder happen! Now who knows how the grass grows? Just as little also am I able to tell you about this wonder. God wanted it this way - that is all I can tell you!''

Mary is the Second-born of the Father.

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Jesus is speaking: "Purity has such a value, that the womb of a creature can contain the Uncontainable One, because She possessed the greatest purity that a creature of God could have.

The Most Holy Trinity descended with its perfections and enclosed its infinity in a small space. But it did not debase itself by doing so, because the love of the Virgin and the will of God widened this space until they rendered it a Heaven. And the Most Holy Trinity made itself known by its characteristics:

The Father, being once again the Creator of the creature, as on the sixth day of Creation, had a real, worthy daughter fashioned to His perfect image. The mark of God was impressed so completely and exactly on Mary, that only in the First-born was it greater. Mary can be called the Second-born of the Father because, owing to the perfection granted to Her, and preserved by Her, and to Her dignity of Spouse, Mother of God, and Queen of Heaven, She comes second after the Son of the Father, and second in His eternal thought, which took delight in Her.

The Son, being also 'Her Son,' did teach her, by the mystery of Grace, His truth and wisdom, when He was but an Embryo, growing in Her womb.

The Holy Spirit appeared amongst men, for in anticipated prolonged Pentecost: Love for 'Her Whom He loved,' Consolation to men because of the Fruit of Her Whom, Sanctification on account of the Maternity of the Holy One.

God, to reveal Himself to men in the new incomplete form, which starts the *Redemption era*, did not select for His throne a star in the sky, nor the palace of a powerful man. Neither did He want the wings of angels as the base of His feet. He wanted a spotless womb.

Also, Eve had been created spotless. But she wanted to become corrupt of her own free will. - Eve was in a pure world - Mary, who lived in a corrupt world, did not wish to violate Her purity, not even with one thought remotely connected with sin. She knew that sin exists. She saw its various and horrible forms and implications. *She saw them all*, including the most hideous one: deicide (the act of killing a divine being or a symbolic substitute of such a being). But She knew them solely to expiate them and to be forever, the Woman who has mercy on sinners and prays for their redemption."

And the Word was Made Flesh

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God the Father is speaking: "And the Word was made flesh and lived among us.' I Myself, the eternal Word, came to earth and became flesh. It was an act of overwhelming love and mercy that had moved Me to make contact with the human beings who had distanced themselves from Me to a point that they were no longer able to hear My voice, that they could no longer hear My Word within themselves, and who did not have a relationship with the Word of eternity anymore. They had caused this vast distance from Me themselves, and they would never have been able to bridge this distance on their own, they would never have been able to hear My Word again such as it was in the beginning when I could communicate with all My living creations through the Word. For this reason, My love has bridged the vast distance itself. I Myself came to earth and became flesh and then tried to get in touch

with My living creations in order to speak to them again and to build a bridge for them which would lead them back to Me into the kingdom of light and bliss.

I Am the eternal Word Myself but I could not have spoken directly to any human being from above without placing those who once had originated from Me as free living creations into a state of compulsion. They had to cross the bridge to Me voluntarily and I could only achieve that by means of My Word which, however, should not sound extraordinary but like the spoken word between human beings. And for this reason, I became flesh. I took abode in the human cover of Jesus and spoke to people through Him. But it was My Word which now was spoken to them, and through this Word I was able to show people the way. I was able to instruct them and tell them My will, I was able to reveal the Gospel to them, the divine teaching of love, which should once again change their souls to a state which would enable every person to hear My Word within himself if this was his sincere will. But first humanity had to be released from sin and death. The former guilt of sin, caused by the apostasy from Me, first had to be redeemed, so that the subsequent bond with Me could be crowned by the 'pouring out of My spirit,' so that the human being himself could hear My voice within himself again as it was in the beginning.

'And the Word was made flesh and lived amongst us.' Only few people understand the meaning of these words; the eternal Word came to earth Itself because humanity was in greatest difficulty, it was not aware of its wretched condition, of its lack of light, of the spiritual darkness in which it lived. It was completely separate from Me and did nothing to reduce its vast distance from Me. The only way to help people was by means of instructions which corresponded to the truth. They had to be informed of their God and Creator's will, and this will had to be conveyed to them by Myself. I had to speak to them Myself and could only do so through a human being. Thus I embodied Myself in this human being, and only in this manner was it possible to instruct people truthfully, to draw their attention to their wrong way of life, to inform them of My will and exemplify the kind of life they should lead themselves in order to escape their spiritual darkness, in order to walk the path I showed them first so that they could attain eternal life again. For they were influenced by My adversary who continuously provoked them into leading a life without love which subsequently made and kept them weak, and they were not able to contribute anything towards their ascent.

I Myself provided them with the evidence that love results in strength. I healed the sick and carried out other miracles which only the strength of love could accomplish. I also informed them about the consequences of a heartless way of life, for I first had to explain to people why they were experiencing physical and spiritual hardship, I had to inform them that their state as human beings could not be considered a happy one and what they therefore should do to attain beatitude. And they had to hear all of this from the mouth of God. They had to be able to hear My Word, and thus the Word Itself came down to earth and became flesh. In the original state the Word sounded within every being and was the cause of inconceivable bliss. And the beings abandoned this blissfulness themselves by voluntarily distancing themselves from Me and thus could not hear My Word any longer, because this Word was a direct emanation of love on My part which they then rejected.

Humanity's excessive hardship on earth prompted My love and mercy to draw nearer to them and to confront them in Word despite their resistance. And

anyone who had ignited just a tiny spark of love within himself recognized Me and accepted My Word. He also recognized the Deity in Me and followed Me. *But by and large people just saw the human being in Me and therefore valued My Word simply as that of a human being. I was amongst them, and they did not recognize Me. Nevertheless, I was able to proclaim the Gospel of love, to repeatedly impart the divine teaching of love to people and to educate My apostles Myself and then send them into the world with the task of proclaiming My Gospel and bearing witness to Me.* The 'Word Itself' had come to earth, and It was made flesh for the benefit of humanity. And every time My Word is spoken, My infinite love and mercy bows down towards humanity and emits Its love into those human hearts who willingly accept My Word, who listen to it and recognize it as their Father's voice and who are grateful for this great gift of grace. For I Myself Am the eternal Word, and anyone who listens to Me enters into closest contact with Me, and he will indeed achieve his last goal on this earth, he will find complete unification with Me, his God and Father, to Whom he has finally returned to be eternally blessed."

A Deeper Explanation about the Birth of Christ - I

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God the Father is speaking: "No-one can judge the depth of divine love which expressed itself in the fact that God Himself descended to earth in order to accomplish the act of Salvation on behalf of humanity. He took pity on people's immeasurable guilt of sin, for the sinners themselves were unable to redeem it since the offence against God's love was fully consciously committed, not because 'imperfection' made the being unable to recognize its offence against God but because these beings were brightly enlightened and therefore recognized God in His power and glory. However, they were unable to see Him and therefore, despite better knowledge, followed the one who presented himself as God and Creator, and they followed him because they were able to see him although they knew that he, too, was only a product of God's creative will and God's strength. The magnitude of the guilt rests in the fact that the beings were illuminated by the light of realization and in the face of it turned away from their God and Creator of eternity. And it was impossible for them to redeem this immense guilt, for they were no longer able to undo the sin, they remained burdened by it, and the only option was for God to redeem the sin Himself, but this, again, could only take place within the framework of divine justice because every guilt demands atonement so that it can be redeemed. And in order to render this atonement for humanity, God descended to earth and accomplished the act of Salvation in the man Jesus.

God Himself was unable to suffer but He wanted to take the suffering upon Himself which the human race had deserved due to the sin of their past apostasy from God. And this is why a human being, **into whose shell God Himself incarnated**, took the suffering upon Himself, the Eternal Love, who thus wanted to offer the sacrifice, the sacrifice of atonement for the immense guilt. A human being with a heart full of love allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross for the whole human race, and love alone motivated Him to accomplish this act of compassion. A human being with all human weaknesses and fears took a bitter earthly path and the love within Him consistently grew, for God Himself was in this human being and therefore the sayings and actions of the man Jesus were only ever motivated by love, just

as love finally walked the bitter path of suffering and endured and died on the cross. It was no arbitrary act by a human being who sacrificed Himself for His fellow human beings for the sake of an advantage, He was merely impelled by love to accomplish the act of compassion, because He knew that their path to the kingdom of light was and had to remain closed to them if they were not released from their guilt of sin first. He knew what the original sin consisted of and that they would never be able to make amends for this sin by themselves. And therefore, He volunteered to offer God the sacrifice of atonement in order to redeem His fellow human beings. In truth, however, love within Him caused Him to do so; it was the Eternal Love Itself, which thus wanted to redeem people from their inconceivable guilt, for the Eternal Deity sheltered in the human being in full abundance.

And so God's human manifestation has to be understood such that the Eternal Love embodied Itself in a human being who prepared Himself in a way that the Eternal Love was able to dwell in Him and that therefore everything the human being Jesus did in earthly life was in truth done by God Himself, that 'love' determined the human being Jesus' every intention, thought and action, that the human being certainly suffered and died on the cross but that God Himself was in this man, that He therefore accomplished the act of Salvation for humanity. ***Only when people comprehend that God is Love will they also comprehend the problem of God's human manifestation and they will understand that God and Jesus Christ are one, that they are not two persons, and that the divine Oneness may not be contested, because love permeated the human shell and therefore the external form of the human being Jesus was also the visible form of the divine Love Itself, that they were not separate Beings but only ever God Himself.*** The problem of God's human manifestation can only be solved in this way, but then a person will also find it easy to acknowledge Jesus, and he will take refuge in Him and by calling upon Him he will call God Himself, thus acknowledging Him. And his original sin will be wiped out, because God Himself descended to earth for his guilt and has accomplished the act of Salvation, the act of atonement, on his behalf."

A Deeper Explanation about the Birth of Christ – II

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God the Father is speaking: "Salvation has come from above. How many lips utter this and how often is the heart unaffected, insofar as that the human being not even once seriously reflects on the meaning of Jesus Christ's coming down to earth. A child was born, whose soul descended from the kingdom of light because God wanted to embody Himself in this infant. The infant Jesus was a human being, born to Mary, the virgin, who conceived him through the strength of the spirit. The human being Jesus started His earthly course of life like everyone else, yet the side effects of His birth were not those of an ordinary person, but they indicated that an exceptional cover also sheltered an exceptional boy child, that it should be the cover for the Eternal Deity which was only able to manifest Itself in a pure and sinless human being, as was the boy child Jesus. He had to carry out a mission of such immense significance that the requirements for it also had to be exceptional. God Himself wanted to take abode in the infant Jesus and chose for Himself an immaculate form which also harbored an immaculate soul, in which the Eternal Deity was able to dwell in order to accomplish the act of Salvation for the whole of

the human race. The fact that God Himself descended to earth was an act of overwhelming compassion, for Earth was covered in profound darkness and all its inhabitants too, they were controlled and gagged by the prince of darkness and languished under the pressure of slavery in sin and agony. And God knew the hardship of His living creations which once had voluntarily separated themselves from Him and, entangling themselves in ever deeper darkness, no longer found a way out and cried for a Savior to liberate them. God heard their cry and sent His Son to earth, a Being which likewise emerged from His might and love, and which remained in His abundance of light when His brothers plunged themselves into the darkness. Jesus' soul was devoted to God with boundless love, but it also loved its fallen brothers and wanted to help them return into the Father's house because it knew that happiness and bliss are only possible in God's presence and that the distance from Him meant hardship, agony, and darkness.

Jesus knew both conditions and His love for the wretched being motivated Him to offer Himself as a sacrifice in order to remove the guilt of sin which was immense, and the beings which became sinful would never have been able to make amends for it themselves. Yet a pure and blameless soul wanted to sacrifice itself for their sins in order to redeem the guilt and to satisfy God's righteousness. *For the soul was love, and this love was God, God's love permeated the man Jesus, so that He wanted to accomplish an act of greatest suffering and agony for the sake of these fallen brothers. And thus, God Himself descended to earth in Jesus and entered a human form which corresponded to all preconditions in order to shelter the Eternal Deity Himself without fading away.* The infant Jesus was full of love and all hearts entering His ray of love became permeated by love, singing praise and giving thanks, for only people came to the infant's manger whose hearts were pure and devoted to God and who therefore felt the love emanated by the infant and who came aglow with burning love for the Jesus child. Although the events surrounding Jesus' birth are now only regarded a myth, anyone who is filled by the spirit of God, whose spirit is awakened, knows that everything which has been preserved as knowledge about the birth of Jesus is the truth. Miracles upon miracles happened around the child itself, in nature, in Heaven and on Earth, and all the angles bowed down on bended knees before the One Who had embodied Himself in the infant Jesus, just as men and animals were seized by holiest awe and silence when the greatest wonder, God's human manifestation in Jesus, was taking place. And the heart of anyone with an awakened spirit will also convincingly speak the Words 'Salvation has come from above.' For the light of love of the Savior Jesus Christ likewise shines on him, he belongs to those for whom the Savior came to earth to save them, he belongs to the redeemed, for whom the act of compassion on the cross was accomplished, because he wanted to become redeemed from sin and death. And he will not just pay lip service to the birth of Christ, with his heart he will think of everything that happened during that night when the light of the world came down to earth, when the infant Jesus came into the world. And he will join in singing the hymn of praise 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.'"

Christmas Day - the Birth of Jesus - message

Ref: Sermon 5: Jakob Lorber December 25, 1871

Jesus is speaking: "This chapter deals with My birth, a day you celebrate each year on December 25th in accordance with the rites of the church.

You are already familiar with the events at the time of My birth, but there are still many unclear points concerning this act of My first visible appearance on your earth, the deeper meaning of which, in its spiritual correspondence, is still unknown to you. Therefore, I shall make further revelations for your benefit, as well as that of My believing children of the future, to show you that even the smallest thing concerning Me and My coming to the earth is of the greatest significance and will repeat itself on My Second Coming to this small globe, the dwelling place of My children who will be great one day.

As the conditions on earth once made it necessary for that particular people at that particular time to witness the great act of grace and love which I accomplished for you and all the spirit world, on My Second Visible Coming a time and place will again be chosen to suit My purpose best. You were right in calling this feast "Holy Night". It was, indeed, a hallowed night when I consecrated Myself for your sake and that of all material creation as an offering of meekness, when I, the infinite Lord of the entire creation, put on a fragile, perishable garment, which among millions of beings on other worlds, as far as its outer appearance is concerned, is far beneath the supreme archetype of a human image. Many inhabitants of other worlds are endowed so richly that man of this earth appears to be only a weak imitation of that which I put into this form as an image of My own Self. And yet, although the dwellers on other globes surpass men of this earth in many ways, spiritually the latter are destined for something infinitely greater than the dwellers in paradise-like worlds and suns. Although they enjoy an eternal spring and live in conditions you cannot even imagine, they lack a clear comprehension of Me, of My spiritual creation and My fatherly love.

They are good because no evil endeavors to induce them to the contrary. They recognize a Supreme Being and kneel before Him in awe, but none of them dares to think that this Supreme Being might wish to press any of His created beings to His fatherly heart and give it the sweet name of a child.

