

# The True Meaning of Christmas

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Beloved one, you have a most wonderful story recorded in your holy scriptures: It is the story of my birth and the events attendant upon that birth. Now, in Truth, you may read it on many levels, because the story is as a vehicle for meaning. On the one hand, it will be the recorded history of the birth of one man, one man heralded down through your ages as having been a great rabbi, teacher, leader, a master. But more than that, it is the story of you symbolically. It is the story of you even as you see yourself in this lifetime on your Journey.

I encourage you to read your holy scriptures. The stories are beautiful, each one in their own way. You have heard what is known as the Christmas story over and over many times, and it is a beautiful story. There is something comforting about it, even just to hear the words. That is why you enjoy at least once a year having the scripture read to you. But more than that, there is a deeper meaning. And I will share with you this day my gospel, my good news — for the best is yet to be.

## **And there were in the same country shepherds**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. This is you. You are the shepherd in your own life. You are abiding in the field of your experience and you are keeping watch over your flock — your thoughts, your consciousness, your awareness — by night — during what seems to be the dark time, the questioning time.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. This has happened to you as you have had revelation and the small ego has said to you, "Yes, but if this is true it changes everything you have thought to be true up to this point." And the glory, the illumination of that revelation has changed everything in your perception. It has been far-reaching.

Then the small ego, the human part of you, has said, "But, this puts me in a new place. When I am with the other friends of previous times it is not the same anymore. What is happening?"

In other words, the illumination which you have desired and prayed for, when it has come — as indeed it must come — there has been a shaking up, a rearrangement in your thinking, in your consciousness, in your perception, and that part of you which likes security and the sameness has been sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not. "Don't be afraid." The angel is the greater Self of you, not the small ego self. Even in those times when you have had revelation which you knew would transform your life, the great Self has spoken to you and has said, "Fear not."

For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. For you are moving into a new space of greater understanding, a greater remembrance, a place of true celebration. And these tidings of great joy shall be to all people. Not just to a few, but to all people. Not just to the holy ones, the rabbis, the priests, the pastors, the ministers, the learned ones. Not just to the rich ones who have enough of the golden coins perhaps to buy learning. But they shall be to all people. They are for you.

### **For unto you is born this day**

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior which is Christ the Lord. For unto you this day as you have revelation and remembrance, as you come up higher in your awareness into the place of hope and you hold onto that hope and you are raised up, the Christ is born in the city of David, the city within your consciousness.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. In other words, the Christ babe of you that you are now beginning to remember is to be found in the most common of places, to be found within you as you have seen yourself to be the most common place. To be ordinary, usual, humble even. The Christ, the babe, is being born within you.

Not in a place that has to have all of the trappings of luxury, but born within you, the humble place, within your heart.

As you can begin to understand that the Christ is not afar off from you, the Christ is not something special in that it has to be separate from you, as you can lay hold of the peace, the hope, the remembrance, the Truth, there comes a great illumination and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' As the revelation comes to you, as you are willing now to hear the great Self of you, which is bearing you good tidings of great joy, you are uplifted into a sublime state that can be and must be known even upon this plane. And in that state, then, you are joined by all of the heavenly host.

### **Glory to God in the highest**

And as you are raised up into the holy state of remembering, "I am the Christ babe being born in this time," then you know within yourself, "Glory to God in the highest," for

you are raised up into the highest state of being and remembrance. "Glory to God in the highest." And as you are living in that highest state of understanding and remembrance, peace you give to all your fellow men and women. Peace you give and good will, for you realize — you make real in your awareness — that truly Christ is born again right now and you wish that revelation for everyone.

That is what Christmas is all about, your Christ-mass. It is to remember the sublimeness of your divinity. Not to celebrate a birth that happened two thousand years ago and was of someone who was seen to be so holy that he must be separate from you. But to celebrate in this day and time the birth of Christ which is you and to receive the gift which you have prayed for, hoped for and almost did not expect you could receive: to feel the Father's love, the divinity of Love which truly goes before you to make all of the crooked places straight, all of the rough places plain.

That is what Christmas is all about: Knowing that you are so loved that you are Christ incarnate yourself. Then you may celebrate and sing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to my fellow brothers and sisters. Good will and love to all."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' They wanted to see what had happened to cause such an occurrence. And they came with haste, as you do when you have a feeling that there is something special, something you really want to know.

And they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told to them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds.

When you feel the Christ light, when you feel the upliftment, the diving Being of you, there is a radiance around you that others will see, a radiance which you feel within because it heals every particle of the wounded soul. Even if you do not speak with words, the message is clear and is told to others.

Now in these holy days, be the shepherd, watching your flock, your thoughts. Be open and willing to hear the message of the angels. Be the angel yourself. Go tell it to others in word, and especially in deed, that truly Christ is born anew on this plane, right now in this day. This is the true Christ-mass.

So be it.