

***Ways of Light:***  
**Artisan Paths to Christos**  
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*“Ye are the light of the world.” Jesus*  
*For Helen Regina Drengson, who led me to the “Sermon on the Mount.”*

**Overview**

*Ways of Light as Spiritual Paths to Christos Awareness* are like those of Jesus, Christian, Jewish, and Gnostic Artisans. These *Spiritual Paths* transform and empower us to deeply connect with Nature, and resolve religious, ethnic and racial conflicts. These liberating, joyful engagements unify *Body* (hand), *Mind* (head), and *Spirit* (heart) by three principle guides: 1. Live Lightly on Earth Giving Light to others; 2. Live by Light of the Sun’s Wisdom; 3. Live by Light of Spiritual Insight. These guides each have three levels we will explore as a *Nine-Fold System*.

This narrative is a *spiritual* journey inspired by Jesus’ *Christos* teachings in the Gospels Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John, the *authentic* writings of Paul, and the *Nag Hammadi* Gnostic Gospels of Thomas, Mary, Phillip, Peter and James. I am aided by the other Eastern and Western texts noted in the Citations and References. This *Light* story draws from multicultural, scientific, scholarly, personal and practical studies of eight Spiritual traditions and a lifetime of journeying in *Nature*. (NB This is a reconstruction of the early teachings for our era, and not an precise historical account.)

The *Light Way* is appropriate for *Christos Artisans* in this Third Millennium. It fits collective knowledge gained from long, deep study of texts, traditions and practices. It is *attuned* to integrated, whole system ecological sciences (Metzner 2009). It fits “*new story*” *cosmology* (Thomas Berry 1988), *creative mythologies* (Joseph Campbell 1970) and *Eastern Spiritual Teachings* (Joanna Macy 1991, Hahn 1995). It is an honorable whole art *Path* for *Christos Artisans* in this era of environmental, economic, social and personal challenges (Mathew Fox 1988).

*Way of Light* keys open positive relations with *Nature*, other people and cultures. As liberating Spiritual Paths they have *exoteric* and *esoteric* practices to actualize *Christos Cosmic Consciousness*. Harmony, love and nonviolence center these Holy Ways as in the *Gnostic and Jeffersonian Gospels*. Their ethic as love and forgiveness transcends *tribal retribution*. (See Appendix 2 for the Mt. Sermon.)

We will open these *Spiritual* teachings with a *Soteriological Key*. New Testament and other Gospels offer stories of Complete Spiritual Development beginning in the Old Testament Garden of Eden and is completed by the New Testament Sermon on the Mount. The Cross symbolizes that Christos Transformation is an Ultimate Spiritual Realization. We explore the *esoteric* meaning of this story as Complete Spiritual Fulfillment. This story fits cultivating Whole Arts as Artisan Spiritual Disciplines.

**Whole Arts**

*Spiritual Mastery Systems*, like *Zen and Aikido*, are *Whole Arts*. They cultivate joy and harmony with *Nature*, within ourselves and in our communities. The *Way of Light* is a Paradigm Royal Way to attune with *Creative Cosmic Energies*. *Light Cosmology* integrates and unifies all levels of our nature, in work, leisure and play. Its Mystical Completeness fills life with meaningful connections to *Ultimate Reality*. (See e.g. Dogen 1986, M. Ueshiba 1991, Drengson “The Wild Way” 2004, and *Wild Way Home* 2010a.)

The *Way of Light* is a Spiritual Mastery System with direct and indirect teachings. Done alone, with partners or in groups, ongoing effort engenders deep experiences. These direct *royal, regal, and raja Ways* are Systematic *Spiritual Art Disciplines*. As *Mastery Systems* they go from low levels of awareness

and skill, to the highest and most complete. Some well known ones are *Yoga Spiritual Disciplines*, and Buddha's *Eightfold Path*. The *Light Way Nine-Fold Path* activates *Christos Cosmic Consciousness open to the Unlimited*. There are mentors, guides, teachers, archetypes, models and apprentices in these Artisan Systems. India has *Yogas of Light*, as do the Alchemy Ways of Europe (Skolimowski 2010).

Whole Art Spiritual Disciplines are complete Cosmic Ways (Taos, Yogas, Dos, etc.) as *Ways of Life*. They are integrating, creative *Mastery Cosmologies*. As *Constellations* of positive values, they bring sustaining growth. As creative ways of life, we are always learning and opening new dimensions. Ultimate Reality is infinite, and so they are transformative and self transcending, with multiple levels of value-kinds and qualities. They are self reflexive and reflective. We participate in Cosmic Awareness at Creation's Center. The *Cosmos* is *Creative* with limitless infinities.

### **Artisan Mastery Systems are Cosmologies**

Ancient Eastern and Western Spiritual Paths are Artisan Mastery Cosmologies. They are synoptic systems, with the *Artisan-Crafts* as Models. Their values, knowledge, techniques and skills are coherent integrated *Systems* of Sayings, practices and lore. They are *Archetypal Guides* for practicing, continuing and passing-on *Artisan Mastery*. Some Western and Eastern *Archetypal Mastery Systems* are: Healer, gardener, builder, carpenter, blacksmith, weaver, potter, poet-singer, hunter, scout-tracker, fisher, farmer, warrior, and journeyer. Jesus was a master carpenter, healer, teacher and "fisher of men." Eastern traditions practice *Craft-Arts* as *Yogas* (India), *Taos* (China), or *Dos* (Japan). *Whole Art Mastery Systems* share typologies, archetypes, themes, stories, paradigms, patterns, values and qualities used to story this *Way of Light*. I described the *Wild Way* as an artisan mastery system (Drengson 2004, 2010a).

