

# Pathwork Lecture 19: Jesus Christ

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I did this Devotional Version so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry -- **devotionally**. *I invite you to slowly read and ponder this rendition of the text – with an open heart to experience the Pathwork Guide’s Presence, Wisdom and Love emerging from among the words. May the Pathwork Guide’s Wisdom come to live you.*

For clarity: The **original text** is in **bold, italicized, and mostly underlined**. [My interpretations and intended clarifications are in brackets, italicized, sometimes underlined, but never bolded.]

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*Blessings on your journey, Gary*

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03	<p><b><u>Greetings</u></b> <b><u>in the name of</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>God and</u></b></li><li>• <b><u>Jesus Christ.</u></b></li></ul> <p><b><u>Blessed</u></b> <b><u>are you, my friends;</u></b></p> <p><b><u>blessed is</u></b> <b><u>this hour</u></b> [i.e., <i>blessed is this time</i> <i>we now spend together in this lecture</i>].</p> <p><b><u>My dear friends,</u></b> <b><u>I have been speaking to most of you</u></b> <b><u>for over a period of months,</u></b> <b><u>but I have not yet mentioned</u></b> <b><u>Jesus Christ,</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>who he is, and</u></b></li><li>• <b><u>what he has done.</u></b></li></ul> <p><b><u>At this time of year</u></b> [this lecture was given the Friday before Christmas], <b><u>when you are celebrating</u></b> <b><u>the birth of Christ,</u></b> <b><u>I feel my choice of this subject is an appropriate one.</u></b></p>

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04

Not only  
is the light of Christ  
spreading  
within  
• the earthly sphere,  
but also  
in  
• the spiritual world.

You may say,

"But in the spiritual world  
there is no time,"

and this is true.

This is difficult to explain.

After a certain period,  
which is drawn out  
much longer  
• in the spiritual world  
than  
• on earth –  
according to your human calendar  
after a year –  
the light of Christ  
returns  
with renewed force  
in remembrance  
of the greatest deed  
that has ever been accomplished.

The light  
is  
so  
• strong,  
so  
• penetrating and  
• glorious,  
that it is unimaginable.

There is  
such  
• bliss,  
such  
• rejoicing,  
such  
• happiness and  
such  
• wisdom  
  
coming from this light!

For  
• wisdom  
and  
• light  
are one.

In your human language  
you call it  
• enlightenment.

In the spiritual world,  
  
• light  
and  
• knowledge  
and  
• love  
  
are all one  
and the same.

05

At this period  
the light of Christ  
penetrates  
down to  
• the lowest spheres of gloom,  
  
and at least to some small degree  
into  
• the world of darkness.

There may be

just

- a gleam of it [i.e., just a gleam of the light of Christ],
- a small sheen,
- a glimpse of light,

yet

the influx [of the light of Christ]  
is there [in the world of darkness];

and at this period

when

the beings living in the world of darkness  
encounter the light,  
they [each] have a different reaction to it.

Those [beings living in the world of darkness]

who are ready to advance spiritually

- will welcome the light [of Christ] and
- will follow it.

Others [living in the world of darkness]

who are

not that far advanced yet

will cringe away from it [i.e., cringe away from the light of Christ],  
for it is very painful to them;

it [i.e., the light of Christ]

causes an extreme pain

they cannot stand.

Therefore,

a human being

who has succeeded

in bringing out

the light from within,

for it is

one and the same light [as the light of Christ],

will be protected

against

creatures from the world of darkness.

06

Now who  
is Christ?

Some Christian religions  
claim he is God.

This is not so,  
for he himself has said,  
as you can read in the Holy Scriptures,  
that he is  
not God.

He is  
not  
• the Father, or  
• the Creator.

Some say  
Jesus was just  
• a wise man,  
• a sage,  
• a great teacher  
with great wisdom,  
not unlike  
a few others  
who have lived  
• at other times  
• in other countries.

This is also wrong.

The truth is, my friends,  
whether you want to believe it now or not,  
that Jesus,  
the man,  
was  
the incarnation of  
the Christ.

