## Resurrect the Christ in You Dr. M.W. Lewis San Diego, 3-29-59

"Resurrect the Christ in You."

When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: none can come unto the Father except by me,<sup>1</sup>" (*Sic*) he was not speaking as the "man" Jesus. He was speaking as a manifestation of the Christ Consciousness, which was completely developed in him to such an extent, that God spoke through him the Eternal Truths; that there is One Consciousness in all things – the Consciousness of God, the Father. In His Creation it is known as the Son, the only Reflected Consciousness, the Christ Consciousness, and the Creation is the grosser vibration of the One Eternal Consciousness of God, the Father. And so, Jesus was speaking not as the man Jesus, but he was speaking from the Realization of the Presence of God within him, as the One Eternal Father. When we realize that, it gives us an entirely different idea of the words of Jesus and the fact that he was a Son of God.

Now, throughout creation is this One Christ Consciousness, or Intelligence, which is governing all things. How does that flower grow? How is our body as it is – such an intricate mechanism? Why? Because of the One Christ Intelligence in all creation; from the smallest atom, to the suns, and to the galaxies, is this one pervading Intelligence of God in His Creation, which operates through the Cosmic Laws, the thermal laws, electromagnetic laws, and the gravitational laws to produce these things in an ordered way. What a wonderful Intelligence. What a Great Intelligence. Certainly, because it is the Consciousness of God, the Father, in His Creation; and in that creation we see an ordered universe.

Now, this Intelligence, this Christ Intelligence, is God, the Father's Intelligence in the macrocosm, or creation. In the microcosm, which is you and I, a little miniature universe made in the Image of God, is the same Christ Intelligence. Only then, it is known as the Soul. And so, we have God, the Father, we have the Son, and we have the Holy Ghost, which has produced this whole creation. Master used to illustrate it as a blue ball, the Great Creation of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> St. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

God. Now, we have the Spiritual Sun up here, shining down through as God, the Father. Now, that light, which passes into the blue ball, is blue-colored. It seems different, but isn't it the same light?

And so, in creation, and in you and in me, is the same Consciousness of God, the Father. Only then, it is called the Christ Consciousness, the Christ Intelligence, and in us as the Soul. But this Soul is encased in this body. The Soul is encased in this limited vehicle. If we can break those limiting boundaries, and expand the consciousness to what it truly is – God's Consciousness in the body and in this creation, and finally expand it further, so that it becomes one with God, the Father – that's our heritage. That's what we are. And so, that is what Christ is: God, the Father's Consciousness in you, and in me. Only it's limited. It's encased in this bodily vehicle. But we can expand it by right meditation, God communion, until we, too, expand and become what we truly are – God's Consciousness within us. We must break those limiting boundaries.

Now, Jesus did that. Jesus did that. Jesus, the Christ. Jesus, the Christ. What's that mean? Jesus, who manifested Christ Consciousness, that's all. In Hindu philosophy we had King Jadava, the Krishna. Krishna means "Christ Consciousness." And so, we had the same thing, Jadava, who manifested Christ Consciousness. And that applies to each and every one of us. Jesus said that; he said, "The things I do ye shall do and greater things, because I go to my Father.<sup>2</sup>" (*Sic*) I merge in the One Great Consciousness above creation, God, the Father.

So, each one of us is a potential child of God and can manifest, fully, the Presence of God within us, as Jesus did. All true saints who have broking, broken the limiting boundaries of this vehicle, can manifest, and do manifest, Christ Consciousness. So there's no excuse for us. Jesus said that, and his words are the truth.

Jesus also said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not...<sup>3</sup>" Jesus was not speaking through his personality, because he passed away. He was speaking from the Christ Consciousness within him when he said that. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," but that Consciousness of God, the Father which is in me, "will not pass away." So, we have to realize that, and we have to make that Consciousness of God, the Father in creation, in our bodies, dynamic to our being. That's the true lesson of Easter, to resurrect that Eternal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> St. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mark 13:31, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

Presence of God within us, as the Christ Intelligence, to resurrect it once more so that we realize it as our own being, and are not satisfied with this limited body existence in which we find ourselves. That's not our true nature. We are children of God made in His Image. We must manifest it. And we can, because we are made in the Image of God.

Jesus also said in St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter the 58<sup>th</sup> Verse: "...before Abraham was, I am.<sup>4</sup>" "...before Abraham was, I am." He is not speaking, of course, of his personal consciousness as Jesus. He is speaking of the Christ Consciousness.