Only those who have gained this position through struggle and victory are entitled to this, and they can become children of God. In the school where such children of God are educated, beside the greatest spiritual exaltation, there also has to be the opposite - the greatest possible humiliation, and they must be able to turn completely away from the good, if they so desire. In order to demonstrate to you that it is possible to make positive progress between such extremes and overcome all obstacles, I clothed Myself in one of the lowest and most unpretentious human forms and descended upon this dark globe which - as regards its endowment and size - ranks in My creation similar to infusoria compared with all the beauties and wonders of your earth. But since in My creation even the minutest infusoria in their own way have been made as perfect as man, the lord of this earth, My principle of creation, on all levels of created beings, shows that I am greatest in the smallest, and particularly in this point stand forth as the mighty Creator and Lord. This was the reason why I chose one of the smallest globes to reveal My greatness, thus proving to My entire world of spirits and souls that only in the smallest is the

greatest possible and that the greatest glory is gained in the greatest humiliation; that he who sacrifices all is worthy to possess all.

Therefore, I was not born in a palace to parents of high standing, but in lowly circumstances. However, in the circumstances of My birth the sublime, the spiritual, had to be suggested. Thus, the census was decreed by Herod, and I was not born in a house built by men, but in My own house, that is, in the open, in a cave.

Neither emperors nor kings witnessed My birth, not even ordinary people, but only animals - unspoiled creatures. The census was responsible for Mary's journey to Bethlehem in order to bring about that which would honor the King of all creation.

Millions of superior spirits sang the hymn of praise: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all men of good will!" These and the animals, as they had gone forth from My hand, were present at My birth. Such witnesses were befitting Me, the Lord of the heavenly hosts, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

On account of the census My birth could not remain unnoticed. Thus, at that time, Herod, the cruel governor and Tetrarch of Jerusalem had to rule, thereby making My further education and My later career more difficult. Through the overcoming of all these difficulties, it had to be proven that, although I placed Myself in the lowest position, I would -witnessed by My entire world of spirits - still fulfil My task, namely, besides setting an example of the greatest humility and self-abnegation, to make this small earth into a training-school for My children, who are destined one day to change, for all the beings living on other globes and suns, the image of the Great Spirit and Creator of all visible nature into one of a loving Father.

What I had planned eons ago and had begun to carry out over a thousand years ago, is now nearing its completion. My religious teaching, My word, which cannot be replaced by a better one, - My teaching of love must be universally accepted. Love alone must rule; all passions of the human heart, which I have put into it so that through battling against them love could be won, all these passions must be controlled and placed before the altar of love. Hatred, vengeance, pride and whatever they may be called, these powerful impulses of evil within man, must all be silenced. The cross, nailed to which I once asked forgiveness for erring mankind, must - as a symbol of reconciliation - be loved and honored by everyone and sometimes even carried in remembrance of the way I have shown, which is the only one that can lead men to spiritual heights.

As towards the end of My sojourn on earth circumstances seemed to work against Me, apparently leading to My death, but through the resurrection from matter and My return into My spiritual kingdom actually bringing about My greatest triumph, at the present, too, men seem to be afflicted by an ever-growing number of misfortunes and catastrophes. However, man shall rise, like the phoenix from the ashes, out of burnt worldly opinions and prejudices, unscathed as a spiritual product of his Creator, as a spiritual child of a supreme spiritual Father.

Like a rudderless ship mankind is drifting towards this destination. But first all the artificial walls the human intellect has built around the loving heart, the barriers of birth, station and superficial knowledge must be pulled down. Man must cease to think with his intellect and learn to feel with his heart. Only when the warm fire of love has warmed his whole soul, can wisdom, as a regulating impulse, set

limits to love and let men feel all that with which I have endowed them and why I have created them such and not otherwise.

Whenever I, as Christ on earth, prayed to My Father, it was Wisdom calling to Love to limit its boundless action. Just as wisdom and love can only exist with each other, I, as the Christ, was one with My Father, the Love, and therefore I could say: 'No one knows Me, except the Father in Heaven and I alone know Him', or to go to the Father' and so on. Thereby I meant to say: All the world was created out of love, but wisdom has regulated its conditions. Love creates, and wisdom preserves. Love, as the "Father", was the highest symbol of purity, whereas I, wisdom, as the "Son", proved it through the deed. Thus, also man, as My descendant, shall become a manifestation of love and wisdom. He shall love first and only then shall he learn to be wise so as to comprehend fully My creation and his mission in it.

This is what I have in mind for you and all events are leading you in that direction. I have demonstrated to My spirits how what they considered impossible has become possible. I have led with My example and have made My beings on this small earth into citizens of My Infinite Kingdom, into My sole children.

What I once started as a babe in a cave near Bethlehem and what was praised by millions of angelic spirits, but not comprehended by men, except vaguely suspected by a few, has now been accomplished.

I have accomplished the work of reconciliation, of love and forgiveness. The world is cleansed of all impure dross of selfishness. And even if afflictions and catastrophes destroy man's physical body, they cannot harm his spirit and soul. This part of man is standing above the ruins of the world with arms outstretched towards the divine Savior Who - as once on earth - is calling to all: "Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden that I may take off your burden and refresh you! Come, you fighters for love and wisdom, receive the crown of life; the realm of spirits is open to you, and you may see the hosts of angels rejoicing and praising the Lord with the same words as once before: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to men on earth!" For He came into His own and His children recognized Him. Amen."

Section 2: The Star of Bethlehem



Cornelius sees a Great Light, Joseph and Mary go to Jerusalem, The Baby is Circumcised, Nicodemus beholds the Glory of God, The Three Wise-Men and the Star of Bethlehem, Why Bethlehem, The Magi Worships the Baby, Joseph Reassures Cornelius, Preparation for the Flight to Egypt, Herod the Great – First Plot to Kill Jesus, The Woman of the Proto-evangelium, The Number of the Holy Innocent, Rachel's Tomb. . .

Cornelius Visits the Cave

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 19

Jesus is speaking: "The Shepherds were satisfied with this answer and did not inquire of Joseph anymore but left and brought Mary assorted refreshments as an offering.

When the sun had already been shining for an hour, Joseph asked the midwife,

'Listen to me, my lady friend and sister from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! See, the recording causes me much distress of heart, and I desire nothing more eagerly than to have it over with.

But I do not know where it is being held in the town. So, leave Salome here with Mary, and lead me with my sons to the Roman captain who is in charge of the recording.

Perhaps we will be received at once, since we will surely be the first ones there.' Here the midwife said to Joseph, 'Man full of grace, listen to me! The captain Cornelius from Rome lives in my house, which is one of the first ones into the town and has his room for his official duties there. He is, to be sure, a pagan, but otherwise a good and law-abiding man. I will go there and make everything known to him with the exception of the wonder, and I believe that will take care of the matter.'

This offer well pleased Joseph, since he was very shy of the Romans anyhow and especially of the recording, so he again asked the midwife to do this for him.

The midwife now left and found that Cornelius, who was quite young and liked to sleep late in the morning, was still in bed and told him all he needed to know.

Cornelius arose at once, threw his toga about him and said to his landlady, 'Woman, I believe you in everything, but I will nevertheless go there with you, for I feel a strong urge to do so! By your account it is not far from here, so I will still be at my worktable in time. – So, lead me there right away!'

The midwife was quite pleased at this and led the upright young captain, with whom she was well acquainted, to the cave. Arrived there, he admitted to her, 'Oh woman, how easily when in Rome do I go to my emperor, and how difficult it is for me here to go into this cave! That must be something extraordinary! Now tell me whether you know any reason for that, for I know you are an upright Jewess.'

The midwife answered, 'Good captain of the great emperor! Wait here in front of the cave only a moment and I will go in and bring you the answer.'

And she went in and told Joseph that the good captain himself was waiting outside the cave and that he wanted to enter but could not bring himself to do so for an inexplicable reason.

When Joseph heard this, he was moved and said, 'O God, how good You are, that You can change even that into joy before me of which I had the most fear. Therefore, to You alone be all honor and all praise!'

After these words he hastened out of the cave and fell at the feet of Cornelius, saying, 'Bearer of the great emperor's power, have mercy on me, a poor old man! See, my young wife, who was given into my care by lot in the temple, has here unburdened herself of her fruit this night, and I arrived here only yesterday, so I was not able to promptly report to you.'

And Cornelius replied, while lifting up Joseph, 'Oh man, do not worry about that, for everything is in order. But let me come in and see how you are put up here.'

Joseph then led Cornelius into the cave. And when the latter saw the Baby and how He smiled at him, he was astonished at His behavior and affirmed, 'By Zeus, that is rare! Why, I feel as if I were a new person, and never have I experienced such peace and joy within me! In fact, today I shall take a holiday from official duties and remain your guest.'

Cornelius Sees a Great Light

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 20

Jesus is speaking: "Joseph was greatly pleased at this and asked the captain, 'Bearer of the great emperor's power, what can a poor man like me possibly offer you in return for your great friendship? With what will I be able to serve you in this damp cave? How can I set the table for you in keeping with your high station? - See, here in the cart are all my worldly goods, in part brought along from Nazareth, and in part a gift from the shepherds in this locality. If you can partake of some of it, then may every bite you eat be blessed a thousandfold!'

Cornelius replied, 'Good man, do not be concerned about me in the least. For here as you see is my landlady on whom we can depend on to look after the kitchen, and we will have all we need for a little coin decorated with the emperor's head.'

Here the captain gave the midwife a gold coin and left the preparation of a good noon and evening meal to her, as well as the procurement of better living quarters as soon as it would be possible for the young mother to leave.

Joseph thereupon said to Cornelius, 'Oh wonderful friend, please do not go to any expense and trouble for us, for we are anyhow - all praise to the Lord, the God of Israel! well supplied for the few days we shall yet be here.'

At this the captain said, 'Good is good, but better is better. So just let it be and allow me thereby to bring a joyous offering to your God also. You see, I honor the gods of all peoples. Thus, I also want to honor your God, for He pleases me, since I have seen His temple at Jerusalem. And He must be a God of great wisdom, since you have learned such great artifice from Him.'

Joseph responded, 'Oh friend, if it were possible for me to convince you of the sole and absolute Being of our God, how gladly I would do so to your greatest eternal welfare! But I am only a frail man and am not capable of doing that. But if you will seek out any of our books and read them, since you are so well versed in our language, you will find things there which will cause you the greatest astonishment!'

And Cornelius replied, 'Good man, what you now have advised me to do, that I have already done and have also found truly astonishing things! Among other things I also came upon a prediction in which a new King is promised to the Jews forever. Tell me whether you know, according to the interpretation of this prediction, when this King will come and from where.'

At this Joseph was a bit embarrassed and said after a pause: 'The Latter will come from the heavens as the Son of the eternally living God! And His kingdom will not be of this, but of the world of the spirit and the truth!'

Cornelius said, 'Good, I understand you. But I have also read that this King is to be born in a stable near this town of a maiden. How is that to be taken?'

Joseph answered, 'Good man, you have sharp senses! I can tell you nothing else than: Go over and look at the little maiden with the new-born Child - there you will find what you are able to find!'

And Cornelius went over and with sharp eyes looked at the maiden with the Baby, so he might discover from her and the Child the future King of the Jews. Accordingly, he asked Mary, in what manner she had become pregnant so early.

Mary replied, 'Just man! As truly as my God lives, that truly also have I never known a man! But three-quarters of the year ago it happened that a messenger of the Lord came to me and informed me in a few words that I would become pregnant by the Spirit of God. And so it was, for I became pregnant without ever having known a man, and see, here before you is the fruit of the marvelous promise! And God is my witness that it all happened in this manner!'

At this Cornelius turned to the two sisters and inquired, 'What do you say to this story? Is it a clever deceit by this old man, a good pretense for a blind, superstitious people in order to avoid lawful punishment under such circumstances? For I know that the Jews have decreed punishment by death in such cases! Or should there actually be something to it - which would be worse than in the first case, for then the law of the emperor would have to be invoked in the most drastic way, since it wants every usurper to be nipped in the bud? Now speak the truth, so I may know how I stand with this singular family!'

And Salome asserted, 'Listen to me, Cornelius, I beg you by your full imperial authority! Be sure that you do not undertake any serious and legal steps against this poor and then again infinitely wealthy family! For you can believe me, and I will forfeit my head for the truth of it: all the powers of the heavens are at this family's disposal, like your own arm is to you, of which I received a most convincing witness!'

At this Cornelius was still more deeply startled and asked Salome, 'Then also Rome's holy gods, Rome's heroes, weapons and invincible power? - Oh Salome, how can you speak like that?'

Here Salome answered, 'Yes, as you have said, so it is! Of that I am convinced through hand through. But if you are unable to believe it, then go outside and look at the sun! It is already shining almost four hours today, and behold, it still stands in the east and dares not travel any farther on its way!'

And Cornelius went outside, looked at the sun, promptly returned and said in great astonishment, 'In truth, you are right. If the matter has reference to this family, why then even the god Apollo obeys this family! Hence Zeus, the mightiest of all the gods must be here, and it seems that the time of Deucalion and Pyrrha is again coming to pass. And if that is the case, then I certainly must report such an occurrence to Rome without delay!'

At these words two mighty angels appeared. Their faces shone like the sun and their garments like lightning. And they said: 'Cornelius, be silent even against yourself about What you have seen - or you and Rome will perish yet today!'

At this a great fear came over Cornelius. The two angels disappeared, and he went over to Joseph and declared: 'Oh man, here is infinitely more than a future King of the Jews! Here is He at whose command stand all the heavens and hells! Therefore, let me go my way again from here, for I am not worthy to be present in such nearness of God!'



The Rising of The New Spiritual Sun

Ref: "The childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 22

Jesus is speaking: "Thus Cornelius provided for the devout family and remained with them all that day and the following night. That afternoon the shepherds also returned to worship the Baby and brought various offerings. But when they saw tents and the Roman captain in the cave, they wanted to flee in great fear of him, for there were several fugitives from the Roman recording among them, who were in great fear of the punishment decreed for such fugitives.

Here the captain went over to them and said, 'Do not be afraid of me, for I now release you from all punishment, but consider what must be done according to the will of the emperor, so come tomorrow, and I shall record you as gently and kindly as I possibly can!'

When the shepherds learned that Cornelius was such a gentle man, they lost their timidity and they all came the following day to be recorded.

After the talk with the shepherds, the captain asked Joseph whether the sun this time would never leave the morning.

Joseph answered, 'This sun, which rose for the earth today, never! But the natural sun goes its usual way according to the will of the Lord and will set in a few short hours!'

Joseph spoke this prophetically and hardly knew or understood himself what he had spoken.

Here the captain asked Joseph, 'What do you mean? See, I did not grasp the meaning of your words, so speak more plainly to me!'

And Joseph affirmed: 'The time will come when you will warm yourself in the holy rays of this sun and bathe in the streams of its Spirit! I do not know what more to tell you and do not understand myself, what I have just told you; but in time, when I am no more, it will be revealed to you in all fullness of eternal truth!'

And the captain asked Joseph no more and kept these profound words in his heart.

The following day the captain greeted the whole family and gave them the assurance that he would provide for them as long as they remained there and would keep them in his heart for the rest of his life.

After that he returned to his duties and gave the midwife another coin to care for the family.

When the captain had departed, Joseph said to his sons, 'Children, how is it that a pagan is better than many a Jew? Do you suppose that the words of Isaiah apply here, where he says: Behold, my servants shall shout with joy of spirit, but you shall cry out in anguish and weep from misery? - And the sons of Joseph replied, 'Yes, father, this passage wholly applies here and is to be understood.'"

Joseph And Mary Go to Jerusalem

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 23

Jesus is speaking: "Thus, Joseph spent six days in the cave and was visited by Cornelius every day, who saw to it most diligently that this family should lack for nothing.