### **Light Trinity**

Whole Arts are Ways to Ultimate Transformation conveyed through stories, practices, symbols and typologies using natural distinctions. Christian Wisdom Teachings have three icons: *Father, Son and Holy Spirit* forming a unified *Trinity of Rituals, Ceremonies, and Practices*. Each element has multiple levels of meaning and can lead to deep insights through practices, actions, rituals and ceremonies. One *Light Trinity* is *body, mind, and spirit*. Another, for powers and functions, is *affective, cognitive, and spiritual*. A third is *Hand, Head, and Heart*. Each of these has unifying triads. We recognize these distinctions in daily experiences. They can be demonstrated with ritual movements, and illustrated conceptually with three overlapping circles as used for Aristotelian logic class diagrams.

This *Light* account uses the triad, trinity, threefold Christian pattern. *Trinity* members each have three quality-features. The Complete System has nine features, elements and practices, thus, it is a Nine-Fold Way. This system is vaguely like the nine dimensions of reality in the Old Norse World-Tree System, and in some *Shamanic Nature-Spirits* ceremonial journeying systems (Harner 1986, Metzner 1994). Shamanic traditions have three *Experiential Realms* Jesus visited, as the Lower, Middle and Upper Worlds. Each *Realm* has divisions and places that vary with tradition. The *Jewish Mystical Kabala* has a ten dimension cosmology. *Sufism* has a similar complexity.

Some stories say Jesus lived at times in Galilee in a Jewish Gnostic artisan, trading community. From trading, they also were familiar with many other cultural and spiritual practices, including the Yogas of India. Stories in India say Jesus practiced *Yoga Arts* there during his missing years. His Galilean community was open to communication and trade. (See Jane Jacobs (1985) and her other writings on the culture and influence of trading communities.)

For the *Way of Light*, *Reality* is inherently creative. Each moment, person and being is filled with vast possibilities in every place. Reality is rich in freedom with vast potentials. The Universe is not a mechanistic Newtonian clock. *Ways of light* brim with Einsteinian and Naessian *Possibilisms*. In this

Cosmology, Reality is all possibilities: “Anything can happen!” Every moment *is* Creation! Creation is not in the past and over and done with. Creation is timeless and ever present.

The *Light Way* supports justice, peace, nonviolence, reconciliation, communion, and spiritual realization. We celebrate diversity, individual freedom, unique persons and beings. We honor the *Divine Mystery* in each being. This is a *Way* of respect, reverence and revelation, bountiful in compassion, community and creativity; it is joyful in freedom and fulfillment. Its *Value Quality Spectrums* are abundant, whole and rich. Their beauty, harmony and joy grow in *Spiritual Wealth*. Spiritual Wealth expands when shared. Material use and consumption have natural limits. Spiritual Ways are positive upward, outward and inward spirals, and they expand in the three realms to nine dimensions. “The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” Jesus

### **Light Way as Constellation**

The *Trinity is a Nine-Fold Constellation* with these Value-Qualities: Beauty, communion, creativity, freedom, harmony, joy, insight, love, and wisdom. We use an experimental approach to spiritual practices: E.g. we practice each day to see the results in ourselves and others. For instance, we greet each person we meet with positive engagement every day.

### **Light Trinity**

The Trinity symbol for *Harmony, Insight and Love* is a white diamond-heart center, with three rainbow pie-like wedges around a central design. Major elements have mythic esoteric symbols.

### **Trinity Principles**

- I.** Live lightly while giving Light to others feeling full connections: *Hand-Body-Affective*.
- II.** Live by Light of the Sun’s Wisdom and conceptual insights: *Head-Mind-Cognitive*.
- III.** Live by Light of Spiritual Insight and intuitive sense: *Heart-Core-Spiritual*.

### **Light Nine-Fold System**

**I.** Hand-Body-Affective: Live Lightly giving Light to others (Symbol: blue-green Earth with aura) Head-Hand-Heart: *Appreciation*

- 1. Few possessions, low consumption, healing-saving ways of life, giving positive energy to others
- 2. Few desires, simple, joyful lifestyles with positive impacts, lighthearted and fun
- 3. Light footprint, high life quality, ways of least force, a liquid light like Taoist *wu wei*

**II.** Head-Mind-Cognitive: Live by Light of the Sun’s Wisdom (Symbol: Sun as Sign of inner light) Body-Mind-Core: *Understanding*

- 4. Balancing full light spectrum in Sunlight’s mysteries
- 5. Sun’s white light in rainbows of diversity, mystic prism analogues
- 6. Daily solar budget for energy sustainability

**III.** Heart-Core-Spiritual: Live by Light of Spiritual Insight and intuitive sense (Symbol: personal aura/glow and rainbow) Affective-Cognitive-Spiritual: *Wisdom*

- 7. Live by love and illumination, *act beautifully* free of energy depleting negative shadows
- 8. Ecstatic, joyful, positive feelings, attuning with others to *Nature*, playful, Light-filled beings
- 9. Actualizing *Christos* as complete illumination in *Divine Mystery Source* (*an old saying is: Visibilia ex Invisibilibus: the visible arises from the mysterious positive darkness*)

### **Cosmic Illumination as Ever-Present Radiance**

Royal (*raja*) Spiritual Paths open *Cosmic Consciousness*. This *illumination* was manifested in the West by Hildegard, Teresa, St. Francis, De Vinci, William Blake, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman and

multitudes of others; in the East, by Lao Tzu, Confucius, Nagarjuna, Aurobindo, Rabindranath Tagore, Dogen, Ueshiba and multitudes more. In the *Gnostic Gospels*, Love has such forms such as eros, agape, filial, romantic, conjugal, compassionate, philos, and fraternal. Ways of Light unify loving energies to realize joy, harmony and luminous glow! In these unified Creative Powers we commune with spiritual communities in Nature bringing love and light to community Home Places. (On Whole Arts Mastery see Drengson 1983 and Leonard 1991.)

