

The 12 Days of Christmas

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Beloved one, you have a time now when many of the brothers and sisters will be celebrating the birth of one great master born two thousand years ago in your timing, and yet I say unto you, the important birth is what happens within you . Once a year the holy days remind you to focus upon the birth of the Christ, to celebrate my birth but then to understand that my birth celebrates the birth symbolizes the birth of the awakened holy Child incarnate, which is you. It is not important that you focus upon my birth except as a steppingstone to lead you to a greater understanding of what the birth of the Christ means. Christmas, the Christ mass, heralds the awakening of the holy Child.

You have a most wonderful writing in your Scriptures. Read you your scriptures? Most wonderful writings. Even if you do not understand the words, they read as a calming balm. You have a writing in your Scriptures about this time of the year.

And it came to pass

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world then known should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which was called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn.

Arise up and return to your house

This is your story as well, being called back to your place of lineage to be registered, to be written in the book of your house. You are being called to arise up and return to your house, your Home, to register your name. And to come to that place great with expectancy and to bring forth in that place of Home, the house of your divine lineage, the birthing of the Christ.

The stories which are within your Scriptures are stories that ones would read as history, but they are more than that, for as you will contemplate the deeper meaning, you

will see that it is not something which has happened long ago but it is something that calls to you, otherwise it would not be in your consciousness now.

When something is in your consciousness, your awareness, it means that there is a message for you in it. It is as your divine Self, knocking upon the door of your mind, your heart, your soul, calling to you and saying, "Pay attention." Read the story, yes, and see the beauty in the story, but then ask, "How could this be a message for me?" And as you will ask, it will be given unto you.

You are approaching your holy days of this time — your holidays — the celebration of the birth of Christ. This year it will be for you with a new perspective because of the new understanding which comes with your contemplation of what it means to birth the Christ — not just one Jeshua, but the birth of Christ as you, for your time has come. Hear that well. Your time has come to be delivered in the birthing of the Christ.

The Epiphany

You have, within some of the teachings of your religious/philosophical lineage, a teaching of the twelve days of Christmas, leading up to what is called the Epiphany. Some of your teachings focus upon that day and celebrate it, but for many the celebration of Christmas day has overshadowed Epiphany.

But I would say to you that truly the twelfth day after Christmas is more important. Now, what is Epiphany? Why would that be important? Epiphany is the time when there is realization of the Truth — capital "T" — realization of the Christ among you, realization of the Truth of your being. And the realization of how it comes to be. Again you have a writing in your scriptures which gives you a clue.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.' When Herod the King had learned these things, he was troubled, and all of Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all of the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. And when they had heard the king, they departed; and,

lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come unto the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

That was a time of epiphany for them for they realized the Christ before them. Now, they attributed the power and majesty of the Christ to me. But, in Truth, as I have said to you before, what you see mirrors to you what you are, and what they would behold, in Truth, was the message for them. It was their epiphany; it was their realization, their recognition of the Christ, and it has come down through your religious philosophical teachings as a time of celebration.

The twelve days following Christmas are a most important time which you can use to realize the birth of you, the Christ of you, until you come to the day of epiphany for yourself and you realize that the birth of Christ did not happen back on Christmas day. The birth of Christ did not happen two thousand years ago, four thousand years ago, thirty-five thousand years ago, etc., the birth of Christ happens right now, right now in your epiphany, your realization of the Christ. That is what is important.

So I suggest to you that in this year when you celebrate Christmas as your tradition dictates, you have a good time on that day. And then for the twelve days after that contemplate what it means to be Christ. How does it feel to be Christ?

Allow yourself on the first day to be as the newborn, to look with the eyes of the newborn and ask, "What is this for?" Anything that you take up, "What is this for? What is this called? Why is this within the collective consciousness? This is a book. What is a book? What does it do to serve me?" Everything you behold in that first day, be as the newborn. Now, I know you are going to have lots of other things you have to do in that day. That is the way of human life. It is the way of the world. But in between you will have time to contemplate. In truth, if you are wise you will set aside a bit of time in that day just to sit peacefully and to contemplate a few things.

And on the second day after Christmas allow yourself to be the newborn but with a bit more of the understanding because, after all, you are building upon the contemplation of the day before.

And on the third day, see yourself as the child still questioning. Go through the twelve days after Christmas in contemplation.

All of the lifetimes and all of this lifetime you have been preparing for the epiphany. That is your commission. That is what you are here for. So ask of yourself on

that twelfth day, "How does it feel to be the realized Christ, incarnate?" We will not deny the incarnation. I did not deny it.

Expect an epiphany

On the twelfth day say to yourself, "I am the Christ." Expect an epiphany. Be ready for it. And there will come in that day a sense of joy that the world will not understand, a certain knowing of the joy which passes the understanding of the world, an epiphany of the Christ.

We have spoken many times of how wonderfully creative you are. How you put for yourself hints, clues, all around for your enlightenment, for your awakening. So you have a story that is told in song. It is within your culture. Oftentimes you hear it at this time of year about your twelve days of Christmas. And you may use it as a certain guide, to go one step at a time.

On the first day of Christmas, your story goes, my true love, which is you, the greater Self of you, the soul group, gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.

Now, the partridge is a symbol. It is a bird. A bird has potential for flight, freedom, a greater overview. Contemplate what the partridge symbolizes.

A partridge in a pear tree. A pear tree is a fruit tree. It is going to bear fruit. Contemplate that a bit. There is much potential there. A partridge can fly. It can be free. It can have a great overview but it is not doing that yet. It is in the pear tree, and the pear tree has much of potential but it is just sitting there on this first day.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love, which is the greater Self of you, gave to me two turtle doves. What is the symbolism of two turtle doves? Peace. Love. Contemplate.

On the third day you have the three French hens. What do hens do? They lay eggs, new life. They also have certain potential.

Contemplate one of the verses on each day of your twelve days. Contemplate how the message of the Christ is in that verse.

Everything you bring forth has a message for you. So play with each verse, until finally you come to the twelve drummers drumming: very active, not only potential, but getting into action, the drum roll which heralds the birth of the realization of the Christ.

Know that the drummers are drumming for you. Awake, oh thou that sleepeth. Experience the epiphany, the realization of the Christ — which is you.

So be it.