

# Saviour of Souls

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## Invocation:

Dear brethren, we would raise your thoughts, your aspirations to the heaven world; and in company with those whom you love who are with you in spirit, we ask the Almighty Spirit of love, wisdom and power to bless this little gathering with a glimpse of the loveliness of spirit life. May He who is all love, whom mankind\* worships as the Light of the World and Saviour of mankind, manifest to each waiting, receptive soul during this hour of communion.  
Amen.

*[\*For editorial policy on gender issues, see the introduction.]*

Brethren of our spirit, we speak to you through a human instrument. It is as though we are speaking into a human microphone, as well as a material one, for our voice to be recorded on matter for earthly people to hear. People of today have become familiar with so-called tape recordings, but they are a crude demonstration of what is taking place with every passing moment of time. These etheric tape recordings are called the akashic records. Nothing on the physical plane goes unrecorded. Did not the Master Jesus say: 'Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.'\* This will seem difficult for you to understand, particularly when the mind is eager all the time to reason out and to test everything which is said. There are, however, many things which the eager, physical brain can never comprehend because in itself it is not an efficient instrument. Man needs something more than intellect, if he would understand the mysteries of the invisible world and of the akashic records.

*[\*Matthew 10 : 29-30]*

We could give a number of talks on the akashic records, and in time we shall add to what has been already said and what we are now about to say on this subject. But do understand that while men search the desert places for lost scrolls and hidden manuscripts—which of course are valuable because they reveal the past to a certain extent—yet when man has unfolded the God-given powers within himself, the akashic records will become a vast library of knowledge upon which he can draw. It is truths such as these recorded on the ether that the ancient schools, called mystery schools, were able to draw upon for the Ancient Wisdom. It has been said that God has never left man without a witness of His love, of His power, because God has created or ordained the akashic records whereupon all the happenings affecting individual souls, as well as communities, and indeed of all life's happenings on the earth, are recorded. Moreover, man has within himself a faculty which will enable him to read these records.

Many people reject any idea of a saviour of mankind. They are right in the lesser but wrong in the greater sense. Man is now beginning to assert his individuality and to believe that he can command his fate and so thinks himself his own saviour, that he need not depend upon any other being, however great and good, for his salvation. At certain times on his evolutionary path man becomes extremely assertive, thinking he is all-powerful. An ancient mystery is behind the very idea of a saviour—a mystery hidden in man's own evolution, his

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spiritual growth, because in the process he has achieved power through an unfolding quality of consciousness—or, if you like another word, of his character. Living through incarnation after incarnation as he does, he is storing up within a quality which enables him to understand. He does not gain this wisdom through what men call education, but through absorbing spiritual impressions, or through experience, through the effects that life's experiences have upon his inner self.

Man's spirit functions through his soul. As man lives, he clothes himself with a body which is called his soul. Soul is not spirit. Spirit is the divine life, the life of God which commences as a seed which grows through incarnation after incarnation, a seed having in itself all the potentialities of a master being. As within the seed or bulb that you plant in springtime lies the subsequent perfection of form, colour and perfume, so in the seed of God planted in man's heart is the promise of the perfect man. But you see, man himself has to make his effort—and this is not easy—the effort always to reach up, to believe and in time to *know* that love is the King of life and man's saviour. Although he may reject any idea of a personal saviour, yet through all the ages, through many religions, the same story prevails, of the birth in mysterious circumstances of a teacher, or one who is afterwards called 'saviour.' All such stories harmonise in truth. Such teachers and saviours come to earth to show man the way, to show him how he can save himself. They are called 'saviours,' these Great Ones, because they descend and take on a voluntary incarnation.

Many great souls have brought the light to mankind at a particular stage on man's evolutionary path. Some people believe that certain astrological aspects draw these souls down to earth; but let us remember that man, together with the planets on their courses, the stars, the suns, are all under the same law of life. Indeed, the whole universe is directed by a supreme Divine Love—the only word that can describe this overall Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence. These planetary aspects have an influence, as you all know, upon physical, upon mental life, and upon the opportunities which karma brings to the soul in order to hasten its growth and development. Wise men tell us that at the birth of Jesus of Nazareth certain planetary aspects were at work. Their influence caused that holy birth to take place. You see, even in the simple Bible story, Jesus the babe was born in the stable with the animals, indicating the signs of the zodiac, around him. These are just symbols of a heavenly happening.