*Love-Light* unity optimizes *energy flow*. As *Archetype Jesus* exemplifies *Love as Compassion* to reach *Christos*. He and Mary (Magdalene) did Tantra-type Yoga to merge with *Light Flow*. “Two are one” is an *esoteric* meaning of “marriage” as a Mystical Symbol for Complete Cosmic Unity. We unify and harmonize male *and* female energies in ourselves and with others. We activate unity (*tantra*) alone, with another person, and in group rituals. There are countless Ways to Actualize Light Unity Glow. Hindu traditions call fully unified awareness “*sat-chit-ananda*,” that is, perfect being, wisdom and bliss, or Glowing Radiant Awareness. Sexual union has bonding, health benefits, and can be spiritually enlightening. Artisan Spiritual Ways are practiced alone, with partners, in a community and with other beings. Humans can project loving energy to any being, even to rocks.

**NB** There are negative *and* positive “dark sides.” *Negative* “dark sides” arise from evading or blocking *Divine Energy*. Some global problems reflect megaprojects with all consuming power-over, impoverished mono-culturing mental-physical systems. By pressing for only one global development philosophy for everyone, some Religions try to be the one and only faith for all. All values are then one-dimensional monocultures. We focus here on *positive light and darkness*. Negative light and darkness are discussed elsewhere.

### **Appreciation as Blessing**

The *Light Way* is a *Heart Path* of gratitude, appreciation, respect and blessing. It is a way of peace, nonviolence, social and ecological responsibility. It is a *Whole Art Path of Spiritual* integration, balance and unity. It accepts and is symbiotic, not judgmental or competitive.

Each being has unique gifts from *Divine Creation*. *Ways of Light* treat all persons-beings with respect, appreciation and kindness. We want all to be free, joyful, loving and celebratory. We *act beautifully* and give positive energy to others to help them lighten their burdens and find joy. This is a Mission of Grateful Appreciation.

Infants and children are sensitive like delicate seedlings: They need nurturing, appreciation, stimulation, darkness, rest and light to mature. *Negative* “Dark Shadows” result from not being aware of our *Divine Nature*. Childhood injuries, traumas, accidents, misguided education and negative parenting can be multigenerational. All malfunctions and injuries can be healed! *Every person can be well and whole*. King Ashoka of India was a warrior who led many battles; but he became a Buddhist dedicated to peace and nonviolence in his later years. (On healing childhood injuries see Alice Miller in Drengson and Taylor 2009 pp 181-185, and her website.)

### **Diverse Forms of Love are Great Treasures**

*Earth's Beings* need sustainable, ecologically responsible, nonviolent practices for thriving diverse species and flourishing communities with rich cultures. (Laszlo 1996, Morito 2002, Naess 2002, Wright 2004.) *Whole Arts Spiritual Ways* cultivate harmony with others in *home places*. We can recover our natural, playful, *spontaneous wild nature* free from repression, bad conditioning, fear, craving, and anger. The *Earth* is blessed with individual, cultural, linguistic, spiritual, biological and ecological *diversity*. Many positive grass-roots movements are helping to resolve local, regional and global problems.

We solve problems more easily if optimistic and light-hearted. We are healthier when positive and cheerful. We can make small contributions *daily* to solving local, regional and global problems. We are most effective when cheerful, positive and cooperative. “Anything is possible!” We value accord and diversity. We improve our relationships via attuning Light Ways. We are kind, loving, and compassionate in our actions. We transcend cravings and power addictions and let them go; we inquire, learn and improve throughout life. Each day is a new beginning!

*Light Artisans* support the three global grass-roots movements for 1) peace and nonviolence, 2) social justice, and 3) ecological responsibility. *Nature* heals from positive actions. We approach environmental problems using *Four Levels* of discourse and articulation to aid communication and cooperation. They are: 1. Ultimate Values and Nature of the World Premises in Worldviews; 2. Platform Principles of Global Movements; 3. Local Policies; and 4. Individual Practical Actions. We support International, Grass Roots Movements and NGOs working to solve global, regional *and* local problems. Worldviews, cultures, policies and personal philosophies are adapted to local places by multitudes of beings. (Typology here is from Naess’ “Apron Diagram,” see Drenghson and Devall 2008, pp. 33 ff., and *SWAN 10*, 9 pp 75-81.)

### **Wise Care**

We give *TLC* to family, friends and community, improving relationships and *Total Life Quality*. Society improves as we and our friends raise the quality of life in families, neighborhoods, and communities. The more integrated and whole we are, the more we can raise *Life Quality*. By increased awareness we act with even greater care and compassion. We change to sustainable material, energy and resources. We use the sustainable *light energy* of geothermal, wind, tide and Sun that daily blesses us; we move away from the dark shadows of fossil fuel and the traps of nuclear power. Each day we help to remove bad technologies and their effects. We remove and recycle plastics from the land, lakes, streams and oceans. Group collection projects clean junk from beaches, lakes and streams. These and other positive actions lighten our impacts on society, other beings and the Earth, this is *active wise caring love*.

