

THE "SECOND COMING"

QUESTION: At one time you said that you would come again in the clouds and people would see you as they had seen you before. I would like to know if that is connected with the reappearance of the Christ, and if it is somehow connected with our space brothers?

ANSWER: Literally, the Second Coming of the Christ is the discovery within each one of you, and all of mankind, of his or her divinity, his or her Christ-hood. There is some possibility that there will not be "The" Second Coming in the sense of an individuality -- one man -- descending upon your planet, being present upon your planet, because the Awakening is already happening on such a wide scale at a grass roots level. The only thing which will call for "an individual" representing the Christ appearing on your planet, will be for those doubting Thomases, those who refuse to acknowledge their divinity, who have it invested solely in one man. They will need one man to appear, who they will listen to, who will then turn their attention back on themselves and get about the business of waking up!

It is not the time for an external focus of attention. It is especially not the time for an external focus of awe or the proffering of allegiance and devotion. You do not need anyone outside of yourself to honor more than you honor your Self, and I am not interested in making it more difficult for you by providing you with a form that you would immediately give more honor to.

Each one of you is the Second Coming! You must look squarely at this and what it means. It would be much easier to wait for me to appear because then you wouldn't have to get down to the business of being the Christ quite so soon. And that really just means that you would delay your opportunity to experience your integrity, your wholeness, your stability, your permanence, your eternality, your joy of living.

Interestingly enough, one of the issues that Paul had to deal with once I publicly announced my identity, was whether or not he was willing to be identified so closely with the Christ, and he found that there was some unwillingness, some fear -- and he is not unique.

No matter how much each one of you thinks you want to wake up, there is resistance, because, you see, from within the three-dimensional frame of reference -- from within the ego's frame of reference -- to be Whole will constitute a loss. It is totally irrational. It will constitute a loss of what you

think your identity is, and because, historically speaking, Christed ones have not been treated well, you have a natural fear of letting your Light Shine. But, you do not live in that age, and the mentality at the present time is not such that your ability to be ultimately appropriate under all circumstances will be received poorly.

Very simply, if I were to appear in form, the majority of you would argue with me when I point your attention back to yourself. It is much easier to pass the buck. I will come to each of you within your consciousness, if you reach out to me, just as I always have, except now you have the added dimension of awareness where you can understand that you could really get an answer. But, I will not take the place of your Guide. And I will not relieve you of the opportunity, whether you see it as a demand or not, to begin to be unconditionally loving, to begin to dare to acknowledge your divinity and believe it within yourself, find your centered equilibrium and perspective, and live your life out from it.

It will not cause you to appear to be radical. It will cause you to appear to be quite successful. It will cause you to appear to be sensitive and capable of homing in on what is essential in any issue in order to change that issue, in order to resolve it.

The ego sense is a mask -- an artificial sense of you, which you present to others. It is when you are operating from behind such a mask that the situation gets dangerous because you are being artificial, dishonest. Genuineness can be felt a hundred miles off, and genuineness puts everyone at ease. It does not cause them to become defensive. Being the Christ means being genuine. Being genuine is being simple -- not simple-minded, but humble, unpretentious, loving.

The Bible has indicated that if someone tells you the Kingdom of Heaven is here, or the kingdom of heaven is there or someplace else, not to believe them, because the Kingdom of Heaven is within You. Likewise, the Christ will not come here or there, or hither or yon. The Christ is You. You are the one who is to come -- each of you. Each and every one of you!

Oh, watch the ego! So you think that is going to bring with it some horrendous responsibility that you are incapable of supporting or holding up. That is what the ego does. It makes you responsible for someone! And I tell you that when you are in touch with your Self, it becomes obvious to you that you are responsible only for yourself, and every other one is

responsible for himself, and that you cannot be responsible for anyone else. You cannot be the Christ for anyone else, and the world will not beat a path to your doorstep and burden you with its sins that it wants you to lift from it, and that is not part of what being the Christ means.

You will be the Light that will uncover the Light in others. You will be the Light that makes it obvious to everyone else that they don't need to maintain their defenses in your presence. And in their letting down of their defenses, they will have the opportunity to experience their Christ-hood more clearly. And it will go on, and on, and on, self-substantiating itself throughout the Brotherhood.

So, do not be reluctant to be the Christ because you think, in your ignorance, that it will lay a responsibility on you that you are not sure you want. It is easy to love, and it is easy to be loved. And everyone recognizes what love is, and everyone enjoys it. That is the simplicity!

The reluctance to be the Christ is the reluctance to love unguardedly, unconditionally because you see nothing in your brother that you need to defend yourself against.

The time will come when we can talk face to face, Christ to Christ. You will recognize and feel our equality -- the equality which exists at this moment, but which you do not feel. And because of that equality, my presence "physically speaking" will not deter you or weaken you in your process of owning and incorporating what you divinely Are at a conscious level.

Sooner or later, you will have to do this. Why wait until someone descends from the clouds? Why not begin it now, so that if and when that happens, you recognize the coming of a Brother, and you are not one of the ones who is arguing against his divinity and needing to be brought back face to face with your Self so that you may find our equality?

It is very likely that there will be no necessity for a "traditional" Second Coming -- the one that everyone has been expecting. And, that is because of the swiftness with which individuals are awakening. The prod or push that will be provided by a single individual coming out of the clouds is likely not to be needed. That is no loss. That is a sign of the swiftness, the speediness, and also the gracefulness with which this shift is proceeding.

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Now I am present with and available to every single one of you, everyone at every moment. And so it is my intent in being with groups of people like this to make this fact known and by Paul's presence and demeanor also convey the fact that my being available doesn't require of anyone any special talent, because Paul is about as regular as anyone else on this planet and has no "special" talent in order to hear me. Does that clarify that for you?

For those of you who are students of A Course In Miracles, I will take this opportunity to point out that my time spent with Helen Schucman was also not a special instance. And although there have been some expressions of the fact, or the idea-not the fact-the idea that everyone else can't expect the same sort of relationship with me or with Guidance that she experienced, is untrue. It is an attempt to elevate her, and to elevate the Course into a false position of religious respect, whether it is stated that way or not.