And on the sixth day early in the morning an angel came to Joseph and said, 'Obtain a pair of turtledoves, and go from here to Jerusalem on the eighth day!

Mary shall offer up the turtledoves according to the Law, and the Child must be circumcised and be given the name which was made known to you and Mary. And after the circumcision come back here again and remain here, until I shall let you know when and where you shall go from here. You, Joseph, will in fact be ready to take your departure before then, but I must tell you- you will not leave here one pulse-beat sooner than it is the will of Him who is with you in the cave!'

After these words the angel disappeared, and Joseph went over to Mary and made this known to her.

And Mary replied to Joseph, 'See, I am always just a handmaiden of the Lord, so let it be done to me according to His word! For I had a dream today, and in this dream, everything happened that you now made known to me, so be concerned only for the pair of doves, and on the eighth day I shall go with you in good cheer to the city of the Lord!'

Soon after the angel's appearance the captain again came for a morning visit, and Joseph let him know at once why he would have to go to Jerusalem on the eighth day.

The captain immediately offered Joseph all possible aid and wanted to provide him with a guide to Jerusalem.

But Joseph thanked him for his splendid good will and said, 'See, it is the will of my Lord and God that I should go to Jerusalem just as I came here! Thus, I will also undertake the short journey in that way, so the Lord will not chastise me for my disobedience. But since you want to do something for me on this occasion, then provide me with two turtledoves, which are to be offered up in the temple, and look after this dwelling place for me! For on the ninth day, I shall return and shall stay as long as the Lord will require it of me.'

Cornelius promised Joseph to provide all that was asked, then left and himself brought Joseph a newly made dove house full of turtledoves, from which Joseph had to select the comeliest pair.

After that the captain returned to his duties, in the meantime leaving the dove house in the cave until evening, when he called for it himself.

And on the eighth day, when Joseph had gone to Jerusalem, Cornelius had a guard placed in front of the cave, which allowed no one to go in and out except

the two oldest sons left behind by Joseph, and also Salome, who provided them with food and drink, for the midwife went along to Jerusalem."

The Baby Is Circumcised in The Temple

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 24

Jesus is speaking: "On the afternoon of the eighth day - about the third hour according to present-day calculation - the Baby was circumcised in the temple and was given the name 'Jesus', which the angel had spoken before the Baby was conceived in the womb.

And since in the most exceptional case of Mary's proven virginity the time for her cleansing was considered fulfilled, Mary was promptly cleansed in the temple.

Therefore, Mary took the Baby upon her arm soon after the circumcision and carried Him into the temple, so she together with Joseph might present Him to the Lord according to the Law of Moses.

As it is also written in the Law of God: 'All manner of first-born shall be dedicated to the Lord, and for that a pair of turtledoves or a pair of young doves shall be offered as a sacrifice.'

And Mary offered a pair of turtledoves as a sacrifice and laid it on the offering table, and the priest took the offering and blessed Mary.

There was a man in Jerusalem, named Simeon, who was most devout and god-fearing and waited for the consolation of Israel, for he was filled with the Spirit of God.

To this man the Spirit of God had said: 'You shall not see the death of the body before you see Jesus, the Anointed of God, the Messiah of the world!'

Therefore, he now came into the temple out of an inner prompting while Joseph and Mary were still in the temple where they were doing all that the Law required. And when he beheld the Baby, he went right over to the parents and entreated them to let him take Him on his arms for a little while.

The most devout pair gladly obliged the old, above all devout man whom they knew well.

For the soul of Jesus was love, and this love was God (God's only begotten Son), God's love permeated the man Jesus, so that He wanted to accomplish an act of greatest suffering and agony for the sake of these fallen brothers. And thus, God Himself descended to earth in Jesus and entered a human form which corresponded to all preconditions in order to shelter the Eternal Deity Himself without fading away.

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And Simeon took the Baby in his arms and caressed Him, while he fervently praised God and finally said: 'Lord, now let Your servant go in peace, as You have spoken, for my eyes have now seen the Savior whom You have promised to the fathers and the prophets! This is He, whom You have prepared before all nations! A light to shine the heathen, a light to the honor of Your people Israel!'

Joseph and Mary were themselves surprised at the words of Simeon, for they did not understand at that time that he had testified about the Child.

Simeon now gave the Baby back to Mary, thereupon blessed both and then said to Mary: 'Behold, this One will be set for the fall and rise of many in Israel and for a sign that will be spoken against! And a sword will pierce your soul, so the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed!'²¹

Mary did not understand Simeon's words but kept them deep in her heart. And Joseph did the same and mightily glorified and praised God therefore in his heart."

The Testimony of a Prophetess

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 25

Jesus is speaking: "At this Time there was a prophetess in the temple, named Hannah, a daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She was already very old and was so devout, that when in her youth she became espoused to a man, she so loved God that she did not reveal herself to her husband for seven years and during this time retained her virginity. She became a widow in her eightieth year, thereupon entered the temple and did not depart from it anymore. Here she served the Lord God alone in prayer and fasting day and night from her own free will.

On this occasion she had already been in the temple for four years and now also came over, praised the Lord God and then told all who awaited the Savior in Jerusalem what the Spirit of God revealed to her.

When she had finished her prophetic words, she also asked for the Baby, caressed Him, and praised and glorified God. After that she gave the Baby back to Mary and said to her: 'Happy and blessed are you, oh maiden, that you are the mother of my Lord! But do not ever allow yourself to desire praise on that account, for only That, which their sucks at your breast, is alone worthy to be honored, praised and worshiped by all of us!'

After these words the prophetess left, and Joseph and Mary, who had been in the temple about three hours, left it again and sought lodging with a relative. But when they arrived there, they found the house locked, for the relative this time also happened to be in Bethlehem to be recorded.

Joseph did not know what to do now, for the night was fully upon him, as was to be expected during this time of shortest days - besides, hardly a house was still open at this hour, and that all the more so because it was the evening before the Sabbath. It was too cold to spend the night out in the open, for the frost lay on the fields and a cold wind blew besides.

While Joseph considered back and forth and asked the Lord to help him out of this distress, behold, suddenly there came a young, refined Israelite toward Joseph and asked him, 'What are you doing on the street so late with your baggage? Are you not also an Israelite - and do not know the custom?'

Joseph answered, 'See, I am of the tribe of David! I was in the temple and made an offering to the Lord; but the early night has overtaken me, and now I can find no shelter and am in great distress because of my wife and her Child!'

Here the young Israelite said to Joseph, 'So then come with me and I will rent you a lodging until tomorrow for a piece of silver or its equivalent.

And Joseph with Mary, who was on the donkey, and his three sons followed the Israelite into a magnificent house and there took lodging in a small room with a low ceiling."

Nicodemus Beholds the Glory of God

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 26

Jesus is speaking: "The following morning when Joseph was ready to depart for Bethlehem, there came the young Israelite intending to request the piece of silver. But as he came into the room, such a great fear suddenly came upon him that he was unable to utter a sound.

Joseph then went over to him and said, 'Friend, see, whatever I have that you feel is worth a piece of silver, that take, for I have no money in my possession!'

The Israelite now recovered somewhat and said in a quaking voice, 'Man of Nazareth, now I know who you are! You are Joseph the carpenter, and are the same to whom Mary, the maiden of the Lord, was allotted from the temple nine months ago. Here is the same maiden! How did you watch over her, since she is now a mother in her fifteenth year? How did that happen? Truly, you are not the father! For men of your age and of your fear of God, which is acknowledged in all Israel, never do such a thing. But you have grown-up sons - can you vouch for their innocence? Did you keep an eye on them constantly and did you watch over all their thoughts, actions, comings and goings?'

At this Joseph countered the young man and said, 'Now I recognize you too. You are Nicodemus, a son of Benjamin from the tribe of Levi! How is it that you undertake to examine me, when it is not your place to do so? Now the Lord has examined me therein in the sanctuary and on the accursed mountain and has justified me before the high council. What guilt would you then find on me and my sons? Go into the temple and examine the high council, and a proper witness concerning my whole house will be given you!'

These words went deep into the heart of the wealthy young man, and he declared, 'But in heaven's name, if that is the way it is, then tell me how it happened that this maiden gave birth in this manner! Was it a miracle, or did it happen naturally?'

Here the present midwife went over to Nicodemus and asserted, 'Man! Here is the piece of silver for the very meager lodging! Now do not detain us any longer in vain, for we must arrive in Bethlehem still today!

But consider what That is, which today was meagerly lodged in your house for one piece of silver! Truly, truly, your most splendid rooms which are decorated with gold and precious stones would be too mean for such glory of God lodged here in this room, which at best is suitable for convicts!

Now go over and touch the Baby, so the coarse mantle may fall from your eyes, and you may see who visited you! As the midwife I have the ancient right to give you permission to touch the Baby.'

Nicodemus now went over and touched the Baby - and when he touched Him, his inner vision was opened for a short time, and he beheld the glory of God.

He thereupon fell down before the Child and worshipped Him and said: 'What grace and what compassion must be in You, o Lord, that You visit Your people like this!

And what shall I now have done with my house, and what with me, since I have thus failed to recognize the glory of God?'

Here the midwife said, 'Remain in everything as you are, but be altogether silent about what you have seen, or you will come under the judgment of God!'-

Thereupon Nicodemus returned the piece of silver, then went outside weeping and afterward had this side room decorated with gold and precious stones. And Joseph promptly began his journey."

Away In a Manger, No Crib for His Bed

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 27

Jesus is speaking: "Towards evening, still an hour before sunset, the eminent travelers again reached Bethlehem and moved into the familiar cave.

The two sons who remained behind, Salome, and the captain greeted them with open arms and most concernedly asked the returnees how they had fared on the journey.

And Joseph told all that had taken place and finally also admitted that he and all those traveling with him still had not had anything to eat on this day, for the very meager supply of food had hardly been enough for the weak Mary.

When the captain heard Joseph say this, he promptly went to the back of the cave and brought back a number of foodstuffs permissible to the Jews and then said to Joseph, 'Here, may your God bless it for you, and do you also bless it according to your custom, and all of you still your hunger and restore yourselves herewith.'

Joseph then thanked God, blessed the food and in good spirits ate with Mary and his sons and the midwife.

Now the Baby had become heavy for Mary from carrying Him all day, so she said to Joseph, 'Joseph, see, if I only had a little place beside me where to lay the Baby, to give my arms a little rest, then I would be provided for in everything, and the Baby Himself could become stronger with more restful sleep.'

No sooner had the captain finished hearing Mary's wish when he promptly sprang into the rear of the cave and quickly brought out a small manger which was for the use of the sheep.

Salome quickly took the best straw and fresh hay, filled out the little manger with it, then covered it with a fresh piece of cloth and thus made a soft little bed for the Baby. And Mary wrapped the Baby in fresh linen, pressed Him to her bosom, kissed Him, then gave Him to Joseph and also to all the others to be kissed and then laid into the indeed very shabby little bed for the Lord of heaven and earth.

The Baby slept very quietly, and Mary could now eat undisturbedly and restore herself at the meal which the very good-hearted captain had prepared for them.

After the meal Mary again said to Joseph, 'Joseph, have my resting place made ready, for I am exhausted from the trip and therefore would like to retire.' Salome told her, 'Oh mother of my Lord, that has long been attended to in the best way- come and see.'

Here Mary arose, again took the Baby and also had the little crib carried into her tent and went to rest, and that was the first whole night's sleep for Mary since she gave birth.

And the captain saw to it that the hearth was diligently heated and had white stones warmed and placed around Mary's tent so she with the Child would be sure not to suffer from the cold; for this was a cold night, in which the water out in the open turned to solid ice."

The Three Wise-Men and the Star of Bethlehem



The Three Wise-Men - Matthew 2:1-12: *“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priest and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophets: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*’*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.’ After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.”

Beings of the Three Wise Men from the (East).

The great importance of our earth.

Ref: “The Spiritual Sun” by Jakob Lorber Vol.2: ch.15

Jesus is speaking: “You say that it would be good if we could immediately know what part of our love, or to what heavenly regions, we should connect it with. But I say to you, my dear friends, and brothers, since you have already found the principal thing in you by means of my hint, you shall not find it so difficult to find the fourth quart by a few tips. I will straightway give you a question whose answer you have before you. The question is this: Have you never heard of the so-called

ancient astrology? You say: O sure, such books are still to be found among us today. But one should not attach too much worth to it? I say to you, in the way you usually use it, certainly not, for that would be an absurd superstition, and it would be sinful to hold onto it. But it has two sides, a light, and a shadow side. We shall not, therefore, use the shadow side but the light side of this ancient mystery.

But what is it? Its name is Knowledge of Correspondences. With the method of correspondence, however, everything, every form, and every mutual relation between forms and things, has a corresponding spiritual meaning. In this sense, all the stars and all their images still have such a meaning. Whoever can read and understand these images from the side of the light, is also an astrologer; but no astrologer with the help of the dark powers; but an astrologer from the realm of the spirits of light; that is, he is a truly wise man, as the three astrologers from the Orient were truly wise. They had known the Lord's star, they had been led by it, and they have found the Lord of glory through it.



I am well aware of a question in you concerning the three wise astrologers from the Orient. I know that you have already received an explanation. But you do not know that there is no knowledge whatsoever with the people of the earth from the heavens, but all the knowledge is always covered with a shell. For, without such a shell enclosure, no knowledge from the heavens, which is purely spiritual, could reach man; no more than any of you would be able to absorb the etheric food, which is only suitable for the body, without the addition of coarser matter.

The bread you eat consists of nothing but small hulls which are the carriers of the actual nutrient.

But if therefore, your already received knowledge of the three wise men from the Orient is likewise somewhat obscured, we can here also somewhat dissect it. From this revelation, there may also emerge a small hint, and our light side of astrology, which we now need, will become even clearer.

You have learned as much about these three ways as that they were there - representing Adam, Cain, and Abraham. This is true; but if you were to take it literally, you would be just as astray as if you were to believe in the ominous heavenly sign in which you were born according to the calendar. You say: That may well be but how then shall we understand the matter now, about which is spoken here and there mostly rather straightforward. I tell you: It shall presently be clear how man should understand this.

You do have all kinds of tangible objects before you as there are all kinds of minerals, plants, animals, and humans. Tell me, if you want to take these objects and understand them simply as they are before you, do you understand them? You can say for example: It is a high mountain; it has a very romantic form; its rock consists of limestone; its summit has a magnificent view, and in its interior many metals may rest. If you have said this about the mountains, then you are already done.

You will not fare one hair better with plants and animals, as you can only judge what is superficial, what you can perceive with your senses or what is right before you. But what is the standard or measure concerning the inner, higher, spiritual order?

Likewise, are Adam, Cain, and Abraham standing before you in the image of the "three wise men," according to the knowledge which came to you from the heavens?

But just like you, you do not yet understand at all the kingdom of minerals, plants, and animals from its foundation, so it is also the case with the three wise men from the East.

Yes, Adam, Cain, and Abraham were present. This has been given to you to know the importance of the three wise men from the East. But how were they present? Look, this is another question which you have not asked yet; therefore, this question remained a hull over your knowledge. Now, however, it is time to break this hull since we need the purest truth for our purpose. And so, know:

These three wise men were three ordinary priests of a better kind from the lands of Assyria. You know that at the time of Solomon, the great Queen of the Assyrian Empire, who had been known to you, came to Jerusalem to hear Solomon's wisdom. So, at that time, a prophecy was made regarding this pagan nation by its better part of the priests, saying that their sons would once discover a star which will rise to all the peoples of the earth. Since that prophecy, a part of the better priesthood of this people has always remembered it and has continued to observe the starry heavens. These priests also traveled to all countries where, at the same time, great wise men resided, and so learned of much deeper wisdom, and especially wisdom in the knowledge of the correspondences.