The *Path of Jesus Love* inspires *Ways of Light* free from exploitation and control. *Light Artisans* bring pleasure, joy and beauty even to lives darkened by shame, fear, anger and guilt. *Light Paths* are unique ways to know the *Deep Self as Christos* (like *Buddha Nature*). We act with beauty and harmony, and our inner and outer flowers open; our *glow* warms and attracts others. We give positive energy to other people and beings. The more Spirit we share, the more Spiritual Energy there is to share. Positive acts have spiraling effects moving both in and out; they are not just ripples on a pond, but have deep multiple Cosmic effects.

### **Blest by Diverse Ways**

Ways of Light, the Wild Way, Zen, Shinto, Taoism, the Diamond Way of Tibet, the Navaho Beauty Way are all wise Ecological Approaches. They show how quality of relationships creates who we are. We are aware on many levels, for we know “the front for positive change is long and deep.” We encourage and support religious and spiritual diversity in multilingual, multicultural, global and local relationships. We lovingly dwell in *Home Places* giving positive light energy to our companions and other beings.

By Wise dwelling, we inhabit a place with commitment, as permanent members of its ecological communities and ecosystems. We increase our feelings for our place’s wisdom, using practices to sustain and support the many beings and habitats in these *home places*. Dwelling, nest and abode are closely related to a *sense of home place*.

By cooperating we solve problems of mutual concern; we put our houses in order as responsible consumers. We treat others with respect as future allies. As Jesus said in the *Sermon on the Mount*: “Judge not, lest ye be not judged...” for “By their fruits ye shall know them...” and “as ye judge, so ye

shall be judged,” (that is, by your own negative judgments). Negative judgments limit most those who make them. No one grows in stature or heart by putting others down.

A Guiding Artisan Light Story is the Way of the Sun, for it gives to all beings clean, free energy, warmth and illumination. Knowing how Sunlight moves and creates is a rich source of Artisan know-how and wisdom. The *Light Story of the Sun* tells us how beings and humans receive nurturing cosmic energy. The *Ultimate Source*, like the Sun, gives all beings rainbow spectrums of *Diverse Value Qualities*. We praise Sol’s wisdom as “*Solarsophia*,” with gratitude, in ceremonies, celebratory gatherings and communions. The *Ultimate Source*, like the Sun, gives us the moons, suns and stars and all beings that arise.

### **Light’s Creative Cosmology**

*Ways of Light* create positive relationships with *Nature*, other people and between cultures. They are liberating Spiritual Paths with *exoteric and esoteric* practices to actualize Christos Cosmic Awareness. Harmony, love and nonviolence center these Ways, as revealed by the Gnostic and Jeffersonian Gospels (see Appendix 2 for the Jefferson *Mount Sermon*). The ethic of love and forgiveness transcends tribal retribution. As esoteric teachings, they have a Soteriological Spiritual Key. New Testament and other Gospels are a Story of Complete Spiritual development. It begins in the Old Testament “Garden of Eden” and is completed by the New Testament “Sermon on the Mount.” The Cross symbolizes that Christos Transformation is an Ultimate Spiritual Realization. Its esoteric meaning is as a story of Spiritual Fulfillment. The full story is about cultivating Spiritual Disciplines in *Artisan Traditions of Spiritual Mastery*.

*Spontaneous Spiritual Awareness* is free, open, creative and nonviolent. Spirit lives in the present; religions can get lost in the past and in dreams of a future heaven. Deep Spiritual Life is not about control. Spiritual Life respects the Authentic Spiritual Ways of each person-being. Spiritual Life is humble, modest, nonjudgmental and nonviolent; it values kindness, love and compassion. It is not greedy or power hungry. Authentic Spiritual persons live in harmony. Their Spiritual Paths are journeys of discovery, transcendence and communion. Spiritual Ways, like that of Jesus, are joyfully expressed in daily lives *unique* to each person and place, like the “flowers of the fields.” In the *Mount Sermon* He says, “Behold the lilies of the field, how they grow; neither do they toil, nor do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these...” (Matthew 6, 28-29). The *Mount Sermon* is the single most complete account of *Jesus’ Way of Love as Light*. (See Appendix 2.)

Zen, and other Meditation Traditions note that texts and doctrines can impede Authentic Spiritual Awareness. Doctrinaire Religions create Systems for Institutional Control. Doctrinal orthodoxy fails to recognize that the spiritual practices of other people and cultures can have different expressions, aims and realizations, and yet be compatible with many others. There are shared and unique features in Spiritual Life. *Spiritual Realization* is unique, even though *Ultimate Reality* is *Universal Creative Energy in Mysterious Darkness*. *Creation* is rich with multitudes of diverse individuals, beings and Ways. There are vast numbers of ways to share, map and story values, lands, spaces, times and subjects.

### **Sacred Ways in Places**

*Ways of Light* respect each Person’s unique Holy Way and they foster conciliation. They welcome diverse cosmologies, worldviews and life philosophies. They support cultural diversity and spiritual freedom. Millions of spiritual flowers are blooming! Ways of Light applaud the regular and Special Olympics as wonderful examples of diversity in qualitative appreciation, for great variety in cultivated athletic activities based on diverse and unique physical forms, with alternative patterns of movement, technical designs, disciplines of attention.

In Ways of Light, and other Ecological Approaches, Reality is inherently creative. Every moment, person and being is filled with vast possibilities, and every place is sacred. Reality is rich in freedom, with fabulous potentials. The Universe is not a mechanistic Newtonian clock but is more like living beings and ecosystems. *Ways of light* are consistent with Einsteinean and Naessian *Possibilisms* of contemporary and ancient *Cosmologies*. Creative Reality is all possibilities: “Anything can happen!”