And this spirit [i.e., the Christ]  
is the  
• highest and  
• most exalted  
of all created beings.

**He** [*i.e., the Christ*]  
**is the**  
**first**  

- **direct and**
- **inborn**

**creation of God.**

**His** [*i.e., Christ's*] **substance**  
**is the same**  
**as the substance of God.**

**All of you**  
**possess**  
**some**  
**of this substance [of God]**  
**which I call**  

- **the higher self or**
- **the divine spark;**

**it** [*i.e., the higher self or divine spark or this substance of God*]  
**has to come out**  
**gradually**  
**through spiritual development.**

**But**  
**no other created being**  
**has this substance [of God]**  
**in quite the same degree**  
**as the Christ.**

**And**  
**there** [*i.e., the fact that no created being has this substance of God*  
*to the same degree as the Christ*]  
**is the difference [between the Christ and other created beings].**

07

Again and again

I see that human beings

- think or
- feel,

"Why was he chosen?"

If he [i.e., if the Christ]

is the

son of God,

so are

we all

children of God.

Why should he [i.e., the Christ]

be

- better,
- more exalted, or
- higher?

Why?

This is not just."

These

- thoughts and
- feelings

are often lurking

in the souls of human beings

even if

they do not

dare

make them conscious.

Therein

lie the seeds

of the Fall of the Angels.

This very

- thought or
- attitude,

*[i.e., the thought or attitude, “Why should Christ be better, higher, and more exalted than others?”]*

which started long before  
the material earth existed,

caused

the coming into existence

of

- disharmony and
- evil.

Certainly,

no one who had such a thought

at the time

realized

- the danger or
- the possible results  
of such an attitude.

No one

actually realized

that in this jealousy

lies

a lack of faith

- in God and
- in His capacity to love.

For

even though God

- created

His first son

as the highest of all beings and

- gave most of His substance  
to him,

if you have the

- trust and
- faith

the Creator deserves,

you will not think

- that this [i.e., that giving most of His substance to Christ, His first son]  
was unjust or

- that you  
lack anything.



	<p><u>Nowadays</u> <u>people do not carry these thoughts</u> <u>quite so far;</u> <u>nevertheless,</u> <u>that slight feeling</u> <u>of resistance</u> <u>against Christ</u> <u>in a number of people</u> <u>represents</u> <u>the germ of</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>the Fall and</u></li></ul><u>the germ of</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>evil.</u></li></ul></p>
08	<p><u>In what way</u> <u>has Jesus Christ</u> <u>saved</u> <u>humanity?</u></p> <p><u>In what way</u> <u>was his deed</u> <u>the greatest?</u></p> <p><u>What was</u> <u>the purpose</u> <u>of</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>his life on earth,</u></li><li>• <u>his one-time incarnation?</u></li></ul></p> <p><u>The purpose of his life</u> <u>was not only</u> <u>to spread his teachings;</u> <u>for</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>true and</u></li><li>• <u>beautiful</u></li></ul><u>as they [i.e., his teachings] are,</u> <u>basically the same teachings</u> <u>could be found elsewhere too,</u> <u>though perhaps in another form.</u></p> <p><u>So this [i.e., his teaching]</u> <u>was certainly</u> <u>not the only purpose.</u></p>

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The second purpose  
of his life,  
though still not the main one,  
was to show  
symbolically  
through his  

- life
- and
- death

- the course and
- the stages

of development  
for each person  
who wants to regain  
the kingdom of heaven.

Periods of  

- testing,
- trials,
- faith in God

in times of adversity,  

- crucifixion

of the personal ego  
with its  

- vanity and
- self-will:

all this was symbolized  
by the body of Jesus.

The resurrection  
of his spirit  
signifies  
the life eternal of  

- bliss and
- happiness

for  
the spiritual essence  
of each individual  
after  
the ego has been crucified.

This [resurrection of the spirit]  
cannot happen otherwise  
than through pain [i.e., the pain in the crucifixion of the ego].

