

SOUL LIGHT - Five

THE TRUE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas time again.
Time for the stories about the virgin birth.
About there being no space at the inn.
About the three wise kings from the east.
About the camels and the shepherds out in the fields tending their flocks.
About the gold, frankincense and myrrh...

The truth may be much simpler, much more meaningful.
I believe in the birth of a child through the pure love of two beautiful people who simply gave themselves fully to each other, free of any conditions or demands.....innocent, virgin love.

Surely, a lesson for us all.

Today many of us regularly call on our 'parking angels' to find us that ideal car space – with great success.

Could Mary and Joseph, the supposed parents of God, have so little angelic help that they couldn't even find a room anywhere in a town that expected visitors for the periodic census – and were ordinarily used to home-stay guests?

I believe there was no room in Israel at that time for love.

The Jews were literally fighting a guerilla war with the occupying Roman army. An economic war with their Arabic neighbours. A cultural war with the more liberal and inquiring influences of the Greeks. And even a religious war within their own disputing sects.

In such a society, love was very low on the success or useful scale.

It was an optional extra. Just like today, for many people.

Jesus placed it squarely and unequivocally centre stage.

Surely another lesson for us all today.

Surprisingly, there are no three kings (or camels) mentioned anywhere at all in the New Testament.

They're modern day fictions.

There are simply magi mentioned – wise men.

I believe those wise men were really wisdoms – teachings rather than people.

And that they came from the east makes perfect sense.

Jesus taught Gotama's boundless compassion for one another – Buddhism.

He also taught Krishna's law of infinite unity – Hinduism.

And Lao Tse's law of respect and eternal continuity – Taoism.

These are the three great wisdom channels the east had already given the world.

Jesus was to add his own – love.

When we embrace them – together - they surely form the bedrock of our spiritually mature society of tomorrow.

The three gifts surely also encourage enquiry.

What did his Mum and Dad do with the gold? Bank it? Pay back taxes? Build a house?

I believe gold was the rabbi's way of reminding his flock that the man Jesus was blessed with a golden abundance of opportunities to express his innate lovingness for all people.

He was also blessed with an abundance of spiritual guidance – myrrh.

And he was also blessed with the ability to help others to heal themselves – frankincense.

The man himself – when he grew up - said that each of us had these attributes, too. This may well be the greatest lesson we must learn.

This is, for me, the most beautiful of stories.

In the midst of arid desert, ever-present death and societal destruction a man was born who shared his profound understandings that love and Spirit alone could heal this hurting world.

He worked tirelessly to unite us into the One-ness we always have been – and still are.

Today, as we move deeper into the 21st century after his birth we also move into potentially deeper levels of ecological desert, of economic uncertainty and societal emotional bankruptcy.

Now you and I have been born.

We also have been given the opportunity to express our innate one-ness with one another.

To wholeheartedly embrace our spiritual guides, teachers, masters and bodhisattvas...

To confidently help one another to emotionally heal.

To accept the boundless abundance of life.

And to love deeply, fully and unreservedly.

As before, we may find there is resistance to such radical understandings.

Love has never been a popular or accepted path by any society.

Yet it is surely the only path out of the sickening illusions of life into true abundant existence.

Let us therefore celebrate this beautiful being who insisted on lovingly sharing the truth.

Let us celebrate his values by following in his footsteps – and being likewise love guided by the Divine Presence all the days of our lives.

Love and Blessings,

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