### **Creative Cosmic Illumination**

*Ways of Light* awaken *Christos Awareness* and community. Their activities and ceremonies *share* appreciation, compassion, love and Communion. *Christos Awareness* is *Enlightened Compassion*. Jesus’ Way to Christos is active Love and Joy, with no “original sin.” *Sacred Divine Nature* is integrated, creative and loving. *Light* followers are a “light unto themselves” and the world, as Christ, Buddha and other guides have shown. They glow with bliss and are joyful. (See, Harpur 2004, Freke and Gandy 2001, 2003, Meyer 1986, 2004.)

### **Myths as Archetypal Spiritual Guides**

The crucifixion story as *Archetypal Myth* symbolizes the death of the ego-self (*Jesus*) and birth of the *Cosmic Self* (*Christos*) transcending history. *Resurrection*, as birth of *Christos*, is unconditioned *Perfect Awareness* (like *Great Mind*). This is an *Ultimate Spiritual Transformation*, for (like Jesus) we unite in the timeless *Christos Presence*, and mountains and rivers dance! We are *One in Christos* (as an experience of Spiritual Light) but differ in personal history. Diverse flakes of snow flow as water when thawed by the Sun. *Christos* transcends the finite, personal, historical and cultural. Vast numbers of personal selves are unified in the *Christos Sacred Presence*. Christos is comparable to the light of Buddha Nature and Hindu Atman.

We sacrifice the historical ego (Jesus, Siddhartha, John), to transcend history and embrace transformation to reach *Christos Ultimate Reality*. This is Archetypal for the Communion of Ultimate Transformation. The archetypal interpretation liberates and empowers. The literal version can be repressive and create a negative “*destructive dark shadow*.” The literal, one-dimensional version misses the *Story’s Deeper Levels*: Its Multifaceted Universal Spiritual Meaning is the transformation to Christ Consciousness open to all. Christos is inclusive, not sectarian. It is communal, universal and Cosmic. It is trans-historical, transpersonal and transcultural. It is shared perennial wisdom and ceremonial communion; we sing, dance and move together in synchrony. Jesus as personae is a loving, kind, nonviolent way to transform to Christos. (On Multicentrism see Weston 2006.)

*Christos Awareness* can shine in anyone, in any place or time. Its *Eternal Presence* does not age. There is no one and only one time elected elite. The “chosen few” *doctrine* from the Middle East is related to annual sacrifices made to the Gods for community benefit. A human or animal was a symbolic sacred ceremonial offering made for everyone. Ceremonial activities do not require that beings or persons die in order to be effective. A Divine Mystery is that Ceremonies change reality and our spirit, even though symbolic. Thus, we can transform a killing martial art (*Bushido*) into a way of peace (*Budo*), through the *ceremonial nonviolent practice of an art and its techniques*. The Japanese Martial Art of *Aikido* is a peaceful spiritual discipline whose practices transform the warlike Martial Spirit into a spirit of strength, peace and harmony. Alchemy and shamanism also have these transformational practices and ceremonies. Reflective self awareness can lead us to awareness and fear of death with denial and to other negative reactions. (See Varki and Brower 2013).

### **Christos Transformation Ongoing**

Jesus shows how *Christos Transformation* connects us with the Divine Source which is continuous Creation. We transcend imagined temporal constraints to enter a timeless perfection here and now. This Eden is a new Heaven, but now we are deeply aware. We do not leave the Earth to unify with this *Timeless Presence*. *Holy Light Energy Circuits* heal and empower us to joyfully celebrate *Creation* as sacred and good. We can see, feel and enter this *Light* through Tantra Yogas and by other ceremonial practices and rituals here and now. This *End of Time* completes all cycles and culminates in *Ultimate Transformation*. This “Kingdom is always at hand.” Creation is always present!

The *Easter Ceremony* symbolizes and reenacts dawning spiritual illumination as a reawakening seasonal rebirth of life. *Eos* is the goddess of dawn, and so the dawn’s direction is named *East* for Her. *East* is symbolically rich, as the dawn of a new day, and a New Year, with winter’s end (in the Northern hemisphere). The year end is marked by the *solstice* and the *Sun’s* return, symbolizing the *Source* in *Cosmic Cycles* of eternal change and renewal. The temporal realms *and* seasons are historical periods in an *eternal* realm of sacred cycles within ever smaller and larger spheres. We can experience them as we are both historical (profane) and divine (sacred). We are *Jesus and Christos as stages*, like sleeping and awakening. We are in time and yet can open to the timeless. We have vast possibilities in the dawn of spiritual illumination.

The new day, New Year, new life, new light and new man, are *Christos* story-icons for these multiple illuminating transformations (Nicoll 1976). There are many visible and invisible dimensions to what we call time, e.g. temporal, timeless, eternal, and beyond; the same is true for space with its many dimensions and places, for higher levels of awareness and for depth in profound feelings. There are other *Ways* with deep, rich, complex value-quality archetypes such as tones, chords, melodies, rhythms, octaves, prisms and spectrums. (See Appendix 1)

### **Light as Spiritual Creation**

The *Light Way* activates and integrates spiritual powers in summits of mastery and ecstasy. We share joy, love and harmony in beautiful actions. *Mastery* of skills, arts and self-realizations transcend ego. They have creative, practical *and* spiritual *Aims*. Each *Creative Art aims* for products, utilities, aesthetic and spiritual qualities and values. *Whole Arts Work* leads to whole persons with multi-valued dimensions of feelings and objects; these wholesome benefits increase aesthetic and ecosophic worth, with ever more beautiful actions, performances and objects. They can grow and deepen without limit. Their growth is geometric rather than linear.