	<p><b><u>But even this [second] part of his task [i.e., showing the course and stages of development for each person who wants to regain the kingdom of heaven]</u></b></p> <p><b><u>is not the</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><u>• main and</u></b></li><li><b><u>• most important one.</u></b></li></ul> <p><b><u>The two purposes mentioned here [i.e., 1) teaching and 2) showing the course and stages of development for each person who wants to regain the kingdom of heaven]</u></b></p> <p><b><u>can be considered as accompaniments to the main purpose he had to fulfill.</u></b></p>
10	<p><b><u>At a future date</u></b> <b><u>I will describe in greater detail</u></b> <b><u>how his main task</u></b> <b><u>meant salvation,</u></b> <b><u>for he <b>WAS</b> the Messiah!</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Right now, I want to say this to you:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>If Jesus had failed,</u></b> <b><u>another spirit</u></b> <b><u>would have tried to fulfill the task;</u></b> <b><u>for it was not certain beforehand</u></b> <b><u>that Jesus</u></b> <b><u>would fulfill it,</u></b> <b><u>even though</u></b> <b><u>he was the</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><u>• natural and</u></b></li><li><b><u>• logical choice.</u></b></li></ul>

Someone  
had to

- come to earth and
- go through all the sufferings  
completely alone,  
at certain times
  - barring all divine protection, and
  - resisting
    - all evil and
    - all temptation  
out of his own  
free will.

Only in this way  
could the spiritual laws  
continue to remain unbroken  
so that  
in a spirit of justice

- each individual and
- even the very forces of evil  
could find the way back to God.

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God is the power,  
and with His power  
He could certainly have done anything,  
including  
breaking His own laws.

Had He done this  
a great number of creatures  
who were not yet ready  
to find their way back  
would have been  
permanently  
separated  
from

- God and

  
from

- an eternal life of bliss.

That might have included  
any one of you.

Only by the

- vast and
- elaborate

Plan of Salvation

is it possible

that

down to the very last of the fallen creatures

everyone

can

at one time

find the way back to God.

This is difficult to understand now,

but in the future

I will explain it in more detail.

For the present

this should suffice

to give you an idea

of how extremely

- grave and

- serious

the task [of Jesus Christ] was.

Only understanding this

will keep people

from ever saying

- that God is unjust or

- that God

has used His own power

to break His own laws.

Naturally,

God's power

has to be the greatest.

No one

will be able to say

that God has used this power

to violate

His gift of free will

given to

each and every

individual.

*The supreme justice  
of this solution  
could only happen  
through the fulfillment  
of such a task.*

*Thus,*

- *no free will  
was broken and*
- *no power  
used unduly.*

*Jesus Christ has proven this.*

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*Naturally,  
the question may come up,*

*"Can we  
• find and  
• reach  
God, and  
can we  
• attain perfection  
only  
through Jesus Christ?"*

*The answer, my friends,  
is,*

*"Yes  
and  
No."*

*It is one of those  
apparently paradoxical cases  
where both answers  
are correct.*

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*I will try to explain how this is.*

*You can reach  
a stage of development  
through every one  
of the great world religions,  
including  
the non-Christian ones,  
in which you can  
experience  
absolute truth.*

*No spirit  
of the world of God  
will ever tell you  
to leave  
your  
• church or  
your  
• temple or  
your  
• faith.*

*For  
if you have found  
what you  
• seek and  
• need  
in the way of  
• happiness and  
• spiritual food  
in the faith you are accustomed to,  
remain there:  
• enough of  
basic fundamental truth and  
• enough of what you need  
for your spiritual development  
is contained in  
all the great religions.*