At the time of the birth of Christ, the committee of these priests had become quite large; but with exception of three, all became profiteers, and thus served mammon. Only three remained with pure wisdom, scorned the world and their treasures, and sought the reward of their spiritual activity alone in spirit and in truth.

What then happened at the time of the birth of our highly praised and above all beloved Lord?

They discovered an unusually bright star and watched its course and the constellations under which he arose and through which it passed. When they were so concerned with the inner corresponding meaning of this star, and the star came to stand straight above their zenith towards the middle of the night, three men with white clothes appeared to them, and said to them, "Do you know the star? And the wise men said, We know it not. But the men that have appeared, said to the wise men, "Let us touch you on your foreheads and on your breasts, and you will recognize the great significance of this star. But the wise said, "Are you wizards from India, that you may administer to us these things?"

But the three men who came to us replied, We are not by any means, for we will not unleash the power of hell over you, but we want to show you the power of God and guide you to where the eternal Lord of Heaven and earth have descended onto earth in His full Divine Godliness. Infinite grace was given to a virgin; she received from the Lord, and she bore the child of all children, the Man of all men, and God of all gods. Behold, we will show you, and for this reason, let us touch you. And the wise men said, let it be according to your will, but first tell us who you are?

And one of the three who appeared said: Have you ever heard anything about how it was in the beginning of the world? Behold, a body was given unto me by God, and I bore him nine hundred and thirty years, and was thus made the first man of this earth; my name was Adam, the firstborn of God on this earth. According to these words, the elder was touched by the spirit of Adam, and when the spirit touched the elder, he was immediately invisible; but the elder was filled with the spirit of Adam.

The same was done by the other two, and they were fulfilled, the elder with the spirit of Cain and the younger with the spirit of Abraham, but without losing any of their peculiar individuality. But at the moment of this action, they recognized the great significance of this star and the words of the prophecy, which was prophesied, as I have already said, at the time of the great queen of this country.

Therefore, as soon as they set out from their place of observation, they prepared their camels and commanded their servants to buy myrrh, gold, and incense. For in the same country, this was the customary offering to a new-born king; myrrh to the child, gold to the king, who was called in their custom the man of men, as such a royal child was called a child of children, and incense was also offered to the king, because the king was regarded as the anointed master of the Godhead on earth. When all had been brought together, the journey commenced at once. The star was the signpost, and the three spirits were the inner leaders of our well-known three sages from the Orient.

See, in this representation, you have uncovered your knowledge, and at the same time also received the inner truth that in these three wise men, Adam, Cain, and Abraham were present. Abraham, who for a long time has rejoiced in his spirit, that he might see him, as the Lord Himself said to him, has also seen Him through the wise, spiritually in himself, as well as in heavenly sense, in the sight of the Child of children, Man of men and God of gods!

From this representation, however, you can also sufficiently see how true astrology should be. We have also seen a star of a very unusual kind in us, or in the firmament of our spirit. If we are the right astrologers, we shall surely find our last quarter, with the least effort, and we shall be able to see how it really is with our star.

It is true, there are billions and billions more stars and worlds in you, but one of these billions has just been solved. This one stands before us, and lies beneath our feet like a glorious heavenly Fatherland; but we ask: Where do you stand, glorious world, in your great reality? From what region of the wide sky did your mighty ray strike your image in us and set out, a glorious reflection from you? But we do not know where your rays came from!

O, friends, and brothers! Such a question does sound odd when one has the work under one's feet. Have you never read anything from a great castle of spirits like of a castle of souls? See, there are small hints of a great secret truth, which, however, has still remained undetected. ***But I say unto you, that which is the will of the Lord's shall happen according to His will. I say to you with even more weight, 'Rejoice, for the Lord has chosen the earth out of billions; it is the birthplace of the spirits who desire the Lord, from all the endless regions of creation.'***

Now we are not far anymore. See this world, which is now under your feet, the old Father-house of your spirit! You find great splendor here, and this affinity for

beauty, you have taken with you to the earth. But the Lord does not like glamour, so He has humbled the earth. Do you not know now how it is with our world? Yes, I see you cannot quite digest the astrology yet. But I will draw your attention now to something else.

It is an all-time custom for all peoples to say, and also here and there firmly believe that this or that is "their star." Literally, however, there would be little reason for it, but would be spiritually more accurate; for whence any spirit is from, from there he has also his love. *Now, however, all the myriads of stars are either pre- or post-dwellings of the spirits. If this is the case, it is also clear that every spirit of the earth is from a star as a predecessor; and this star is the first one to reliably emerge in the inner contemplation.*

Now you may look at the starry sky and look at the star appealing most to you; the one shining upon you most comfortably; that is where you lived. See, this will be the one on which you were awakened.

This is then also the difference between the children of the world, who are from below, and are children of the earth, and the children of light, which are from above, and are children of the suns, or children of light, and are called to serving one another like they would the Lord, and shine upon the children of the world, that they might be made children of the light and true heirs of eternal life, which the Lord prepared for all His created spirits from all eternity. He has established for this purpose, in the infinite spheres of creation, an infinite number of schools for the achievement of the freedom of life and has even established upon this earth a holy goal through His cross, for them all to become true children of His love and most blessed heirs of His mercy and grace!

I mean, the fourth quarter is hopefully known to us. But if we have looked around the world a bit, we will be able to understand many secrets which you and all the world have not dreamed of too much.

But the Lord, after His resurrection, has still spoken much to us, His chosen ones, which was not recorded; and had it also been recorded, the world could not have understood the books, due to the measure, the greatness, and the depth of the content. Here, however, many things will be made known to you; therefore, you may well be spiritually attentive to take hold in your spirit of the great mystery of life and the inner great wisdom of the Spirit! "(John 20:30, 31, Jn.21,25)

The Magi Are Received by Herod

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 28

Jesus is speaking: "The following morning Joseph said, 'Why should we remain here any longer? Mary is well again, so let us set out to where we have our regular accommodation!'

But just as Joseph was getting ready to make his departure, the captain, who had already attended to some business in the town before daybreak, returned and said to Joseph, 'Worthy man of God! You want to set out on your homeward journey, but I advise you against it for today, tomorrow and the day after that!

See, I have just heard through my men, who arrived from Jerusalem very early this morning, that three mighty Persian caravans have entered Jerusalem! Three leaders of highest rank as Magi have made most pressing inquiries of Herod concerning the newborn King of the Jews!

The latter, who as a Roman tenant sovereign from Greece knew nothing of the matter, turned to the high priests so they might inform him where the newly Anointed should be born. And these informed him that such were to take place in Judea, namely in Bethlehem, for so it was written.

'Thereupon Herod dismissed the priests and with his entire retinue went to the three leaders and informed them of what he had ascertained from the high priest, and then bid the three to look for the newly Anointed of the Jews in Judea with all diligence and, when they should find Him, to promptly return to him without fail, so he too might come and do homage to the Child.

But do you know, my very dear friend Joseph, that I trust neither the Persians, nor least of all that beyond all measure tyrannical Herod! The Persians are said to be Magi and are said to have discovered the birth through a strange star. I do not seek to question that at all; for if such great wonders have become manifest here at the birth of this little Boy, then this can also have happened in Persia.

But that is just the most critical circumstance in the matter, for it obviously concerns this Child! If the Persians find Him, then Herod will also find Him, and we will then have to exercise all our wits to get out of the claws of the old fox!

Therefore, you must, as already said, remain here in this out-of-the-way place for at least three more days, in which time I will surely be able to give the matter a turn for the better as concerns the seekers of the King, for you see, I am in command here of twelve legions of soldiers! More I do not need to tell you for your peace of mind. Now you know what is necessary, so stay! I am leaving again now and will return to you around noon.'

Joseph, intimidated along with his family by this news, remained and awaited the Lord's will in all resignation to see what would come of this strange turn of events.

And when he told Mary what he had just heard from the captain, Mary replied, 'The Lord's will be done! How many bitter things have we experienced up to now - and the Lord has changed them all into honey! Surely the Persians will not harm us either if they should really come to see us, and if they should desire to use any sort of mercenary force on us, we then have the captain's protection through the grace of God!'

Joseph said, 'Mary, all that is in the best order! I do not fear the Persians too much either, but the grey bearded Herod, that rending animal in human form, he it is whom I fear, and the captain also has an aversion of him.

For in the event, it is proved through the Persians that our little Boy is the newly anointed King, then nothing will remain for us but abject flight!

For then our captain also, because of Roman reasons of state, will have to become our enemy for the sake of his own salvation and instead of saving us will have to persecute us if he does not wish to be regarded as disloyal to the emperor! And that he must surely realize privately, since he himself made known his anything but small misgivings concerning Herod to me. For that reason, I would say, he is having us wait here for three more days! If matters go well, he will surely remain our friend, but if things go badly, he already has us at hand to deliver us to the cruelty of Herod, and in addition will receive a great decoration from his emperor for it because he in such a clever way removed a Jewish King from the world who one day might become dangerous to the state!'

And Mary said: 'Joseph! Do not bring useless anxiety on' yourself and on me! See, we did drink the accursed water, and no harm came upon me! Why then should we be afraid now, since we have already seen and confirmed so much of God's glory on account of this Child? Come what may, I tell you - the Lord is mightier than the Persians, Herod, the emperor of Rome and the captain along with his twelve legions! So be calm, as you see that I am calm. And besides, I am convinced that the captain will first leave no stone unturned before he would become our enemy from force of circumstance!'

At this the good and devout Joseph regained his composure, awaited the captain and in the meantime had his sons heat the cave and cook a few fruits for Mary, himself, and the sons."

A Stranger Star Over Bethlehem

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 29

Jesus is speaking: "The noon-hour came, but this time the captain failed to arrive. And Joseph counted the moments in worried expectation, but the captain failed to appear.

Thereupon Joseph turned to the Lord and pleaded, 'My Lord and my God, I beg You not to let me be tormented so much in my soul - see, I am old and fairly weak in all my joints. Therefore, strengthen me by letting me know what to do, so I shall not come to shame before all the sons of Israel!'

When Joseph had thus prayed, behold, there came the captain almost out of breath and said to Joseph, 'Man in my highest esteem! I have just returned from a march which I made with an entire legion nearly a third of the way to Jerusalem to detect something of the Persians, and have placed spies in many places, but up to now I could discover nothing. Now just be calm, for when they do come, they must encounter the sentries I have posted. Then they shall not have an easy time in breaking through anywhere and in arriving here before I have not cross-examined them and tested their intentions. Therefore, I am leaving again at once and shall increase the sentries - in the evening I shall be with you!'

The captain now hastened away again, and Joseph praised God and said to his sons, 'Now set the food on the table, and you, Salome, ask Mary if she wants to eat at the table with us, or whether we shall bring the food to her couch?'

Here Mary with the Baby came out of her tent in a happy mood and said, 'Since I am strong enough, I will eat with you at the table - only bring the little crib here for the Baby!'

Joseph was full of joy at this and put the best morsels in front of Mary, and they praised the Lord God and ate and drank.

Now they had just finished eating, when behold, a loud commotion suddenly arose in front of the cave. At this Joseph sent Joel to see what was going on.

And when Joel looked out of the door (for the cave was timbered at the exit), he saw a whole caravan of Persians with packed camels and reported in a frightened voice, 'Father Joseph, in heaven's name, we are lost! Just look, the notorious Persians are here with many camels and a great number of attendants! They are putting up their tents and are encamping in a wide circle sealing off our cave, and three leaders decorated with gold, silver and precious stones are unpacking golden bags and show signs of wanting to enter the cave!'

This report almost robbed Joseph of his power of speech. With great effort he managed to bring out the words, 'Lord, be gracious to me a poor sinner! Yes, now we are lost!' - And Mary took the Baby, hurried into her tent with Him and cried out, 'Only when I am dead will you tear Him away from me!' -

Then Joseph, led by his sons, went over to the door and stealthily looked out to see what the Persians were doing. But when he saw the great caravan and the erected tents, he was doubly afraid in his heart and began to plead fervently with the Lord to help him out of such great distress, if only this once.

While he was thus pleading, behold, there arrived the captain in full martial armor, led by a thousand warriors, and posted warriors at both sides of the cave, then went over and asked the three Magi why they had come and how - by him thus fully unnoticed - they had arrived at this place.

And the three answered the captain in one voice: 'Consider us anything but enemies, for you can see that we are unarmed, nor do we carry concealed weapons with us! *For we are astronomers from Persia, and we have an old prophecy in which it is written that in this time a King of Kings will be born to the Jews, and His birth will be manifest by a star; and that those who see the star should undertake a journey and go where the mighty star will lead them, for they will find the Savior of the world where the star will take its stand! And behold, above this stable, stands the star, surely visible to everyone even in the full of day! The same was our guide to this place where it stood still above this stable, and we without any hindrance safely reached the spot where the wonder of wonders is present alive, a new-born Child, a King of Kings, a Lord of Lords from eternity! The Same we must see, worship and bring Him the greatest homage! So do not in any event want to bar our way, for surely no evil star has led us hither!*'

At this the captain looked for the star and was greatly surprised thereat, for it not only stood quite low, but its light was nearly as strong as the natural light of the sun.

When the captain had ascertained all this, he said to the three, 'Good, I have now become convinced from your words and by the star that you have come here with good intentions, but I just cannot see what you first had to do in Jerusalem with Herod! Did the star also show you the way there? Why did your marvelous guide not lead you here directly, since after all the place of your destination is here and not Jerusalem? - About that I still demand an answer from you, or you will not get into the cave!'

The three replied, 'The great God will know that! Surely it must be part of His plan, for none of us had ever even considered going anywhere near Jerusalem! And you can altogether believe us - we were not at all pleased with the people in Jerusalem, and least of all with the sovereign Herod! But since we were already there and the attention of the whole city was directed at us, we just had to show what our intention was. The priests gave us information through the sovereign, who asked us to bring him tidings about the new King, so he might also come and bring Him his homage.'

And the captain said, 'That you will never do, for I know the intention of this sovereign! Rather than that you will remain here as hostages! - I am now going inside and will confer with the father of the Child about you.'

The Star of Bethlehem

For centuries, astronomers have discussed potential scientific explanations for the Star of Bethlehem.

In an article published by Nicole Karlis MSN 12/18/2020 she wrote: "On the darkest day of the year, the winter solstice, Jupiter and Saturn will engage in a "great conjunction," meaning that the two planets will be separated by only one-tenth of one degree.

This year's conjunction has been unofficially dubbed the "Christmas Star" due to its proximity to the holiday. Yet as those familiar with Christianity may recall, the Bible tells of a notably bright star that appeared in the sky when Jesus was born. Historians and astronomers have wondered for years whether that "star," which appeared over 2,000 years ago, could have been a similar conjunction between two planets.

Indeed, this year's conjunction has brought renewed interest in this historical, biblical and astronomical mystery. . ."