Also in Proverbs, Proverbs the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Verses we read the same thing: "The Lord," which means Christ Consciousness, "possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.<sup>5</sup>" Before creation, we were a part of God; and then He created this thing. And because we have been attached to this worldly existence, we've lost that which is our own. "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning ere (*sic*) ever the earth was.<sup>6</sup>"

That's our true consciousness. But we're so attached to this body, and so one with this limited existence, that we think we are that. Our Soul, which is the Presence of Christ within us, thinks it is this little, limited body, which dies and passes away, and has a stomachache, and all sorts of things. If you realize that enough, any pain that comes, you can rise above it. But until then, you have to take a few little things to offset those pains. That's all right. But never forget, that behind the things that you take, those medicines and things, is the Intelligence of God in you, which makes the medicine effective. Let us understand that.

Now, I have spoken of King Jadava, just to show you that the Christ Consciousness is not only limited to Christianity. It can't be. God is not that narrow. Jadava the Krishna; Jadava, who had Christ Consciousness; Buddha who had Christ Consciousness; Muhammadan, Muhammad who had Christ Consciousness; any Soul who manifests, completely, as the great saints and sages do, and have done, can manifest the Realization of the Presence of God within. And so can you, and so can I. Let us wake up to what we really have. Let us wake up to our true heritage, which is the manifestation of God within us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> St. John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." <sup>5</sup> Proverbs 8:22, "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Proverbs 8:23, "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was."

Now Jesus was called the Son of God. Why? Because, as I have said, it is God's Consciousness, God, the Father's Consciousness in creation. The only Consciousness is God's Consciousness. In creation it is the One Reflected Consciousness of God. That's why it's called "the only begotten son." And so, anyone, including, of course, Jesus, who manifested it fully, can be a Son of God. And when they do that, they realize themselves as a ray of the Great Infinite Light and Love of the One Father. That's why Jesus is called the Son of God, because he manifested the only Consciousness in creation. That's why it's called the only begotten son.

Anyone who breaks the limiting attachment to this body can do the same thing, because God is all. God is in us. He's in His Creation and He's above His Creation as God, the Father. God, the Father, God the Son in creation, and the Holy Vibration, which has made this creation. That vibration is behind this worldly creation. Science has shown that. It's showing it all the time that behind this multiplicity of things in this creation is the Unity of Light and Sound and the Intelligence of God.

One great scientist said, it seems to look, it seems to be as if this universe is a great thought of God. That's what it is, a Great Thought. But, when that gross vibration, which is in creation, becomes a part of us, we feel ourselves limited to that vibration of this earthly existence. But behind that, behind that worldly existence is the Great Spiritual Vibration of the Presence of God – His Love. That's from which all things have come. That's God, the Father, in His Creation, in our body as the microcosm, as the Soul, the Christ Consciousness. That is what we have to resurrect. That is what we have to renew. We can renew it, because we had it. We had it in the beginning.

And so, we find that resurrection signifies a rising from death of this outward consciousness, a rising from this outward consciousness through the death of it, to the first Cause, which we are, the Presence of God in all things. That's what true resurrection is. A rising, as St. Paul did, from this worldly existence, who said, behold, "...I die daily.<sup>8</sup>" "Die daily" means, died to this outward, limited consciousness, that's all. And he proves it in Corinthians when he says, "I protest" which means "declare," "by the rejoicing I have in Christ…" By the Bliss I feel, proof that God is in me, and I know it. I rejoice by the Christ within me, "I die daily…" to this outward, trivial existence. That's what St. Paul really

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> St. John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time; the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> I Corinthians 15:31, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."

meant, as reported in Corinthians. And so, we had that. We had that Consciousness, only we have lost it. We had that Consciousness.

Just a passage from the <u>Autobiography</u><sup>9</sup> of our Master, which will work in here to substantiate what I've just said about our being able to manifest Christ Consciousness, as Jesus and the great saints have done. What's the use of trying unless we can do that? We can do it. And so, our Master has written this: "Jesus meant never that he was the sole Son of God, but that no man can attain the unqualified absolute, the transcendental Father beyond creation until he first manifests the Presence of God in creation in his body.<sup>10</sup>"

And every saint, every Soul, who has manifested that, and knows it; then they are a Son of God. Then they, like Jesus, can manifest it fully when they fully overcome these limitations. Jesus, who had achieved entire oneness with that Christ Consciousness, identified himself with it inasmuch as his own ego had long since become dissolved.