	<p><u><i>It is up to</i></u> <u><i>you</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>to find out</i></u> <u><i>what the truths necessary</i></u> <u><i>for your personal development</i></u> <u><i>are</i></u></li></ul> <p><u><i>and then</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>to put them into practice.</i></u></li></ul>
14	<p><u><i>When I speak of</i></u> <u><i>satisfaction with</i></u> <u><i>your faith,</i></u> <u><i>I do not mean</i></u> <u><i>the satisfaction of</i></u> <u><i>your surface conscience:</i></u> <u><i>that is not enough.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>But</i></u> <u><i>if you follow the teachings</i></u> <u><i>of your religion</i></u> <u><i>whereby</i></u> <u><i>you</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>learn and</i></u></li><li>• <u><i>do</i></u> <u><i>what alone matters,</i></u> <u><i>namely</i></u> <u><i>work for</i></u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>self-knowledge,</i></u></li><li>• <u><i>self-purification, and</i></u></li><li>• <u><i>utter self-honesty,</i></u></li></ul></li></ul> <p><u><i>then</i></u> <u><i>the religion</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>to which you belong or</i></u></li><li>• <u><i>which you have chosen</i></u> <u><i>will satisfy your spirit.</i></u></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u><i>The purification</i></u> <u><i>of your lower self and</i></u></li><li>• <u><i>the crucifixion</i></u> <u><i>of the ego</i></u> <u><i>are the</i></u> <u><i>all-important things.</i></u></li></ul>



Where you are able to find  
the necessary  
• help,  
• guidance, and  
• inspiration  
to accomplish this  
does not matter much,  
even if  
for many reasons  
you cannot recognize Christ  
in a religious affiliation.

By self-purification alone,  
you will raise your consciousness  
to such a degree  
that you will be open  
for truth  
in all its aspects  
• concerning  
the part Christ played  
in the history of Creation, or  
• concerning anything  
else for that matter.

So, in this respect,  
the answer is  
"No"  
to the question  
whether it is  
only  
through the recognition of Jesus Christ  
right now  
that one can reach God.

The perception of  
absolute truth  
in any respect  
can only happen  
through a process of  
self-purification  
over the lifetimes.

Unfortunately, few people are doing that.

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Anyone  
going through  
the difficult process  
of self-purification  
will prepare the ground  
for becoming able to  

- receive and
- experience

absolute truth  
in all its facets,  
whether some of the recognition  
takes place during  

- this incarnation

or, due to certain circumstances,  

- afterwards.

The ground  
has to be prepared,  
and this means  
perfection  
through purification.

For instance,  
as long as there is  
stubbornness  
in the soul,  
the  

- experience and
- perception

of absolute truth  
is impossible.

- Stubbornness and
- self-will

are exactly  
what hinder  
the raising of your consciousness.

- Any imperfection

is a hindrance  
[to the raising of your consciousness].

I cannot stress  
emphatically enough  
that only those  
who crucify  
their lower selves  
are ready  
for pure truth  
concerning anything  
in connection with  
• the Creation and  
• the divine.

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The fact  
that Christ  
is  
the messiah  
and  
that Christ  
is  
the most exalted  
of all created beings  
is a  
very important part  
of the  
• great truth and  
of the  
• history of Creation.

Whether you are  
• able and  
• willing  
to recognize this  
does not belie  
the great truth.

It does  
not mean, my friends,  
that you should  
pray to Jesus Christ.

Only  
God the Creator  
should receive our prayers.

- What God expects from you and
  - what is part of
    - perfection and
    - development,  
at least from a certain degree on,
- is gratefulness  
to the person
- without whose deed  
no one  
could come back  
into divine light,
  - without whose deed  
the stream back to God  
would have been broken.

Now

- some of you  
are still  
not ready  
for this decision

and

- other things  
are still  
to be accomplished.

However,  
when

- the time comes and
- gratefulness for  
the greatest deed  
without which  
you would be lost  
pervades you,

then  
you will be able  
to give it [i.e., to give your gratefulness]  
to the one  
to whom it is due [i.e., to Jesus Christ].

That is  
God's will.

17

Think about all this,  
even if  
you do not recognize  
"officially"  
the Christian religion.

Just as  
• all religions  
have enough  
of the truth  
to further  
your purification,  
• all religions  
also  
contain errors.

It is important  
for you to follow  
only that  
which  
• your spirit demands and  
which  
• your higher self longs for.

The rest  
will come by itself.