To help solve this mystery about the star, I would like to share with you an experience I had in March of 1989 while I was on a pilgrimage in Medjugorje - Croatia where the Blessed Mother is believed to be appearing. It was late at night when thousands of people were getting together for a candlelight vigil led by several priests that were leading the procession with the monstrance displaying Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There were so many people in the procession that it extended about a mile in length. As we approached the church on our return, twelve stars descended out of the heavens to form a single file as they approached us with great speed. Once the stars were over us, they formed a circle which represented the crown of twelve stars that was placed on the Blessed Mother's head at Pentecost. This event happened three times and the stars were beings of light which we call angels.

"The Virgin has a grey dress, a white veil, blue eyes, pinkish cheeks, black hair. She is floating on a cloud and has a crown of stars,' he said – visionary from Medjugorje."

Also, the Star of Bethlehem - was only visible to those beings that had also become spiritualized, through the love of God, which allowed them to see spiritually.

Just before the mass of the Epiphany I was meditating on Matthew's Gospel verse, and I could not help but wonder what kind of a star was this? How was it possible for the star that the magi had seen at its rising, proceed them until it came and stopped over the place where the child Jesus was staying?

It reminded me of a question that a friend of mine asked, "If stars are moving at such an enormous speed through space, why can't we see them move?" - The stars we see in our night sky are all members of our Milky Way galaxy. All of these stars are moving through space, but they're so far away we can't easily see them move relative to each other, that's why the stars appear fixed. And that's why, for the most part, we see the same constellations as our ancestors. So, when you're talking about stars "moving" or staying "fixed," remember ... they are all moving



through the vastness of space. It's just that because of the relatively short time of a human lifespan it prevents us from seeing this grand motion.

As I was thinking about this, the Lord revealed to me that the star of Bethlehem was not really a cosmic star, it only looked like a star, it was a "being of light" what we call an "angel," and his name was 'Gabriel!' In today's world we would call such a "being of light" a UFO!

Why Gabriel? It was Gabriel who appeared to Zechariah: when he entered the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense and announce (Gabriel is the Announcer and Strength of God) to Zechariah that his prayers were answered and that his wife would have a son and he was to name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. John was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. (Luke2:8-14)

"We have also learned about the Conception of Mary where the Power of God took action to prepare its future spotless tabernacle. And She, on whom there is no stain, was conceived of two just people [Joachim and Anne], in their old age, against the common rules of procreation. Who brought that soul into embryonal flesh that rekindled the old womb of Jesus grandmother, Anne of Aaron ...? The Strength of God [Gabriel] has always been the victorious Archangel.

The Announcer, who was already familiar with the ways of the earth, as he had descended to speak to the Prophets, with a cry of joy took from the divine Fire the spark which was the soul of the eternal Maid and clasping it in the circle of the angelic flames of his spiritual love, brought it down onto the Earth, into a house, into a womb, [Anne's]. And the world, from that moment, had the Adoring Maid; and God, from that moment, could look at a spot on the Earth, without feeling disgust." Ref: Fr Gabriel M. Roschini O.S.M.293:

It was Gabriel who announced the Birth of Jesus: In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. (Luke2:26-28)

It was Gabriel who appeared to the Shepherds, after the birth of Jesus: The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel (Gabriel the Announcer) said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. (Luke2:8-11)

This is also confirmed in the works of the Venerable Mary of Agreda - The Mystical City of God: 319 it reads: "Hence the archangel Gabriel was sent to them (the Shepherds) as they watched on the fields, appearing to them in human form and with great splendor."

Who else could better deserve the honor of guiding the wise-men and shepherds to the mother and child than the light of Gabriel, who is the **Announcer and Strength of God – the Star of Bethlehem?**

Why Bethlehem?

Ref: The Household of God by Jacob Lorber: Chapter 7,8

As we celebrate the Birth of Christ, we might wonder what was so special about Bethlehem that our Lord chose that place to be born? To answer this question,

we must start at the beginning, the very beginning, in a place called the Garden of Paradise.

Jesus is speaking: "And behold and comprehend what until now no one has beheld and comprehended: Eternal Love took that number out of Itself, and the number was the order and the eternal law within It, out of which and within which eternal Love has forever existed, is still existing and will be existing in all the might and power of the holiness of God. And It took clay, which is like the cream of the coagulated milk, and with the hand of Its might and the hand of Its power, according to the number of Its order, formed the first man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And the breath became a living soul within him, and the soul fully pervaded the man who was made in accordance with the number of the order from which all the spirits had been made and the worlds in the spaces of infinity, the earth and everything on it, and the moon and the sun.

And lo, this first man on earth, who came forth from the hands of the might and power of eternal Love, was called by the mouth of merciful grace 'Adam', or 'Son of Mercy and Grace'.

Now take good note of this: This Adam was in the place of the first of the fallen spirits. It was not shown to him who he was, and since he did not recognize himself and could not find anything that was like him, he became bored.

And behold, imperceptible to the still blind eyes of his soul, eternal Love breathed on him and for the first time he fell asleep within the sweetness of merciful Love, whereupon merciful Love formed in the heart of Adam, as though in a pleasant dream, a figure, similar to him, of great charm and beauty.

And eternal Love saw what great joy Adam experienced through the inner contemplation of his second self. Then merciful Love touched him on the side where he had been given a heart, similar to the heart of the Deity, for the reception of love and life from the love in God. Thereby It took away his self-love in order to prepare a dwelling-place for itself through the future law of merciful grace and set the selflove, which gave Adam so much pleasure, outside of him in a material body and called it "Caiva" or, as you are used to say, 'Eve'. This was in preparation of the deliverance from self-love which resulted in their rebirth.

And behold, merciful Love touched him and awakened him for the contemplation of his self-love outside of him and saw that he had great delight in the contemplation of his love outside of him and was extremely cheerful. And this love, which was now called 'Eve', had pleasure in the man Adam, bent towards him and followed his every movement.

And behold, eternal Love addressed Adam for the first time: "Adam!" -And he spoke for the first time: "Here I am, Lord of Glory, Might and Power!"

And eternal Love spoke again: "Behold your helpmate!" And 'Eve' answered: "Behold, O Lord, the maid lying obediently at the feet of Your son and awaiting his orders!"

And behold, merciful Love found great pleasure in the works of Its might and power through the grace of Its mercy and continued to speak and instruct them in all things, teaching them to know, to name and how to use them. And when they understood and knew all things and were able to use them, merciful Love again spoke to them: "Now you have learnt of all things, you know them and are able to use them, except for one thing, and this I will now teach you and put into you the

power to procreate and reproduce your kind. But you are not allowed to use it before My return when I find you clothed with the garment of obedience, humility, faithfulness and chastity. However, woe upon you if I find you naked; I shall cast you out, and the consequence will be death!"

Thereupon eternal Love covered Its face and withdrew for a certain time in accordance with the number of order, was blind out of the depth of Its mercy and would not, and could not, know what the newly created would do in the judgment of the Deity for their freedom-test during the short time on earth through the love of mercy. ***And the place that was given them as a dwelling-place was a valley and a garden on the firm part of the earth and was called Paradise. That was the land which later abounded with milk and honey and was the place which in the great Time of times, when eternal Love performed the greatest of Its acts, was called - and will forever be called - 'Bethlehem'. This was the spot where the eternal Word bodily in the flesh saw for the first time the light of Its grace shine upon the drop of mercy from the distant sun, the moon and all the stars.***

Bethlehem is such a holy place that no man will ever discover its true location. If any man or Archaeologist were to dig in such a location, they will die instantly! The true location of Bethlehem will never be found!" Ref: The Household of God by Jakob Lorber: Chapter 7,8

So, the mystery of the message is that the location of the garden of Eden where Adam was placed and then destroyed by the flood eventually became the promised land given to Moses which became the land of milk and honey. Then after a very long period of time, that same parcel of land became Israel where Jerusalem is located and next to Jerusalem is Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Thus, Jesus was born in the exact place where the garden of Eden existed, and the first man Adam was born. Jesus is the new Adam and was born in the place of the original garden called Paradise, known today as Bethlehem!

This was very significant because many scalars have debated where the exact place of the garden of Eden was, and now we know.

The Magi Worship the Baby

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 30

Jesus is speaking: "When the good Joseph heard all this, his oppressed heart became lighter, and since he heard that the captain would come to him, he prepared himself to receive him.

The captain entered, greeted Joseph and said to him, 'Man in my highest esteem! See, by a wondrous providence these visitors from the East now waiting outside have come here, and I have examined them strictly and found no malice in them. They wish to pay homage to the Child according to the promise of their God, and I am of the opinion that you can let them enter without having the least fear, if it is convenient for you.'

Joseph replied, 'If that is the way it is, then I will praise and glorify my God, for He has again taken a heavy stone from my heart! But a short time ago Mary became a bit terrified when the Persians began to encamp about this cave; therefore,



I will first have to see how matters stand with her, so an unexpected entry of these guests will not frighten her still more than she was already frightened of them.'

The captain agreed to Joseph's precaution, and Joseph went to Mary and informed her of everything that he heard from the captain. And Mary replied in a happy mood, 'Peace to all people on earth who are of a good and faithful heart and allow their will to be led by God! They are surely welcome when the Spirit of the Lord will indicate it and shall reap the blessing of their faithfulness! For I am not in the least afraid of them. But when they enter, you will have to stand close by my side, for it just would not be proper for me to receive them in this tent by myself!'

Joseph answered, 'Mary, if you are strong enough, then arise with the Child and lay Him in the crib before you, and the guests can enter to give the Child their homage!'

Mary promptly fulfilled Joseph's wish, and Joseph told the captain, 'See, we are ready; if the three wish to enter, you can tell them that we are prepared to receive them in our poverty!'

Hereupon the captain went outside and made this known to the Magi. - At this the three fell down to the earth, praised God for this permission, then took the golden bags and full of reverence went to the cave.

The captain opened the door, and the three entered the cave in greatest awe - for at the moment they entered, a powerful light emanated from the Child. And when the wise men came close to the little crib wherein the Baby lay, they fell down on their faces and worshiped the Same.

For an hour long they lay before the Child, stirred and humbled in the highest veneration. Then they slowly arose and while kneeling raised up their tearful faces and gazed upon the Lord, the Creator of infinity and eternity.

And the names of the three were: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. And the first, accompanied by the spirit of Adam, affirmed: To God alone the honor, the glory, and the praise! Hosanna, Hosanna to God, the triune One from eternity to eternity!' Hereupon he took the purse woven of golden threads which held thirty-three pounds of the finest incense, and in greatest deference gave it to Mary with the words,

'Take without shyness, oh mother, this insignificant witness of That with which my whole being will be filled forever! Take the poor outward tribute which every thinking being owes to his almighty Creator from the bottom of His heart forever!'

Mary then took the heavy purse and gave it to Joseph, and the donor arose, went over to the door and again knelt down and worshiped the Lord in the Child.

And the second, who was a Moor and was accompanied by the spirit of Cain, lifted up a somewhat smaller purse but of the same weight, filled with purest gold, and gave it to Mary with the words: 'What is fitting for the King of spirits and mankind on earth, I here bring a smallest offering of purest gold to You, o Lord of glory forever! Take it, oh mother, you who have given birth to What the tongues of all the angels will eternally never be able to express!'

Here Mary took the second purse and gave it to Joseph. And the wise man who made the offering arose and went over to the first and did as he did.

Then the third arose and took his purse, filled with the very finest gold myrrh, in that day one of the most precious spices, and gave it to Mary with the words: 'The

Spirit of Abraham accompanies me and now sees the day of the Lord, which he has looked forward to with such great joy!

And I, Balthazar, here offer up in a small gift what is fitting for the Child of all children! Take it, oh mother of all grace. But my breast conceals a better offering: it is my love - this shall eternally be a most genuine offering to this Child!

At this Mary took the purse which also weighed thirty-three pounds and gave it to Joseph. The wise man then also arose and went over to the first two, worshiped the Baby, and after completing his prayer went outside with them to their tents."

Beings of the Three Wise Men

Jesus is speaking: ". . . Are Adam, Cain, and Abraham standing before you in the image of the "three wise men," according to the knowledge which came to you from the heavens.

Yes, Adam, Cain, and Abraham were present. This has been given to you to know the importance of the three wise men from the East. But how were they present? Look, this is another question which you have not asked yet; therefore, this question remained a hull over your knowledge. Now, however, it is time to break this hull, since we need the purest truth for our purpose. And so, know this:

These three wise men were three ordinary priests of a better kind from the lands of Assyria. You know that at the time of Solomon, the great Queen of the Assyrian Empire, who had been known to you, came to Jerusalem to hear Solomon's wisdom. So, at that time, a prophecy was made regarding this pagan nation by its better part of the priests, saying that their sons would once discover a star which will rise to all the peoples of the earth. Since that prophecy, a part of the better priesthood of this people has always remembered it and has continued to observe the starry heavens. These priests also traveled to all countries where, at the same time, great wise men resided, and so learned of much deeper wisdom, and especially wisdom in the knowledge of the correspondences.

At the time of the birth of Christ, the committee of these priests had become quite large; but with exception of three, all became profiteers, and thus served mammon. Only three remained with pure wisdom, scorned the world and their treasures, and sought the reward of their spiritual activity alone in spirit and in truth.

What then happened at the time of the birth of our highly praised and above all beloved Lord?

They discovered an unusually bright star and watched its course and the constellations under which he arose and through which it passed. When they were so concerned with the inner corresponding meaning of this star, and the star came to stand straight above their zenith towards the middle of the night, three men with white clothes appeared to them, and said to them, 'Do you know the star?' And the wise men said, we know it not. But the men that have appeared, said to the wise men, 'Let us touch you on your foreheads and on your breasts, and you will recognize the great significance of this star.' But the wise said, 'Are you wizards from India, that you may administer to us these things?'

But the three men who came to us replied, we are not by any means, for we will not unleash the power of hell over you, but we want to show you the power of God and guide you to where the eternal Lord of Heaven and earth have descended onto earth in His full Divine Godliness. Infinite grace was given to a virgin; she

received from the Lord, and she bore the child of all children, the Man of all men, and God of all gods. - Behold, we will show you, and for this reason, let us touch you. And the wise men said, let it be according to your will, but first tell us who you are?

And one of the three who appeared said: Have you ever heard anything about how it was in the beginning of the world? Behold, a body was given unto me by God, and I bore him nine hundred and thirty years, and was thus made the first man of this earth; my name was Adam, the firstborn of God on this earth. According to these words, the elders were touched by the spirit of Adam, and when the spirit touched the elders, he was immediately invisible; but the elders were filled with the spirit of Adam.

The same was done by the other two, and they were fulfilled, the elder with the spirit of Cain and the younger with the spirit of Abraham, but without losing any of their peculiar individuality. But at the moment of this action, they recognized the great significance of this star and the words of the prophecy, which was prophesied, as I have already said, at the time of the great queen of this country.

Therefore, as soon as they set out from their place of observation, they prepared their camels and commanded their servants to buy myrrh, gold, and incense. For in the same country, this was the customary offering to a new-born king; myrrh to the child, gold to the king, who was called in their custom the man of men, as such a royal child was called a child of children, and incense was also offered to the king, because the king was regarded as the anointed master of the Godhead on earth. When all had been brought together, the journey commenced at once. The star was the signpost, and the three spirits were the inner leaders of our well-known three sages from the Orient.

See, in this representation, you have uncovered your knowledge, and at the same time also received the inner truth that in these three wise men, Adam, Cain, and Abraham were present. Abraham, who for a long time has rejoiced in his spirit, that he might see him, as the Lord Himself said to him, has also seen Him through the wise, spiritually in himself, as well as in heavenly sense, in the sight of the Child of children, Man of men and God of gods!