*Light Arts* create useful objects, services and whole persons, healthy communities, natural harmony and beauty. They facilitate beautiful actions, ecological wisdom and communion. Their life-long commitments, engagements, practices and activities increase value sets to higher quality dimensions in local communities in the world. Advanced *qualitative value spectrums* add worth to life as a whole. *Light Whole Arts* are ecologically sound, debt free, honorable ways of life in harmony with *Nature*. Their values, such as communion and symbiosis, are limitless.

When we share and appreciate Love, Harmony, Joy and Beauty, this increases total cosmic worth. Higher values enlarge and increase *when shared*; they are local, global, and universal. They are *transformative*. Their positive quality spirals increase values rather than shrinking or destroying them. *Transformative processes are profound changes in kinds and types of qualities, each with new dimensions and diverse measures*. *Creative Transformation* is not mere linear change, but ever increases richness in multiple levels of value-kinds. Changes in quality lead to higher levels, and types adding new *kinds of value and quality diversity*.

### **Ultimate Reality is Spiritual Creation**

Perennial Wisdom teachings as Ways of Spiritual Awakening are conveyed esoterically with parables, allegories and myths. Those who know by first-hand experiences are spiritually realized and were called “Gnostics,” which means “experienced knower.” Gnostics experience the Spiritual Dimensions of human life by esoteric initiations, ceremonies, and other spiritual rituals. They know God is a Mystery and everywhere. Reality experienced totally here and now is deep, complex, and ever changing in *Creation*. (New kinds of creation are ever being created.) (Harpur 2004, Freke and Gandy 2001, 2003)

*Reality is Creative*, open-ended and multi-storied; it is filled with great richness, on every level, in every direction and to all degrees. Our spontaneous experiences are so rich, complex, and deep, they are beyond *all* languages, formulas and systems (Naess 2002). *Ultimate Reality* is not centrally controlled; there are *Centers of Divine Plenitude everywhere*. We become knowers (Gnostics) by opening our hearts and whole being to the *Light*. Thus, this *Gnosis* is not a doctrine, but *direct Spiritual Ways to know Ultimate Reality*. There are Multitudes of Ways to experientially know (*gnosis*) the Source as Ultimate Spiritual Reality; one is by non-egoic free-flowing creative unity awareness.

*Ultimate Reality* and wisdom are everywhere and omnipresent. Truth, insight and knowledge can illuminate us where or whoever we are when we are open. The *Creator is Creation* ever bringing forth worlds rich in unique, diverse persons, beings, experiences, species, life qualities, value complexes, communities, cultures, worlds, solar systems and galaxies. This diversity of religions, worldviews and cosmologies is a great treasure of the whole Earth of *Cosmic Significance!* Its worth is beyond measure, and like biological and ecological diversity appreciated and treasured by the *Ecological Approaches*. (See William James’ survey of the *Varieties of Religious Experience*, and Naess 2008/2010.)

### **Infinite Gifts of Christos**

*Christos (Christ)* is revealed in spontaneous unity awareness. *Living Energy is Universal*; it is one and many depending on vantage point. *Circuits* of spiritual energy are *Light Rivers* we are born into when ready. By esoteric baptism and initiation, we become intimately aware here and now. *Transforming Spiritual Ways* are current, fresh and diverse like the “flowers of the field in all their glory...” These timeless *Creative Processes* are manifest in *white light* ‘s many-colored rainbow gifts. The *gift of tongues* is in creative dialects, poetry, song and jazz flowing in the present, not in dead words from the past. The *five senses are Holy Forms of Sacred Unity*, each with creative Artisan Mastery Ways; there are multitudes of Taos and Yogas. (See Appendix 1)

### **Wealth in Sacred Spiritual Jewels**

For this Light Story Jesus is an Archetype of the Human Spiritual Journey. His story, like Siddhartha’s, reveals that we each can live in Unique Ways and Places, and also realize *Sacred Divinity* where ever we are *here and now*. The cross center, where the axes meet, is the *Now of Eternal Presence*. This *zero* is the “Beginning and End of Time.” This moving present is where the eternal (sacred-holy) and temporal (profane-historical) meet, not in the past that is no more, nor in a future yet to be. *Christos* is *Perfect Awareness*; it is complete and lacks nothing. We know our home and *true Self* as if for the first time, when we discover this *Jewel of Creative Transformation* within. Ultimate Reality is deeply personal and radically present; it is not in a distant land or the future. We are drawn to the *Timeless Light* which symbolizes intelligence, wisdom, perfection and bliss. The “weight and burden of time” ends with the small self boundaries when we enter the *Christos*. All are perfect in this Edenic-Kingdom of Heaven. There are many other related mythic symbols for the *sacred*, such as tones, sound chords, octaves, golden-fleeces, magic lamps, magic words, mantras, mystic sounds, chakras, gems and mysterious gates. “Amen” is from a mantra and like *Om* symbolizes all sounds; it is beginning and end, all encompassing, i.e., the “alpha and omega.”

### **Christos Universal**

What Jesus and Siddhartha realized we each can find. The *Light of Christos* (or Buddha-Nature) can shine in each of us. As Jesus said in the *Sermon on the Mount*, “Ye are the *Light* of the world.” “Love one another, love God and do good even for those who harm ye...” Buddha showed we can “Be lights unto ourselves and others.” They each showed us the humanly possible. Through spiritual discipline we are transformed, but no one else can perfect us. We cannot purchase or get this from belief alone. All persons can be or are holy-deities in the Christos. Christos Cosmic Consciousness opens through Spiritual Work that reaches and shares this *Presence* with others in a blessed Kingdom.