We have to break this ego consciousness. This consciousness is, makes, makes us think we amount to something that is this body. We have to do away with it. We have to transcend it, supersede it, by realizing what we truly are, one with the Presence of God within; one above all pride of ego; one who is humble, like Nathanael. "Here comes Nathanael who is without guile.<sup>11</sup>" (*Sic*) The pure in heart shall see God.<sup>12</sup> Not the egotistical, but those who realize the gift of God's Love. And in that realization become truly humble, as little children. God comes easily, and they can manifest, they can resurrect this Christ Consciousness.

Now, as I have said, we had that. We had that Immortal Christ, or Soul, Consciousness within us. We had it in a dynamic way, but it has slipped from our grasp. In Ezekiel – I quote these scriptures to show you that these things are substantiated by the scriptures – in Ezekiel, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter the 13<sup>th</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> Verses, a few words from those verses: "Thou wast upon the holy mountain of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>Autobiography of a Yogi</u>, by Paramhansa Yogananda, Original Release 1946

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>Autobiography of a Yogi</u>, 1951 Release, Chapter 16, Page 179, (footnote), "Sri Yukteswar said: Theologians have interpreted Christ's words in such passages as 'I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me' (*Jn.* 14:6). Jesus meant, never that he was the sole Son of God, but that no man can attain the unqualified Absolute, the transcendent Father beyond creation, until he has first manifested the 'Son' or activating Christ Consciousness within creation. Jesus, who had achieved entire oneness with that Christ consciousness, identified himself with it inasmuch as his own ego had long since been dissolved." Also may be in the Original "Second Coming of Christ," @ 1939

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> St. John 1:47, "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

God.<sup>13</sup>" "Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God." The holy mountain of God is the Supreme Center in our brain, the Supreme Center of Christ Consciousness. We had that. "Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God, and thou didst walk up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.<sup>14</sup>" (Sic)

The "stones of fire" refer to the Spiritual Centers of the spine, called "Chakras" in the Hindu philosophy, called "Centers of vibrating energy" in the Sanskrit word, "chakra.<sup>15</sup>" And in our own Bible we have references to those chakras within us. And in Ezekiel it says we had that Consciousness. We "walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire," but we lost it. We lost it.

"Thou wast perfect in the way, in thy ways from the day that thou wast created...<sup>16</sup>" until something set in; and that something is iniquity. Iniquity simply means "delusion." The greatest sin is that we feel separated from God. We feel separated from the Christ Consciousness within us. That's your sin; that's the Original Sin. If you remove that separation, there'll be no sin. The sin is in duality of consciousness. The sin is in worldly existence. It is not in God's Consciousness.

So, we had that Great Presence of God in us, until, through attachment to this worldly existence, iniquity, or delusion, set in upon us. And, because we have multiplied that delusion, by more and more attachment to this worldly existence, it has increased, until we have been, as it says, thrown out from these high places of Spiritual Consciousness. "By the multitude of thy merchandise…" which simply my, means, by the increase of this delusion in which we find ourselves, "…they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee out as profane from the mountain of God:<sup>17</sup>" and from the stones of fire, "…from the midst of the stones of fire." (*Sic*) The simple truth is that we have forgotten what we truly are. We have to once more resurrect that consciousness within us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." <sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> A chakra is defined as a wheel, or vortex of energy. There are seven primary chakras that flow through a human's energetic system. The chakras have been called "windows to the soul" this is because they provide humans with subtle connections into soul consciousness. It is through the seven energy centers that vitality pulses throughout our system energizing many of our physical, emotional, and mental states.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ezekiel 28:15, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ezekiel 28:16, "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

Now going on just a little bit; Divine Consciousness is our birthright. Let us not forget that. That's why St. Paul said, as I quoted a moment ago, "I die daily." He dies to this limiting, repressing, so to speak, worldly consciousness, in which we can't see any distance. We can see no hope at all. But, when we resurrect that, resurrect from this worldly consciousness into the Presence of God within; then we can see clearly. That's our birthright. And that's why St. Paul said, I rejoice daily. (*Sic*) "I declare by the rejoicing I have in Christ I die daily<sup>18</sup>" to this outward existence.

Each one of us can do that, if we'll meditate a little bit. Meditate just a little bit every day. You can resurrect your consciousness from worldly living. There's no satisfaction in it. Our Master said, "Our home in not in this outward consciousness." I agree with him. Our home is with God. And when He comes into you, when you remove the rubbish which keeps Him from entering into your consciousness, you, too, will say, "My home is not in this worldly existence. I am in it. I will play my part, because God has placed me here. I will do good to others. I will feel God's Love in everybody. But my home is not in this worldly existence. My home is with Thee, O Father, because I am Thy child."