From this representation, however, you can also sufficiently see how true astrology should be. We have also seen a star of a very unusual kind in us, or in the firmament of our spirit. If we are the right astrologers, we shall surely find our last quarter, with the least effort, and we shall be able to see how it really is with our star.

" Ref: Becoming a Child of God – Ch2:64,65

Joseph Reassures Cornelius

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 32

Jesus is speaking: "The three wise men now came together in a tent and counseled what they should do next. Should they keep the word they gave Herod, or should they here break their word for the first time? If they should go back to their country by another route, it was to be questioned which one would safely bring them back to their country again.

So, one asked the other, 'Do you suppose the wonderful star that led us hither will also lead us home again over another route?'

While they were thus counseling together, behold, suddenly an angel came among them and said to them, 'Do not concern yourselves vainly, for the way is

already laid out! As directly as the sun's rays fall on the earth at noonday, just that directly shall you be led into your country commencing tomorrow, and by another route than by way of Jerusalem.'

Thereupon the angel disappeared and the three went to rest. And early in the morning they departed with a sure faith in the only God and soon returned to their homeland by the shortest route.

On the same morning Joseph asked the captain how much longer he would still have to remain in the cave?

Here the captain said to Joseph in a most friendly manner, 'Man in my highest esteem! Do you suppose that I am keeping you here like a prisoner? Oh, what a thought! How should I, a worm in the dust before the power of your God, ever hold you a prisoner? But what my love for you does, see, that certainly is not imprisonment. As far as my power is concerned you are free at any hour and can go where you wish. But you are not that free as far as my heart is concerned, which would indeed like to hold you here for all time - for it loves you and your little Son with a power that is indescribable! Now just sit still for a couple of days and I will send scouts to Jerusalem right away to find out what that gray fox will do when he finds out that the Persians have not kept their word to him! Then I will know what steps to take and will shield you from every persecution of this frenzied tyrant.

For you can believe me: this Herod is the greatest enemy of my heart, and I am determined to smite him when and wherever I can! I am of course only a captain and am only a subordinate myself to the higher commander who resides in Sidon and Smyrna and has command over twelve legions in Asia. Still, I am no common centurion but am a patrician and by virtue of my rank am therefore also in command of the twelve legions in Asia. If I want to make use of one or the other, I need not first get permission from Smyrna, but as a patrician I need only to command, and the legion must obey me! Hence you can count on me if Herod should rise up!'

Joseph thanked the captain for this most friendly concern but then added the following, 'Hear me now, highly honored friend! See, just the other day you also concerned yourself in all watchfulness with the Persians, but what good did all that do you? The Persians came unseen by all your thousand eyes and had their camp set up long before you could discover even one of them. See, if the Lord my God had not protected me there, where would I be even now with your help? Before you appeared, the Persians could long have strangled me along with my family! Therefore, I now say to you as a friend filled with the warmest gratitude: Human help is of no use, for all men are nothing before God! And if the Lord God wants to help us and He alone can help, then we should not go to much trouble, for despite all our effort everything will happen just as the Lord wants - but never the way we want it!

Hence refrain from the difficult and dangerous gathering of information in Jerusalem, through which in the first place you probably would find out little of value and secondly, if it became known, it could prepare a bitter lot for you on my account.

Besides, the Lord will surely let me know this night what Herod will do and what I will have to do, so you can be quite at ease along with me and let the Lord alone have the say over me and you, and everything will be for the best!'

When the captain heard these words from Joseph, he was stirred up in his heart and it hurt him that Joseph had declined his help.

Here Joseph said: 'My good, very dear friend, you are hurt because I "advised you against concerning yourself further for my welfare. But if you look at the matter in a clear light, you must necessarily come to the same conclusion!

See, which of us has ever carried the sun and the moon and all the stars through the vault of heaven? Which of us has ever commanded the winds, storms and lightnings? Who has dug the mighty ocean its bed? Which of us determined the course of the great rivers? Which bird have we taught its rapid flight and when did we give it its plumage? When did we form its throat so rich in melody? Just where does the grass stand for which we formed the living seed?

See, all that the Lord does every day! - Now if His mighty and wonderful rule reminds you of His immeasurably great love and concern at every moment, why should it seem strange to you if I in a most friendly manner call your attention to the fact that before God all human help sinks back into the dust of nothingness?'

These words restored the captain to a more receptive mood, but for all that he still sent scouts to Jerusalem secretly to find out what was taking place there."

Preparations For the Flight to Egypt

Ref: "The Childhood of Jesus" by Jakob Lorber Chapter 33

Jesus is speaking: "During the night an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph as well as to Mary and said: 'Joseph, sell the treasures and buy a few more beasts of burden for yourself, for you must flee to Egypt with your family! See, Herod has burst into a mighty rage and has resolved to murder all children from the first to twelve years of age because he was tricked by the wise men! These are supposed to have informed him where the new King was born, so he then could have sent out his myrmidons who were to have murdered the Child, which is the new King.

But we angels of the heavens were instructed by the Lord still before He came into the world to watch over everything that has to do with your safety. And for that reason, I now came to you to inform you what Herod will do, since he cannot be certain of getting hold of the One he wants. The captain himself will have to be instrumental to Herod if he does not want to be betrayed to the emperor by him, and for that reason you shall start on your journey even tomorrow! You can also let the captain know this, and he will assist you in making a speedy departure! - So be it in the name of Him who lives and sucks the breasts of Mary!'

Here Joseph awoke, and so did Mary, who immediately called Joseph over in a frightened tone of voice and told him her dream.

Joseph thereupon saw his vision confirmed in Mary's story and assured her, 'Mary, do not worry, before noon we will be across the hills - and in seven days in Egypt! Now, since dawn is here already, I will go outside at once and put everything in order for a quick departure.'

Joseph with his three oldest sons now took the treasures and carried them to a moneychanger, who quickly opened the door and redeemed everything from him for the proper amount.

Then Joseph, led by a servant of the moneychanger, went to a trader in pack animals and promptly bought six more pack donkeys and thus well-equipped returned to the cave.

There is the captain who already awaited him and at once told him of the most cruel and abominable reports that had come to him from Jerusalem.

Joseph was not greatly surprised at the captain's story and said in a voice resigned to God, 'Honored friend, as I foretold you yesterday, all that you now tell me, and in much greater clarity, the Lord made known to me last night concerning all that Herod has resolved.

See, in addition you will have to assist him yourself, for he wants to have all children in the vicinity of Bethlehem and in the town, itself slaughtered into the twelfth year so that among them he might also get at mine! Therefore, I must flee from here still today to where the Spirit of the Lord will lead me away from Herod's cruelty. For that reason, I would ask you to inform me of the safe route to Sidon, for I must depart already in an hour.'

When the captain heard this, he became incensed about Herod beyond measure and swore never-ceasing revenge against him, asserting, 'Joseph, as truly as day is now beginning and the sun already stands above the horizon, as truly as your God lives, that truly will I as a noble patrician of Rome rather allow myself to be crucified before I shall let that blood-thirsty tyrant carry out such an undertaking without punishment!

I will promptly guide you across the hills myself under good protection, and once I know that you are safe, I shall hurry back and send a fast messenger to Rome, who shall inform the emperor of what Herod plans to do.

In the meantime, I shall exert every possible means here to bring the intentions of that monster to naught.'

And Joseph answered, 'Honored friend! Since you are able to do something, then at least protect the children from three to twelve years! Such will be within your power! But the little children from birth on into the second year you will not be able to protect.²⁶ And the first-mentioned protection you will not be able to accomplish by force either, but only by means of discretion. The Lord will lead you in the use of such discretion! Therefore, do not think much about what you will do, for the Lord will lead you in secret!'

At this the captain exclaimed, 'No, no, the children's blood shall not flow - rather than that I will use military force!'

Here Joseph advised, 'See, what after all can you do, for right now Herod is leaving Jerusalem with an entire Roman legion! Will you take the field against your own forces? Do therefore as the Lord will guide you, so that with a kindly manner you may still save the three-to-twelve-year-olds!' Thereupon the captain yielded."

Herod the Great – First plot to kill Jesus.

Matthew 2:16-18

Historians tell us that King Herod (or Herod the Great, as he liked to be called) was a cruel, power-hungry ruler who destroyed anyone he feared was trying to topple him from his throne. He even killed several members of his own family because he thought they were plotting against him.

When a group of wise men (or scholars) came to Jerusalem shortly after Jesus was born, they asked one question: Where could they find the newly-born king of the Jews? They added, "We have seen His star in the east and have come to

worship him" (Matthew 2:2). When word of this reached King Herod, he sent for them and urged them to find the child, so he could worship him, too.

But Herod was lying. His real goal was to destroy the child, fearing (illogically) that in time Jesus would take over his throne. God warned the wise men of Herod's plot in a dream, and after Herod realized they had evaded him, he ordered the death of every child in Bethlehem below the age of two. This moment in time was known as the proto-evangelium.

The Woman of the Proto-evangelium

"The Virgin Mary in the Writings of Maria Valtorta" Fr. Gabriel M. Roschini, O.S.M.:89

"Mary was announced by God in what is called the proto-evangelium, immediately after our first parents' fall prompted by the hellish serpent. **I will put enmities between you [the serpent] and the Woman, and your seed and Her seed: She shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for Her heel** (Gen 3:15)

Maria Valtorta wrote about this famous prophecy (the queen of all Christologico-Marian prophecies') in several passages:

The Book [the sacred Scriptures] speaks of Her from its beginning and future books will speak of Her.

The new Eve was conceived [by God's] thought at the foot of the paradisiacal apple-tree [Genesis 3:8 -15] in order to put to flight the serpent and detoxicate the poisoned fruit by means of Her smile and Her tears. She became the tree of the redeeming fruit.

In a discourse in Bethlehem in the first year of the public Ministry of Jesus he invoked the proto-evangelium prophecy:

'Jesus' powerful voice fills the square: in Genesis 3:15 it is said: **I will make you enemies of each other: you and the Woman: She will crush your head and you will strike at Her heel. It is also said: I will multiply your pains in childbearing ... and the soil shall yield you brambles and thistles** [Genesis 3:16-18]. That was the sentence against man, woman and the serpent.



I have come from far to reverse Rachel's tomb, and in the evening breeze, in the dew of the night, in the plaintive morning song of the nightingale, I heard ancient Rachel's sobs being repeated, and they were repeated by the mouth of many mothers of Bethlehem, within their tombs or within their hearts. And I heard Jacob's sorrow roar in the pain of the widowed husbands, deprived of their wives, sorrow that killed. [Gen. 35:19-20; Jer. 31:15; Mt 2:16-18] I cry with you. But listen, brethren of My land. Bethlehem, the blessed land, the least of the towns in Judah, but the greatest in the eyes of God and of mankind, roused Satan's hatred, because it was the cradle of the Savior, as Micah says [Micah 5:2] destined to be the tabernacle on which the Glory of God, the Fire of God, His Incarnate Love was to rest.

'I will make you enemies of each other: you and the Woman; She will crush your head and you will strike at Her heel.' Which enmity is there greater than the one that aims at a mother's children, the very heart of a woman? And which heel is there stronger than the Savior's Mother's? The revenge of Satan defeated was

therefore a natural one: he did not strike at the heel, but at the hearts of mothers, because of the Mother.

Oh! Pains were multiplied when the children were lost after giving birth to them! Oh! Great was the trouble of being a childless father after sowing and toiling for the offspring! And yet, Bethlehem rejoice; Your pure blood, the blood of the innocents has prepared a blazing purple way for the Messiah."

Proto-evangelium - The Number of the Holy Innocents

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In regard to the number of the Holy Innocents who perished in Herod's massacre, Jesus says: "The number was 320, between those in Bethlehem and those in the countryside. And I shall further specify that 188 of them were from Bethlehem, whereas 132 were from the countryside stricken within a vast radius of Herod's envoys to exterminate the infants. Among those killed there were also 64 little girls, not identified as such by the assassins, who killed in the midst of darkness, confusion, and frenzy, to act quickly before anything could intervene to put an end to the slaughter.

...for the Messiah that the Grace of {God the Father} saved from tyrants to preserve Him for His people and of salvation and...

An even more elaborate Mariological interpretation of the proto-evangelium is found in a conversation Jesus had in the third year of His Public Ministry. After exorcizing an impure demon, Jesus declared:

Satan first entered man through the flesh [sensuality], and if he can, he will do it again gladly... Women were meant to be God's sweetness on earth. They were meant to be loving incarnations of the Fiery life of the One Who is. They were meant to be manifestations and testimonies of God's love... Satan was aware of the perfection [of women] ... Satan, who is sly, crafty, and cruel, wormed his way into that perfection, bit into it and injected his venom. So, Satan turned women's love - perfection - into an instrument he could wield to dominate both women and men and spread evil.

[Alarmed, John asks:] 'What about our mothers?'

[Jesus answers:] 'Are you worried about them, John? Not all women are Satan's instruments. Women are perfect when it comes to feelings and are always excessive in their deeds. They become angels if they want to belong to God, and demons if they want to belong to Satan. Holy women, and that includes your mother, want to belong to God. They are angels.'

'Master,' [a disciple says], 'don't you think women were punished unfairly? Man, too, sinned.'

Another disciple interjects, contrasting the woman's *punishment* with her *reward* foretold in the proto-evangelium (Gen 3:15).

What about the reward? It has been said that through a Woman, Goodness will come back into the world and Satan will be vanquished.

[Jesus replies:] 'First of all, never judge God's work. Second of all, realize that since the evil entered the world through a woman, it is just that Goodness should reenter it through the Woman. What is at stake here is to cancel a page written by Satan. That is what the Woman's tears will do. Also, since Satan will forever not stop shouting, the Woman's voice will sing to drown his shouts.'

[They ask:] When? [Jesus answered:] 'In truth, I tell you: Her voice has already come down from Heaven, where [from everlasting Her alleluia had already been sung].'

Will she be greater than Judith, greater than any other woman? What is she going to do? What will she ever do?

She will overthrow Eve and her triple sin. She will do that with Her absolute obedience, absolute purity, and absolute humility. After that, She will stand up as a victorious Queen.

But Jesus isn't that Your Mother? Isn't Your Mother the greatest Woman? She gave birth to you...

Great are those who do God's will. That is why Mary is great. And other merit comes from God. But She has done God's will, and that is Her merit. May She be blessed on account of it!"

[There is another luminous trace of the proto-evangelium in Maria Valtorta's commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans]

"Man, lifting his eyes to the Heavens he had lost, looked for the One who had justly chastised him. Thus, he felt anew that God alone could relieve his suffering, fulfill his desire for love, and sustain his moral strength with eternal hope and with a *promise*. At the same time Adam was *condemned*, he received the *promise* that the one who seduced him would be vanquished and man would be freed from the vile grip [of sin]. In other words, man's state of grace would be reinstated, and, as a result, so would the inheritance of the Kingdom of God. He would obtain all this through the Woman, the Virgin, Who would give birth to the Emmanuel, the Savior and Redeemer.

Creation had been subjected to vanity. One could say that it was prevented from progressing towards its final perfection: the perfection of the spirit, as it increasingly mastered matter. Creation had turned its back on God, going down a slippery slope that not only went out of the earthly Paradise to earth, but also led from the earth to the kingdom of darkness and sin. But now creation was able to resume its journey towards light, towards its lofty purpose, God. The Virgin Mary, Jesus says: 'has vanquished the cursed dragon.'"