You have all of you heard, no doubt, about the astrological significance of the second month of 1962\* and wondered what this extraordinary configuration indicates. Our interpretation of this is an ultimate quickening, a stimulation of man's spirit. There was bound to be stimulation of negative forces at first. Nevertheless the power is growing, is accumulating to such an extent that there will come a complete change in the hearts and in the actions of men. Unexpected things are going to happen, but not necessarily bad. Here all you dear White Eagle Lodge people can be of great assistance to the White Brotherhood, and indeed to all in spirit who are working to help mankind. We are always telling you this, but much can be done by the right thought, the right prayer, the right way of life, which means to be very careful what you say and what you think. Try to control your lips and your thoughts. In the mystery schools the sign of 'the finger on the lips' was always given, meaning 'be silent—be

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very careful what passes your lips. Still more important, be careful what thoughts you entertain.' At this you will say: 'We cannot control our thoughts; they just come crowding in!' But you will, you will, and this will happen only when you commence instantly to reject unwise and unworthy thoughts, as you would silence unwise and unworthy speech. Watch your lips and watch your thoughts. We do not come to preach at you, but are merely repeating truth that we ourselves have learnt through bitter experience. You will of course have to learn by the same means. May what we say help you to achieve happiness. Happiness is yours if only you will listen and obey the voice of the spirit.

*[\*In February 1962 the five planets from Mercury to Saturn, as well as the sun and moon, were all within an arc of 17 degrees in the sky. A concurrent solar eclipse made it possible to view them all too, if you were in the right place at exactly the right time.]*

Let us return to the birth of the saviour, the Light of God, the Son of God. The saviour is love, love expressed in the form of the perfect man—man made perfect through love, the highest creation of God, His own counterpart. He comes down upon earth and dwells amongst men. Jesus was brought up within the Brotherhood of the Essenes. He absorbed all their precepts, and adjusted his physical life to their mode of living. He had achieved or attained his incarnation as Jesus after long, long years in repeated incarnations, preparing his soul-body, his mental body and higher bodies, to become a fitting and perfect instrument for the incoming of the Lord Christ, the Cosmic Christ. You people cannot yet comprehend even a tiny spark of that glory which is the life divine. It manifested, and has remained on earth for two thousand years. The dross which has overlain the gold is slowly being eliminated. Do you see this? All the wisdom which has been so distorted, all the misunderstandings and the misconceptions which have marred this divine and holy truth of the coming to earth of the Son, are falling away. This you will see in the future in ever greater degree. Shadows will be transmuted and a fresh and clear exposition of the truth will be made known to mankind. This will reveal the true saviour, the real salvation of humanity.

We know the questions that will come. 'Will there be another divine child born who will become a saviour of men even as Jesus did?' you ask. Well, remember that you all live in a materialistic age. The mind has become rampant. Man has become extremely clever, and from childhood onwards has absorbed the opinions of other men, and so the birth of a simple little child like the birth of Jesus would have little effect at present upon the materialistic age. But remember that a great soul *is* drawing near to this earth, and we believe that we are speaking truly when we say that someday a great soul will become visible, but only to those who are ready to see and to listen. Such developed human souls will certainly see the Great One coming in clouds of glorious light. Their eyes will be opened and they will behold the Son of God, but for him to come down a second time into the body of a babe is doubtful, we think. But the raising of the people—'I, if I be lifted up,' Jesus said, 'will draw all men unto me,'\*—means that the spirit of Christ can arise in man's heart. If the spirit of Christ becomes raised, becomes all-powerful in the lives of the people, then they will behold him as he truly is in that sphere of life which is love, perfection, all service, complete brotherhood, complete harmony, beauty and happiness. This is no fairy tale; this is truth, my brethren, truth.

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[\*John 12 : 32]

In the spirit world, when Christmas comes, the outpouring of the Christ Spirit is not only upon the earth but upon all the finer spheres above the earth. Then there is great rejoicing. 'What happens to children in spirit at Christmas?' you ask. We assure you that all the joys of the Christ-Mass are truly found in the spirit world. Christmas is a time of great rejoicing, a time of reunion with friends; indeed, the friends in spirit visit their homes on earth and sometimes people are taken to their loved ones in their spirit home. But you see, there is always this 'cutting off' by the earth people of the memory of what they do in spirit. The physical brain does not respond to those waves, those impressions from higher levels of life. So, when you come back, you say: 'No, I can't remember; I don't know anything.' Well, we are telling you how to remember. Get to work and train yourselves both by living the life and by your response to God. Train yourselves through meditation, through *knowing* more than by believing.

Never overlook your constant need of remaining calm, tranquil, and still within. You may be active with your hands, doing all kinds of work on the physical plane to give pleasure to those you love, but in spite of this, deep within you can keep still and tranquil; you can be at peace; you can look up to the angel throng, catch the mystical spirit of the Christ-Mass. Do not let the noise, clamour and excitement of mind and body overwhelm you. Do not fail to hear heavenly choirs singing out their joy, their praise and their thanksgiving to God for sending to earth the priceless gift of His own Son, His own Spirit, to save, to heal, to comfort and to bless.

All your dear ones are gathered here. Your eyes are opening slowly. They bring to you their love, their love, their love; and how they rejoice when they see that they can come close to you—closer indeed than breathing, into your heart!

## Benediction:

Open yourselves now to the holy blessing of God, the Father-Mother and Son. Then do our prayers and thanksgivings rise to heaven itself, like incense from the communion table.

Amen.

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