As sentient, self aware, *Spiritual Beings* we share the same *Creative Source* (also called God, Mother, Father or Parent). We are *Relatives*, or *Spiritual* brothers and sisters. We share Aware Creative Power, Energy and Love in Ways of Light. Creative energy circles and cycles have multiple levels in *Ultimate Reality*. These are hidden and revealed by *esoteric* symbols, metaphors, allegories, mandalas and other icons. *Ultimate Reality is Creative* and manifests in *diverse* aware beings all around us, from the smallest snail, to gigantic whales, and beyond them in all directions, even in dust motes seen as planets and stars in beams of light. There are infinite treasures in Creation!

Multicultural Myths can reveal Cosmologies, worldviews and personal philosophies with vast numbers of Ways to joy, illumination and *glow*. There are multitudes of diverse Ways to realize deep meaning with joy, beauty and harmony. There are endless degrees of awareness and forms of development, in every direction, on every level, in astoundingly ever richer worlds. *As Jesus said*, “In my Father’s house there are many mansions!” And Buddha said, “There are worlds within worlds!” These profound sayings lead us to seek the deep insights in *subtle esoteric stories*. The *narrative home* for *Spiritual Life* is in multifaceted symbols, metaphors, allegories and poetry. *Storied Spiritual Homes* are also in music, dance, art, ceremony and ritual. By reducing distraction, noise and conflict, we can have calm openings to rich multiple worlds.

### **Inspiration as Energy**

We communicate with humans and nonhumans and share understanding, insight, and communion. There are rich forms of meaning even in our everyday languages for feelings, emotions, reasons, and perceptions. Each has structures of relations to the others, with unique forms of creative power in feelings, functions and intelligences. The *Five Senses* each have *Systematic Ways of Mastery* (Yogas, Taos or Dos). There are multiple spectrums of values for every *sense, power* and *function*; each with octaves and rainbow spectrums in value qualities, each with infinite creative possibilities. *Living Light Worlds* shine and illuminate these diverse dimensions with multiple spectrums of qualities and values. Creative Imagination is a Divine Power to wisely use for all. (Appendix 1)

The *Living Present* is filled with diverse intelligent sentient creative beings, who respond to our attention, actions and feelings. For *Christos Artisans* the future is open with vast possibilities. The *determinism* that haunted Modernity is not in the Creative Cosmologies of the Ecological Paradigms and Light Ways. High Quality joyful life does not need lots of things, power over others, or control of Nature. Gentle Light Paths are filled with meaning, love, beauty and harmony. We can have great life satisfaction and happiness with modest consumption of material things (Naess 2002).

### **Cosmology of Creative Transformations**

In *Ways of Light* we know our purposes, values, and *home places* with ever more clarity and depth. Our stories have direction and make sense. We are confident and effective and live wisely with care. We are positive, supportive and cheerful. This blessed awareness brings light and ease to daily life. Our joyful *glow* influences others by attraction; we become beacons of light. We respect unique Ways to realize truth, meaning, depth, and joy since ultimate reality is ongoing *Spiritual Transformation*. We start spirals of positive change by quiet example. Our glow inspires and ignites radiance in others. Light’s beauty and harmony brings joyful peace to our home places. *Light Ways* infuse us with love’s transforming energies.

Light Ways are open to each being. (See Naess 2002 pp. 179-180 on glow.) We each can do experimental philosophical and spiritual work to see how concepts, practices and actions work in daily life in home places and relationships. When aware of these creative capacities, we realize an ultimate joy of life on Earth: In Light Cosmologies, there are Divine Centers of Creation we can participate in everywhere. In every place there are mother lodes of treasure. In *Sacred Journey 3* (1979) I wrote, “As within, so without, as the empty, so the full, as above, so below; each contains the principles, each contains the whole” (p. 67); and “See the starlight of your sign, in the daylight of clear mind; keep your journey one, follow the stainless Sun.” (p. 85). One sun is integrity and purpose.

*Ways of Light* are alive with harmony and ecological wisdom (*ecosophy*). They are liberating and creative. Christos Artisans unify with Nature using Creative Imagination to share and create diverse sacred treasures. The *Way of Light Whole Art* is a Path of beauty, harmony and joy. We live and act completely, and are always “in the beginning...” Acting beautifully goes beyond what is merely required, as we add more value to whatever we are doing, since we go beyond the morally required. We act with consideration and enlarged generosity. As Naess said, by acting beautifully, our actions have greater impact with multiple effects. This holds for *beauty* in the cultures surveyed by Sartwell (2006). Beauty’s dimensions go beyond the ordinary and expected, to reveal qualities we appreciate, and are amazed by for their multiple, higher and different levels of worth.

**NB** See Sartwell’s 2006 study of the words for “beauty” in six different cultures. He compares the words for beauty to our English word: These words are the Greek “to kalon,” Japanese “wabi-sabi,” Hebrew “yapha,” Navaho ‘hozho,” and Sanskrit “sundara.” On beautiful actions see Naess 2008/2010 in *Ecology of Wisdom* pp 133-139.

## **Appendix 1: Artisan Mastery Series**

### **Exploring Cosmologies with Spectrums of Qualities, Powers, Functions and Capacities as Ways of Artanship**

The Artisan Mastery Series features articles, monographs and books on the artisan crafts using the archetypes and paradigms described in traditions and cultures around the world. The aim is to explore the archetypal figures or icons as a way to characterize artanship as applied in different places to materials and subjects, (see **B** below) in addition to a special focus on the five senses outlined below.

**A.** Here are some Key Symbols and Practices for each Sense and its Qualities (Ackerman 1990).

Each Sense Spectrum has octaves and patterns of qualities as named, e.g. there are 8 sounds or notes in the auditory scale, or 12 with sharps, etc. All qualities go from physical to spiritual. (**NB** Add more quality and value features?)