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Special Related Teachings:

Jesus' soul

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Was Jesus' soul already incarnated before God's human manifestation?

God the Father is speaking: "Time after time I want to reveal My love for you by introducing you to knowledge which will make you very happy, because like a bright light it will unveil things to you which previously were obscured by darkness, and because your degree of awareness will be raised again which also signifies a maturing of the soul. For love always will and has to be the foundation for the conveyance of My Word, I could not address you if a certain degree of love were not present, and thus this love will let the light of realization shine ever more brightly within you. You are still occupied by questions which only I Am able to answer, because only I know the regions you wish to understand better:

All elevated, previously non-fallen spirits also incarnate on earth in order to take the path through the abyss for the purpose of attaining the highest goal, the childship to God. And for this purpose, they have to live on earth in the flesh, they embody themselves as a human being and live their earthly life just as every once fallen original spirit. They, too, have to struggle and resist all temptations with which they are confronted by My adversary's side. Thus, they must have passed in truth 'through the abyss' in order to then, when they are recalled, return as a child of God to Me, their eternal Father. And beings of light have descended at all times in order to help people who, as once fallen beings, should achieve their return to Me. The light beings' love is very strong and profound so that they are always helpful and only ever intend to return My lost children to Me. And I do not stop them if they want to descend to earth in order to bring help, which is always needed. But the beings always had come from Me, permeated by My light of love they were living creations of utmost perfection who, with the same will as Mine, work with Me in the spiritual kingdom as well as on earth when they descend for the purpose of a mission. No being of light will ever exclude itself from a mission of bringing light to the earthly inhabitants.

And thus, the soul, which as the human being Jesus accomplished the act of Salvation on earth, was also such a spirit of light who had initially emerged from Me as a light ray of love to which I gave independent life. This spirit had accepted a unique mission because he had realized from the start that the fallen beings needed Him, because he realized from the start that the first human being would fail and that he therefore as the 'human being Jesus' wanted to help humanity. He was from the start indeed also actively involved in the creation of the material world, for My will and strength flowed into all beings which had remained loyal to Me and which therefore were active as independent beings in infinity. This soul, too, had descended to earth (this soul, too, had previously already served Me as a spirit of light), and it established the connection between the people and God, that is, it came to people as a spirit of light and thus enabled Me Myself to audibly speak to people through this soul. Hence this spirit of light served Me as a cover, nevertheless not physically albeit certainly temporarily visible to people but not permanently, in as much that He did not live on earth as a 'human being' but only worked amongst people apparently having the same physical substance, and yet he was and

remained a spiritual being Which disappeared again from sight of those whom It helped through instructions and discourses.

Elevated beings of light indeed embodied themselves physically on earth too, and as representatives of Myself always also proclaimed My will to people, for it was necessary to provide them with the information why and for what purpose they lived on earth in spiritual hardship. Nevertheless, a distinction has to be made between the earthly life of a being of light as a human being and the appearance of a spirit of light through whom I communicated Myself. In that case the spirit of light was not My visible external cover, as was the case with the human being Jesus, but he only served Me to proclaim My Word to people in a natural manner, for I could also have addressed people from above but then they would have lost their freedom of will. Thus, I always availed Myself of an external form which could either be a physical or a spiritual human being. However, the former lived his life on earth as a human being, whereas the latter was only temporarily visible to people because they urgently required My Word.

Consequently, if it is said that Jesus' soul had repeatedly incarnated before My human manifestation you should only ever assume a spiritual appearance when I Myself, love, wanted to express Myself to you humans and thus I chose a spiritual cover for Myself in order to manifest Myself to people. Whereas an embodiment of Jesus' soul in the flesh before My human manifestation has not taken place, although I was also able to express Myself in the Word through a human being if he thus had descended to earth from the kingdom of light. ***Jesus' soul had been chosen to enable My human manifestation on earth, and this soul was truly the most elevated spirit of light Who, as first-born Son, had emerged from Me, that is, from My strength and the will of the one whom My greater than great love had externalized as first-created being.*** I Myself, as the Eternal spirit God, manifested Myself only in Jesus, in this highest soul of light. But it had already served Me as a spirit of light previously in order to enable Me to speak to people, who nevertheless had a high degree of maturity which enabled Me to send them such beings of light through which I Myself could address them directly.

But the fact that untold beings of light had also been embodied as human beings prior to this who likewise upheld people's contact to Me, who brought My Word to them, who, in a manner of speaking, lived on earth as a mouthpiece for Me, should be accepted as truth but should not lead to misguided notions, because Jesus' soul was chosen for My human manifestation, since it had offered itself from the start for this act of compassion in the awareness of the first human beings' failure.

It is wrong to say that I as 'God' have already incarnated several times. For My human manifestation in Jesus is and remains a unique action, which humanity is unable and even the world of light only barely able to grasp, the likes of which has never before and will never be evidenced again afterwards. For Jesus was not one of many but He was the One Who was to become for you humans and for all beings in the kingdom of light the visible God, Whom I have chosen for Myself as cover which shall remain eternally visible.

And this being had an exceptional status, for His love, as the first spirit emanated by My and Lucifer's love, was so immeasurably profound that only He could be considered for My human manifestation and thus a previous process as a

*human being on this earth was out of the question which, however, does not exclude that He, too, took part in creating the material world, for He knew about My plan of return and He always unreservedly accepted My will and as a being with an abundance of light and strength was also able to accomplish it. **This being was so devoted to Me that it enabled the complete fusion with Me, that He and I had to be one, because I in Him and He in Me absorbed each other completely, and this will therefore unveil the secret of My human manifestation in Jesus the moment the being has attained the degree of light again that gives him brightest realization.***

Incarnation of Jesus

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God the Father is speaking: "I only ever want to put an end to doubts which slip into your hearts, but which are good, because only then can you receive clarification, because a person who thinks he knows the truth and never asks for it cannot be taught either. As a result of My will something will always happen again which will make you doubt, and thus you will inwardly feel urged to question it. And many misguided views are prevalent which are partly due to wrong instructions and partly due to lack of understanding, and these are the ones I want to correct. One of them is the popular opinion that Jesus' soul had been incarnated several times before My human manifestation in Him, because human beings do not know the working of the world of light on earth and in the spiritual kingdom. Until they understand the correlations, they will remain indifferent to such misguided teachings and reject them in the belief that they have the right knowledge. Consequently, these correlations have to be explained to people time and again, which is exactly what I always do, because I, the Eternal Truth, will always convey the truth to people and disprove every misguided teaching and substantiate it.

The beings of light, which had remained faithful to Me when Lucifer and his followers deserted Me, are permanently working with Me and within My will. Their activity in the spiritual kingdom cannot be explained to you, but they participate in the formation of new creations of the most diverse kinds, because they incessantly endeavor to provide the fallen substances with every opportunity to ascend, since their profound love constantly urges them to take redeeming actions. They will also descend to earth themselves if people's spiritual hardship calls for it. All of this has been explained to you several times already. But you live in an age which has been preceded by many phases of development. And the world of light has always been instrumental in furthering the progress of human beings.

And there were also times when I Myself, the Eternal Love, took care of people who had ignited love in their hearts themselves, whose nature was thus on the way to returning to Me, however, due to their encumbering original sin there was still a long distance which could only be bridged by Jesus' act of Salvation. Nevertheless, My love was concerned that they should not succumb to My adversary's temptations, which he had constantly used to tie them to himself. And thus, I revealed Myself to them through My Word. I came to the people on earth in My Word, and the Word was spoken by a spirit of light who descended to earth for the very purpose that the people could hear the Word of the Father, because I Myself was not visible to human beings, but even this spirit of light only remained visible to people for as long as I wanted to speak through it. Thus the being of light was not

embodied in a human being, in fact it was an original spirit who had not fallen, but this original spirit did not come to earth for the purpose of becoming a child of God, which is associated with a mission, but for people it was purely a visible external shape for 'My Word', which was supposed to be heard as if it was spoken between one person and another, but without having a compelling effect on them.

Since I Am 'the Word' Myself, I Myself came to earth to those whose hearts were filled with love. And now I adopted the shape of a spirit of light for Myself, however, he was not physically incarnated as a human being on earth but again was only active as a pure spirit who had the power to visibly show himself to people or to dissolve the shape of his own will again. And in this manner, I stayed with human beings several times.

And Jesus' soul, the most loving spirit who came forth from Me, was of service to Me too so that My Word could be spoken through him, that He thus remained a man amongst men, on the face of it. But the act of My human manifestation in Jesus was a most unusually significant process which has to be explained as well. I chose the most elevated and perfect spirit of light for Myself, whose greater than great love justified this foremost position and therefore it was the first time that He took on a human embodiment when He was to serve Me, the highest and most perfect spirit of eternity, as a cover, because My human manifestation in Him has been and remains a unique event. A previous incarnation as a human being could not have been possible because such an existence as a human being would have required Him to stay in the region of My adversary, who was still extremely powerful since the original sin had not yet been redeemed, and the forces of darkness would then have clung to His soul, which He could certainly have shaken off but He could not have redeemed them, because the act of Salvation was necessary for this. But where I wanted to manifest Myself no dark being was permitted to have tempted before, and no act of unkindness should previously have taken place, not even in defense against evil beings which, however, could not have been prevented because an embodied being of light cannot hand itself over to the darkness.

All these happenings are comprehensible when Jesus Christ' act of Salvation is taken into account, which first had to redeem the fallen beings' original sin. But an incarnation as human being will always imply either the salvation of a fallen original spirit or to enable a non-fallen original spirit to take the path through the abyss in order to become a child of God.

However, Jesus' soul was given the most arduous mission for its earthly progress, it voluntarily took extreme suffering upon itself, but the love which filled His soul in abundance gave Him the strength to do so. Even before its descent to earth it had already consisted of the utmost profusion of light and thus was in truth 'My Son, in Whom I Am well pleased.' I could only embody Myself in a soul like that, this 'human manifestation of God' was only possible in Him, only He could completely integrate with Me, thus becoming one with Me."

In essence, Jesus is the soul of God.

Veneration of the Virgin Mary – and the birth of Christ

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God the Father is speaking: "Jesus' life on earth required a normal birth. The Deity wanted to incarnate Himself in the body of a human being on earth, consequently this body had to have a natural origin, it had to come forth from a woman's womb. However, in Jesus' time everything extraordinary was quickly explained as being in cohorts with the devil. A natural explanation was certainly searched for yet if it couldn't be found by simple means this very conclusion sufficed and thus gave countless people the reputation of being God-deserters. Judging by human standards Jesus' birth was likewise an act which lacked all preconditions, and, for this reason, the same explanation was intended to be applied to a virgin which everyone knew to be exceptionally devout.

The extraordinary occurrences at the birth certainly struck many as strange, yet most attached little importance to them. And so only a small circle received the news about an extremely unusual kind of birth, about the awakening of a life which lacked all natural prerequisites and was therefore an event caused by God's will and omnipotence. This was subsequently exploited in a way that people used the figure of the mother Mary to create a being which receives their veneration, devotion, and love to such an extent that it detracts the human being from his most important task on earth, to establish contact with the Lord and Savior Himself. This applies to the exceptional demands for intercession as well as the illogical devotion which lacks all justification, for the mother of Jesus was chosen as a result of her piety, but by no means aware of the immense grace, which was bestowed upon her, she was God's chosen servant and therefore only God alone deserves the honor, for all beings are His work."

Jesus' Conception was Virginal.

Ref: MV Vol. 1:341 Jesus is speaking: "Love [the Holy Spirit] conceived [the Victim that had been prepared for centuries] only after preparing for Himself a bridal bed in a spotless womb.

What is the reason for, as it was, such a blooming of lilies? Jesus dictated it for Valtorta to write down.

To man and woman, corrupted by Satan, God decided to oppose the Man born of a Woman, Whom God had super-sublimed to such an extent that She generated without knowing man: a Flower that generates a Flower, without the need for seed, by a unique kiss of the Sun on the in violated chalice of the Lily-Mary.



The sublime victory of God over Satan's revenge was to raise the perfection of the beloved creature to a super-perfection that should annul *at least in one person* all recollection of humanity, liable to Satan's poison, so that the Son should be generated not by a man's chaste embrace, but by a divine embrace that causes the spirit to change color in the ecstasy of the Fire."

Mary speaking: Ref:321 "Jesus was born of the most sublime love that Heaven ever saw, of the love of a God with a virgin, of the kiss of Fire, of the embrace of Light which became Flesh, and made the womb of a woman the Tabernacle of God."

The Virgin's Virginity

Ref: MV Vol.1:321 [Jesus says] "Come. Contemplate this deep virginity that gives ecstatic dizziness in its contemplation! Mary, therefore, 'knew the joy of being a mother,' 'without the perturbation of being touched. She was the snow that became a flower and offered herself to God. The seal of God closed Mary's lips. And Joseph became aware of the prodigy only when Mary came back from the house of Her relative {Zechariah} and appeared a mother to the eyes of Her spouse. He suffered bitterly and he decided to desert Her, taking upon himself the reputation of an unfair man. But the Angel descended and said to him: 'Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is forming in Her is the Son of God and She is a mother by deed of God. And when the Son is born, you will name Him Jesus, because He is the Savior.'"

Mary's Virginity after Jesus' Birth

MV Vol.1:185-186 Many oppose this truth. What kind of people are they? Why did they do so? Jesus decided to explain to the Seer:

"A detail quoted twice in the gospel by Matthew, a sentence which is repeated twice: 'Get up, take the child and *His Mother* with you, and escape into Egypt'[2:13]; 'Get up, take the child and His Mother with you and go back to the land of Israel' [2:20]. And you saw that Mary was by Herself in Her room with the Child. Mary's virginity after Her delivery, and Joseph's chastity, have been strongly denied by those who being putrid mud themselves, are not prepared to admit that one like them can be as pure and clear as light. They are wretched people whose souls are so corrupted, and their minds so prostituted to the flesh, that they are incapable of thinking that one like them can respect a woman, seeing in her not her flesh but her soul, neither can they elevate themselves to live in a supernatural atmosphere, craving not for what is flesh, but only for what is God.

Well, I wish to tell those deniers of the most beautiful things, those worms incapable of becoming butterflies, those reptiles covered with the saliva of their own lewdness, incapable of understanding the beauty of a lily, I wish to tell them that Mary was and remained a virgin, and that only Her soul was married to Joseph, exactly as Her spirit was united only to the Spirit of God, by Whose deed She conceived Her Only Son: I, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the Father and of Mary.

This is not a tradition embellished afterwards; out of loving respect for the Blessed Virgin Who, was My mother. It is the truth and has been known since early times.

Neither those repudiators of Purity should tell Me that it was a way of speaking particular to the Jews, as if to say 'wife' was a disgrace: No, deniers of purity. At the very beginning of the Bible, we read: 'And he will join himself to his wife' [Genesis 2:24]. She is called 'companion' up to the moment of the sensual consummation of the marriage, and afterwards she is called 'wife' in various circumstances in different chapters. And these are the expressions referred to the wives of the sons of Adam. And so Sarah is called the 'wife' of Abraham: 'Sarah your wife' [Genesis 17:50]. And: 'Take your wife and your two daughters' is said of Lot [Genesis 19:50] And in the book of Ruth it is written: 'The Moabites, the wife of Mahlon' [Ruth 4:10] And in the first book of Kings it is said: 'Elkanah had two wives...'