But that does  
not  
change the fact  
that you should  
• open your hearts and  
• not put aside  
completely  
the one person  
to whom  
you owe most  
next to God.

Do not disregard Christ so easily.

I hope you have understood me,  
and I hope you do not misinterpret these words.

18

*There need never have been*

*a split*

*between*

- *Judaism*

*and*

- *Christianity.*

*This was never meant to happen*

*by*

- *God or*

*by*

- *the spirit world.*

*And that it [i.e., that the split between Judaism and Christianity]*

*has happened*

*is the fault of humankind.*

*You have invented labels*

*to which you attach*

*special implications.*

*For us,*

*labels like*

- *Judaism and*

- *Christianity*

*do not mean anything.*

*Why Christ*

*was born as*

*Jesus*

- *at that particular time and*

- *among those particular people*

*had its good reasons;*

*it was intended*

- *that one and the same truth*

*should*

- *expand and*

- *grow, and*

- *that*

*no splitting*

*should occur.*

Splitting is

- chaos;
- splitting is
- the nature  
of the Fall of the angels, or
  - the result  
of the Fall  
with all its
    - miseries and
    - hatreds.

Splitting is

- separation from God,  
and this initial tragedy,  
which took place  
long before the earth existed,  
keeps repeating itself  
in the course of time  
until the disease  
will be cured forever.

Union with God,

- which is the goal,
- is
- the opposite of
- splitting and
  - separation.

The splitting

- between
- Judaism
- and
- Christianity  
after the life of Jesus
- was another fault  
grown out of  
the same bad root  
of the initial splitting from God.

There should have been

- oneness between Judaism and Christianity,
- one wholeness and
- one completion.

19

Since Christ  
represents  
such an important part  
of your returning to God,  
he deserves

- your personal **gratefulness** and
- some contact from you:  
you will not be able to  
reach God  
without him  
in the very last analysis.

He is indeed  
• the best friend you could ever have and  
he is  
• your strongest helper.

The answer to the question  
whether you can reach God  
only through him  
is "Yes."

For the constant denial  
of these facts  
would imply  
a stubbornness of your heart  
that is a symptom of  
imperfection;

and as long as  
any imperfection  
is alive within you,  
you cannot  
unite with God.



20

*And now, my friends,  
I want to say  
to each one of you:*

*Try,  
regardless of what religion you belong to,  
to open*

- *your hearts and*
- *your minds.*

*Be broadminded!*

*Do not leave the faith  
you are accustomed to,  
for that is  
not necessary  
unless you wish to do so.*

*But consider that  
my words  
are true,  
even if  
you do not believe  
that  
a spirit talks to you,*

*a spirit  
of the spirit world  
who has*

- *the insight and*
- *the knowledge*  
*that these  
are*
  - *truths*

*and  
not mere opinions,  
such as you on earth  
can have  
on these subjects.*

*Even if  
you have doubts,  
and probably most of you here still have some,  
consider that it  
may be this way after all.*

What

- your
  - fathers and
  - forefathers or
- the people
  - in whom you trust and
  - who have  
influenced you in your life  
have said  
may not be  
entirely right.

Certainly,

they have spoken  
some truths,  
for truth  
exists everywhere,

but

no one group  
among all humankind  
has  
all  
the truth.

21

You,

who are  
spiritually searching people,

should

open the doors  
to truth,  
no matter from what side  
it may present itself to you.

Do not be stubborn.

Do not believe  
that this [i.e., that my teaching, "do not be stubborn"]  
means

- giving in or
- showing lack of character,  
my friends.

What an immature notion this is!

The question here remains as always,  
"What is true?"

God is  
• truth,  
as well as  
• wisdom and  
• love.

If you  
deny truth  
for any

- silly,
- stubborn, and
- childish  
notion,

you are thus  
denying God,  
at least in  
one aspect  
of your personality.

The only question  
that counts is,  
"What is true?"

Nothing else ever does [count],  
for any other question  
can only come from  
the lower self,  
even if  
clothed with  
apparently high-sounding motives.

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