\**Way of Sight*, Seeing, White Light (master) as *all colors* in spectrum, the contrary or complement is darkness; lightscapes, color wheels. Wholesome practices give the gifts to sight.

\**Way of Sound*, Hearing, White Sound (master) as spectrum of all sounds, contrary or complement is silence; soundscapes. Wholesome practices give the gifts to hearing.

\**Way of Odors*, Smelling, White Odor is all smells in spectrum, contrary or complement is no odor; odorscapes. The gift of aromas is facility in fragrances. It becomes whole through, for example, aromatherapy. The gift of fragrances is a virtuoso entry to other worlds and memories.

\**Way of Feeling*, Tactile, White Feeling contains whole spectrum, contrary or complement is neutral. The wholeness of feeling is the gift of unity to sense in touching.

\**Way of Taste*, Tasting, White Taste is full spectrum of tastes and flavors, contrary or complement is no taste; neutral. The gift of taste is in the unity and wholesomeness of flavors for balance and health.

Unity and order for all powers and forces is *zero point* compared to no self nature as fixed; two forces of plus (yang) and minus (yin) balance at zero. (Consider “synesthesia” see Ackermann 1990, pp 237 ff.)

The Four Powers in many Sacred Ways are: *Spiritual* as unifying awareness and intuition, *Cognitive* as conceptual and intellectual, *Aesthetic* as emotional and sensual, and *Physical* as movement and sensation. (See Dregson 2010a *Wild Way Home*.)

**B.** The main Artisan Mastery Systems using Archetypal Artisan icons are: Warrior, journeyer, builder, gardener, healer, carpenter, blacksmith, weaver, potter, hunter, tracker-scout, fisher, and farmer. Each of these has rich oral traditions of stories and myths. Each can be organized in a cosmology. For example, the Hunter uses *Orion* as a mythic symbol to develop a mythology with archetypes and other icons in a cosmology system. The current horoscope is a fragment of what was once an artisan cosmology. (A friend thinks of himself as a hunter in all his work related settings.)

### **Appendix 2 Sermon on the Mount**

President Thomas Jefferson was also a scholar of the Bible’s New Testament. He compared four versions of the New Testament texts in *English, French, Latin* and *Greek*. By painstaking scholarship, he sorted out the conflicting texts and messages in the four New Testament Gospels as they appear in the standard Bible. He concluded that the *Authentic Gospels* teach deep spiritual love (Mitchell 1991). He rejected as inauthentic, the authoritarian, mean-minded sayings as work scribes had done for authorities. His project, now called the “Jefferson Bible,” was worked on while he was U.S. President from 1801 to 1809. It was not published in his lifetime. Jefferson’s work was done before the discovery of the *Nag Hammadi Library*.

The *Nag-Hammadi Library* texts were found in 1945 buried in the desert in Egypt; their translation into several languages, including English, and their study by scholars, has radically changed our views of early Christianity. These texts suggest a more Gnostic spiritual orientation consistent with the trading community of Galilee; as traders, they were aware of other cultures by contact with people from other places such as Greece and India.

I consider the *Mount Sermon* a key text in the New Testament, and I savor Jefferson’s version. This Mount Sermon version is a treasure to widely share. (See Roche 1964 for the full Jefferson Bible story and its final text.)

### ***Sermon on the Mount: Thomas Jefferson’s Version***

[6] **Mt. 5/1** And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

**2** And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

**3** Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Mt. 5/4** Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

**5** Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

**6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

- 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for the righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted were they the prophets which were born before you.
- 24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.
- 25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.
- 26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.
- Mt. 5/13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- [7] 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
- 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
- 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven
- Mt. 5/21** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shall not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement:
- 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee;
- 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
- [8] 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whilst thou are in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.
- 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

- 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:  
28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
- Mt. 5/29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
- 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
- 31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:
- 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put way his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.
- 33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto Lord thine oaths:
- 34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:  
[9] 35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great king.
- 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.
- 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whosoever is more than these cometh of evil.
- 38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:  
**Mt. 5/39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.
- 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
- 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow from thee turn not thou away.
- 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
- 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- 45 That ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the fool, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46 For if thee love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
- 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans so?
- [10] **L. 6/34** And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thanks have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
- L. 6/35** But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

- 36** But be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- Mt. 6/1** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen by them: otherwise ye have no reward from your Father which is in heaven.
- 2** Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- 3** But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
- 4** That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
- 5** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- 6** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
- Mt. 6/7** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
- 8** Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- [11] **9** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed by thy name.
- 10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- 11** Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- 13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- 14** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- 15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- 16** Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- 17** But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
- 18** That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.
- Mt. 6/19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- 20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- 21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- 22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
- [12] **23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

- 24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- 25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?
- 26** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. And ye are not much better than they?
- 27** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- Mt. 6/28** And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- 29** And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- 31** Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32** (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 34** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
- [13] **Mt. 7/1** Judge not, that ye be not judged.
- 2** For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
- L. 6/38** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.
- Mt. 7/3** And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- 4** Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
- 5** Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.
- 6** Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.
- 7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 9** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask for bread, will he give him a stone?
- 10** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11** If ye then, bring evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?
- 12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

- [14] **Mt. 7/13** Enter thee in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- 14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
- 15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- 16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
- Mt. 12/35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
- 36** But I say unto ye, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement.
- Mt. 12/37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
- Mt. 7/24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- 25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.
- [15] **26** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- 27** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon the house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.
- 28** And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine.
- 29** For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- Mt. 8/1** When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.
- Mk. 6/6** And he went round about the villages, teaching.

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