As you can see, this name was not a word banished by those who walked in the ways of the Lord; it was not an impure word not worthy of being uttered and least of all written when there was a mention of God and of His wonderful work. And the angel, saying: 'The Child and His Mother,' proves to you that Mary was His real Mother. But She was not the wife of Joseph. She remained forever: '*The virgin betrothed to Joseph.*'"

The Influences of the Spirits During the Procreation of Human Beings

Ref: Earth and Moon by Jakob Lorber: Ch 50

Jesus is speaking: "There is very little difference between the procreation of a human being and that of an animal. The soul of a human being must be completely in existence. This means that she must unite all such substantial specifica as are dispersed throughout the whole universe, and these must be supplied to her from all sides. The soul is such a compendium of complete substantial specifica, a unification of the substantial specifica. The specifica in the soul, however, are mixed, so that it might be said that, before procreation, the soul is a snarl that must be disentangled in order that she may acquire her specified form. This disentanglement begins with the procreative act, because it is there that the soul-snarl is placed in the mother's womb and enveloped.



Within this shell or envelope, the intelligences that correspond with one another begin to approach and hold onto one another. The spirits provide them with the light in their shell so that they may accomplish this task. The substantial specific intelligences recognize one another in this light, segregate, take hold of one another, and unite. All this occurs at the urgent request of the spirits' will, which are entrusted with the supervision. These spirits are what you would call "guardian spirits." Angels and higher angels will also exert their influence. Every human being has at least three guardian spirits, two angels and one higher angel; and above these watches a seventh, Whom you know well.

From the moment of procreation, these guardian spirits and angels arrange themselves around the new soul, and care incessantly for the soul's orderly development.

Once the soul, in her shell, has attained human form, the mother's womb will supply her with the corresponding specifica. The soul employs this specifica to bind her intelligences together more firmly. When it has been accomplished, other specifica flow from the mother's womb to the place of the new incarnation and are employed for the formation of the nerves. The nerves are fibers which are seized and used by the soul to cause the body to make any possible movement. As soon as these tasks have been accomplished in both structure and connections, new specifica flow in. The new specifica are placed in order for the formation of the viscera. When the main viscera, with their most important organs, are developed, they are then connected with the main nerves.

With the addition of other specifica, the entire formation of the viscera will be completed. Most of the nerves come together in the head, mainly at the back of the head, where the soul also has her head. This is why the formation of the viscera

begins with that of the head. The head is the picture corresponding most to the soul, because the entire intelligence of the soul concentrates itself through particular emanations in the head. And since the intelligence mirrors itself in its most complete form in the eyes, it may be best recognized there. All the emanations of the individual intelligences of the soul flow into the eyes, and therewith form their natural power of sight. And through the power of sight the eyes can form the outer world within themselves.

When the soul has completed this development with the assistance of the spirits, she is supplied with new specifica, and these will be employed for the formation of flesh, gristle, muscles, tendons, veins, and bones. Those things which belong together seize one another by themselves. When the spirits do not indicate to the specifica of intelligence the proper path through their wise guidance, the direction as well as the form may be wrong. When a woman who is carrying a child is in Hell with her thoughts and feelings, whither My good spirits and angels cannot follow her, a miscarriage usually results. Therefore, every woman should be urgently requested, while pregnant, to conduct herself as virtuously as possible."

The Development of the Human Fetus

Ref: Earth and Moon by Jakob Lorber: Ch 51

Jesus is speaking: "When the soul has developed the gristle, muscles, bones, and veins, she attends to the outer extremities by bringing them to completion through the proper application of the specifica that belong to them. Once this has been accomplished, the soul withdraws into the viscera and begins to set the muscles of the heart into motion. Thus, the organs first open with their own fluids, which are as clear as water. When this breakthrough has occurred, the soul sets the spleen in motion. This causes the spleen immediately to produce blood, which is conducted into the chambers of the heart, from whence it is driven into the organs.

Once the blood has completed its first cycle, the stomach is set into activity and begins to bring the nutritive fluids contained in it to greater fermentation. Through this process the nobler specifica are separated. The coarser, indigestible mucous liquids are expelled through the natural eliminatory canal into the amniotic sac. These are the eliminations of the child already physically alive within the mother.

When this fetus has spent three months alive in the mother's womb, the soul, whose heart has grown quiet and reached a certain firmness, will receive an eternal spirit, placed into her heart with a sevenfold shell by an angel. No one should here entertain the idea that this is a material shell; it is a spiritual one, which is much stronger and more enduring than a material one.

Once the spirit has been placed into the heart of the soul – this happens to some children sooner, others later, and, among many, not until three days before birth – then the body matures quickly, and birth will soon occur. When the child is born, the lungs are set in motion. The child begins with every breath to take in a large amount of specifica, which is immediately used for the formation of the nerve spirit and the strengthening of the soul, which means in regard to her formal substantial being. The soul receives her internal nourishment of specifica and intelligence through the senses of the body, and everything is arranged in an orderly

manner by the good spirits of this sphere. This explanation clearly discloses to you the spiritual sphere of the first region, and what is contained and occurs therein.

A more comprehensive or complete disclosure is not possible, because the spiritual cannot be portrayed with necessary clarity in earthly words. But who so has the ability to enter into the spirit concerning what has been said here will soon be fully convinced of the truth, and will gain a deeper understanding?"

The Soul and Spirit in a Human Being

Ref: Earth and Moon by Jakob Lorber: Ch 52

Jesus is speaking: "The soul is the receptive organ for the countless ideas of the Prime Source, out of which she came forth like a breath. The soul is the carrier of forms, proportions, and practices. All these have been laid down in her in the smallest of envelopes.

The proper measure of all of these, comprised in one being, makes up a complete human soul. Since the soul consists of many different particles of intelligence, she is a compound body as such, and therefore may be divided into her parts again.

The whole universe is filled with the ideas of the divinity; even in a single monad all can be found – on the smallest of scales, of course.

Although the spirit is formless, he is yet the one who produces the forms. In other words, not until the forms are produced may the spirit effectively appear in them. Any force or energy, if it is to appear as a force or energy, must provide itself with a counteracting force. Only as a consequence of this point of support may the force express its effects and bring that power to its representation. Therefore, the spirit is like the light that, in itself, continues eternally to be light. But it may not appear observable as light as long as there are no objects which it may illuminate. The light emanates continually and consistently, the sun being the best example of this. But without an object the eye cannot perceive its existence. A moonless night has just as much light emanating from the sun as a moonlit night. But in the first instance the light has no object in the ether, and that is why no one sees it, even though it is present. When, however, the moon, as a body, occupies that place during the night, the sunlight is immediately perceptible, because it strikes the moon and illumines it.

You can already recognize the spiritual effect of the light in Nature. On the earth, in the air, and in apparent matter, all forms of existence and development lie motionless together. But as soon as the light appears, the forms that lie together as if dead receive life and assume new forms. Now compare summer with winter, and the light's spiritual activity will not escape you. Now you know what the spirit actually is: he is the light which produces itself out of its own warmth from eternity to eternity, and warmth is like love, and wisdom is like light. Even when a human being possesses ever so complete a soul but has little or no light at all, he will manifest little or no activity in his soul and also in his body.

When, however, light comes into the soul, she becomes active in accordance with the measure of light which is within her. The soul of a feeble-minded human being is just as complete as the soul of a scholar. But the body of this soul is too plump and allows only little or no light into the soul. The light spark that is placed in the soul cannot flare up, because it is compressed too much by the firm mass of

flesh. The soul of a philosopher, however, lets more light through, for the fleshy matter has become looser through much study, and it does not compress the spiritual flame in one point. This is why little, or no activity may be found in the first example. Yet in the second instance the individuum will find little or no rest because of too much activity.

Certainly, we cannot speak of wisdom when everything becomes light in the soul. Here we can only speak of more or less light. This leads to the conclusion that, without spirit or light, everything is dead, while in the light everything can ardently and effectively develop and perfect itself.

Light in itself has no form, but it creates the forms, and as it forms them it works in them. The forms may be separate or connected, and new forms may be created in great variety. The light cannot be separated; instead, it penetrates everything that is capable of receiving light. That which is not capable of receiving light remains within itself dark and dead.

It should be obvious that we are speaking here about the eternal, uniform light, which alone determines life; we are not speaking of the light of lightning or anger, which provides doubtful illumination for just a few moments. This light is like the light of Hell. There are also such flare-ups in Hell, but each of them is followed by a much greater darkness.

Since we now know sufficiently the difference between the soul and the spirit, we should easily comprehend that the Earth, in her firmness, belongs to Satan's captured soul, while her spirit is held and chained in indestructible fetters."

Christmas Message

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God the Father is speaking: "I Myself came to you because you needed Me in your great spiritual adversity, I descended to earth, I entered the realm of darkness and brought a brightly shining light, for I Myself was the Light of Eternity which constantly emanates its radiance into the darkness. And thus, I took on a human shape because only as a human being was I able to accomplish that which signified to you salvation from the great hardship. And this human being was the infant Jesus, Who was born to you in the Holy Night. For this infant was conceived in all purity and without sin through My power and love and was therefore able to accept Me Myself, the Eternal Love, within Itself. His was a soul of light which was able to serve Me as an abode, because I can only shelter in a pure vessel otherwise the bright light of My love would have been unable to shine. The infant Jesus was infused by the spirit of love, for His soul brought the love with it to earth. It was a non-fallen original spirit which did not close itself to the love which I incessantly transmitted. And this original spirit did not relinquish Its love when It embodied Itself in the infant Jesus, It merely stemmed the radiance of Its abundant love as not to illuminate people with a brilliance they would have been unable to bear due to their imperfect state. However, unusual events took place at His birth which gave evidence to people who loved that the promised Messiah had come into the world. Yet only a few recognized Him, and thus the infant Jesus started Its earthly path like every other human being, for the mission It had to fulfill was under no circumstances allowed to impose a compulsory faith on people, for He, Jesus, was merely meant to show them the path which every person must take in order to ascend from the abyss into the light. Nevertheless, the love of the infant Jesus was at times overwhelmingly powerful, for I Myself was this love, thus I had chosen the human shell so as to accomplish the greatest act of compassion on behalf of the sinful human race which, however, had to be accomplished by every human being who was capable of suffering in order to atone for these beings' original sin of apostasy from Me. I Myself descended to Earth and embodied Myself in a soul of light which voluntarily wanted to take the earthly path in order to serve Me Myself as an abode. Seers and prophets had already announced the Messiah to people long in advance, and those people who were still devoted to Me in love yearned for His arrival, and they soon recognized Him in the boy Jesus, they realized that His unusual wisdom was divine and that I had sent them the One Who was to bring them deliverance. Yet even Jesus was not allowed to compel people's faith through His extraordinary strength and wisdom. His brightly shining light of love certainly broke through every so often and My spirit expressed itself through Him but it nevertheless withdrew itself time and again, and the man Jesus lived His earthly life like any other human being, for He was meant to exemplify the right kind of life to people which they should follow if they wanted to release themselves from My adversary, who can only be defeated through and with love.

And since the soul, although having descended from the kingdom of light, had to live in the midst of the satanic world and its earthly body also consisted of



immature spiritual substances, the man Jesus had to fight very hard to remain victorious against and during all temptation used by My adversary to make Him fall. Yet Jesus had not relinquished love, His soul was so filled by love for Me, His God and Father of eternity, that He thus was full of strength and light and therefore able to perform miracles and in all wisdom instruct His fellow human beings. Even so, His body imposed human limitations on Him as long as He had not fully matured, but He used His life on earth to that effect until He accomplished the actual act of Salvation, which concluded His suffering and death on the cross. As a result of His life of love His body had indeed almost spiritualized already, yet He took His death on the cross upon Himself as a weak human being. And He voluntarily gave up all divine strength of love for the sake of the final hours of His act of compassion in order to then suffer incredibly and die as a mere human being and through this greatest act of atonement of all times to redeem the great original sin for the whole of humanity. It was pure love which motivated Him to accomplish this work, and this love was I Myself. Yet you will never ever understand this unless, of course, you, too, become pure love, as you were in the beginning. Only then will you understand the nature of love, only then will you know why I Myself have to be acknowledged by you as your Redeemer from sin and death, and then you will also understand the fact that Jesus and I are one, why 'God' can only be conceived by you in 'Jesus', and you will understand why a 'human being' had to accomplish this act of Salvation on earth. For the atonement of the immense guilt of your past apostasy from Me was only possible to be rendered by a human being who was as full of love, in whom I, the Eternal Love, was able to take abode, as the man Jesus had been. It was a truly unique act and the effect of the act of grace will never ever come to an end, so that all once fallen spiritual beings can be completely redeemed, because Jesus died on the cross for all human beings past, present and future and further atonement for this immense guilt will never be necessary again. Nevertheless, the human being's free will is always and forever required in order to find redemption from his guilt. The battle against My adversary, who had kept all fallen being's captive until then, started when the infant Jesus came into the world. Yet Jesus severed the chains and wrestled from him the souls which took refuge in Him in their adversity, which availed themselves of the act of Salvation and wanted to be liberated from the adversary. And the first souls, the first once-fallen original spirits, came back home to Me, they came back as children into the Father's house again which they once voluntarily left, for the man Jesus had paid for their guilt with His death on the cross, and every soul becomes free which acknowledges Him, which recognizes its God and Father in Him Who died on the cross on behalf of the human race."

Jesus is speaking: "... today I come with peace-terms and a Message of Love, but the peace I am offering is blasphemed by the earth and the Love I am giving them is mocked and jeered in the Eve of My Birth; mankind is celebrating these days without My Holy Name; My Holy Name has been abolished and they take the day of My Birth as a great holiday of leisure, worshipping idols...**I have warned the world...**" Ref: VR 2005 12-15

This is the Voice of the Teacher

"It roars and caresses. It roars when it is addressed to those who do not want to be converted. It caresses when it speaks to those who, though imperfect, have the 'good will' to find God and his Word and, having found them, to sanctify themselves. For these it becomes the caress of a Friend and the blessing of Jesus."

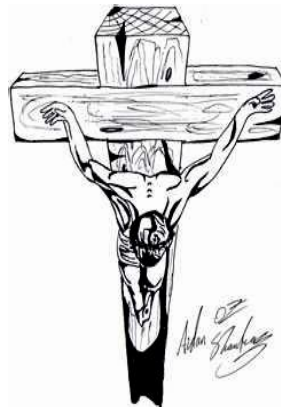
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"Unfortunately, the world does not want to be saved. Only one in a thousand will be willing to know Me, and only one in ten thousand will really follow Me. And I will say even more. I will not be known even by My most intimate friends; To know means to love with loyalty and virtue." Ref: PMG Vol.1-46

As we enter into the period of the great tribulation, we need to hear the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly and forcefully like a clear trumpet. **If the bugle's sound is uncertain, who will get ready for the *battle*?** (1 Cor 14:8). **Who will be able to listen and act? Who will be able to say with Samuel, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening?'** (1 Sam 3:9)

**Harden not your heart and be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit
prepare your soul now for the coming of the Lord**

**"I Am with you always
even unto the end of the world"**



Jesus is speaking: "And I say to you: 'Take,' do take this work and '*do not seal it*' but read it and have it read '*because the time is close*' and let those who are holy become holier. (John, Revelation, 22:10)

May the grace of your Lord Jesus Christ be with all those who in this book see an approach of Mine and urge it to be accomplished, to their defense, with the cry of Love: 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

I will always be with you because it is pleasant to Me to be with those who love Me." MV Vol5: 951

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