Now, that's the consciousness which we must resurrect, and which we can resurrect, if we will do certain things. Now, those who have resurrected their consciousness, as the great saints and our beloved Master, did certain things. They meditated regularly. They established their communion with the Presence of God within. They did it by meditation, and they did it through scientific meditation, as our Master has left us in Self-Realization Fellowship.

And that scientific meditation does what? It gives us contact with the Presence of God within us as something tangible and real: the Great Word, the Holy Vibration, the Great Cosmic Sound, of which I spoke in the beginning – the Light at the Christ Center. But greatest of all, the Feeling of God's Love, which is inherent in our Souls. That's what meditation will do – scientific meditation – because it was given by one who had that Realization, our Founder and Master, Paramhansa Yogananda.

Therefore, if we do that, we will soon realize our oneness with the Presence of God within, because when you are one with the Word, you are one with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> I Corinthians 15:31, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."

God. "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God.<sup>19</sup>" Why? Because in that Holy Vibration, which has produced all things, known as the "Word," is God's Intelligence, as the Christ Consciousness.

Now, when you hear that Cosmic Sound, when you see the Cosmic Light, when you feel the Love of God, that's His Presence. Now, can't you see if you meditate regularly, and don't miss every day – even a few minutes – gradually, you will attain and become one with that Presence of God as the Christ within? You'll become one with it, so that instead of being with you, sporadically, it's with you every moment of your existence. That's resurrecting of the Christ within. Each and every one of us can do it.

And then, we also have the Power, because we're made in the Image of God, of superseding even the Presence of Christ within, and expanding it into the Presence of God, the Father. "None can come unto me unless he cometh through the Father,<sup>20</sup>" (*Sic*) Jesus said. Why? Because the Father's Consciousness is the Christ Consciousness within you, which he manifested. That's what he meant when he said, "None can come unto me unless the Heavenly Father draweth him," (*Sic*) Unless he realizes the Presence of Christ within, which is God, the Father.

"I say, Ye are god's...children of the most High.<sup>21</sup>" (*Sic*) And what are we doing about it? Nothing – practically. Let us wake up to the realization that we are made in the Image of God. We are His children. "I say, Ye are gods..." each one of you, "...children of the most High." That's the lesson for Easter. That's the lesson which we should learn to resurrect, what we, is really our birthright, the Presence of God within. God is the One.

Jesus said, "Destroy this body, in three days I will build it again.<sup>22</sup>" (*Sic*) Why? Because he realized that Christ Intelligence within him, which is in creation, behind every atom, and behind all the suns and the universes; he realized that. And through the laws governing the Presence of Christ in all creation, he easily gathered together the atoms which had made his body, because God's Intelligence was in him, and he manifested it. Only then, only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> St. John 1:1

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  St. John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Psalms 82:6, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> St. John 2:19, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

then can we realize "Destroy this body, in three days I shall build it again." Why? Because we have to be one with that Power which can do anything, and has made universe upon universe upon universe; and we have that ability, because we are made in the Image of God.

And I'll close by reading from Master's <u>Metaphysical Meditations</u>, or giving you a few of his words, which will happen to you if you'll meditate regularly, and endeavor to resurrect the Presence of Christ within.

As you begin the meditation this is what you will notice. You will notice that the universe, which is outward consciousness and awareness, passes away, and the consciousness of the body passes away. You'll realize that you are existing without the realization or consciousness of this body, that will merge into what? Into the Cosmic Sound, or the Word of God within you. And then that Cosmic Sound becomes the All-pervading Light, the Spiritual Light – not solar light – the Spiritual Light of the Presence of God within; that Light, which science is showing is behind all creation. The Cosmic Sound will become the All-pervading Light. And then, as the Master says, "Finally, the All-pervading Light loses its grossness." Imagine that Spiritual Light which gives you such assurance and enthusiasm when you perceive it. Even that is nothing compared to the Presence of God. And that All-pervading Light loses its grossness and becomes the Sea of Joy itself.

That's what God, the Father's Consciousness is: Pure Joy – unadulterated. In creation it is still the same: Pure Joy and Bliss. And in your Soul, and in my Soul, it is still the same: Pure Joy and Bliss. That's the Consciousness which we must resurrect as the Christ within.