

Esoteric Christianity

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Online resources:

<http://www.laurency.com> – All that has been translated into English is available here.

The Basic Esoteric Dictionary, The Explanation, Knowledge of Reality, all good starting points

http://www.lucitrust.org/en/books/books_on_line - The teachings of the Tibetan, Dwal Khul, via Alice A. Bailey

<http://theosophical.org/> - The Theosophical Society, the first re-introduction of esoterics to the public.

Books:

Only two Laurency books are available in print in English (though all are in print in Swedish). Both are available at Quest bookshop, or can be ordered from the Laurency website mentioned above.

Knowledge of Reality - a review of Eastern and Western philosophies, contrasted with Hylozoics.

The Philosopher's Stone – cosmology, evolution, the stages of humanity, higher worlds

Also:

Introduction to Esoteric Philosophy <http://www.laurency.com/L5e/L5e6.pdf>

This article is especially appreciative of American common sense philosophy.

Our Epoch <http://www.laurency.com/L3e/L3e18.pdf>

A review of where we are in relation to the changes of the zodiacal ages.

Augoeides <http://www.laurency.com/MVe/wm8.pdf>

Stated clearly nowhere else, information on the consciousness of the Soul

Gnostics http://www.laurency.com/L1e/kl1_2.pdf

Gnostic Symbols http://www.laurency.com/L1e/kl1_3.pdf

These two chapters from “Knowledge of Life One” are the primary source material for this talk.

See Ed Alden, or ask at the bookshop desk, for a CD with all the Laurency material in English, and many Theosophical texts.

Ongoing:

Laurency discussion group - led by Jim Riddell, meets from 7 – 9 PM the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, at: Taco Time, 23904 Hwy 99, Lynnwood, WA 98026. Contact Stanton for more info.

Rainbow Bridge meditation group - led by Stanton Stevens, meets every Tuesday evening in Port Townsend. A group in Seattle may resume soon. stanton.k.stevens@gmail.com

Alice A. Bailey study group – Led by Karen Johannsen: ksjohannsen@gmail.com

Quotes, all Henry T. Laurency unless otherwise noted.

Knowledge of Life One

Chapter 3, Gnostics, 2.7 Maitreya's Message

4 He wanted to save mankind from the terrible fall into sin. And this fall was not that Adam had eaten an apple but the blackest of lies, the lie of sin as a crime against god. The fall was to invent the lie of divine prohibitions and taboos, impossible for most people to apply, in themselves unreasonable and hostile to life with their satanic threat of eternal torture for everyone who erred against them. The fall was to transform the godhead of the one life into a brutal monster. The fall was to turn life, which is divine and could be a life of bliss and happiness, into hell. The fall was to try to bereave man of his inalienable co-partnership in the unity of all life. The fall was to make man, who incarnates in order to get to learn reality and life and in so doing gradually attains to higher stages of development, an evil demon.

5 It is these lies of life, which in each new generation are ineradicably engrafted in trustful children's minds and thereby poison people's entire lives, arouse the repulsive hatred of life, kill out all tendencies to aspiration to unity, hamper the necessary work for self-realization, preclude the attempts at self-improvement as being meaningless under the alleged conditions.

6 Maitreya announced, with formulations suited to the range of ideas and prospects of understanding there were in the common people, that we are all citizens in the kingdom of god; that there is not, on the part of the godhead, any sort of crime against god; that what men in their ignorance of life call sin is just the errors of ignorance and inability, which we ourselves will have opportunities to make good or blot out according to the law of sowing and reaping.

7 By contrast with religious falsifiers of life and the moralists of the time, the Pharisees, he laid down that man is in essence divine, that the divine kingdom of unity is within him, that god is the father of all and that we shall always remain his children, whom he will never reject nor condemn. We are all gods in temporary exile, gods who can return to take possession of our divine heritage.

8 We are all the children of god. From this it follows that we are all brothers and sisters making up one universal brotherhood. In order to take part in unity we only need to put this truth into living practice.

9 To the public at large, who had never heard of anything but the law of Moses, he taught that anyone who obeyed these prescriptions fulfilled the law, that god did not demand more of them than that they would no longer do what they had themselves seen to be wrong.

10 He showed them nature, the flowers on the ground, how perfect everything is in its kind, more perfect than any human creation and so because everything in nature unresistingly obeys its own inner law, the law of development.

11 He showed them the children who in their original, uncorrupted ingenious nature spontaneously do what is right, and explained that we too must acquire their simplicity and spontaneity.

Chapter 3, Gnostics, 2.9 The Mistake of the Gospel Authors

1 Those fifty-odd Alexandrian gnosticians, who after a prearranged design composed their religious novels about the “life of Jesus”, certainly did not suspect what misery was to ensue from their imaginative excesses. They wanted to reform the world, offer ideals to the masses in a graphic way, help

the ignorant of life to get a better life view. If they had suspected that their novels were to be regarded as the “word of god”, their symbolic sayings were to be interpreted literally by spiritual illiterates, and that the black priesthood from Atlantis were to take over their legends and drown mankind in blood, then they would have designed them differently.

Chapter 3, Gnostics, 2.13 The Distortion of Christos’ Teaching

18 The Christians pray to an imaginative construction of god and “Jesus”, having no idea as to who god is. They do not even know Jeshu’s true name. Christos promised to stay on earth, which he has done. He just awaits the day when the religious people will do everything that lies in their power for him to be able to reappear. He will not come alone, however, but will bring his staff of 44-selves, 45-selves, and 46-selves with him. He will come when mankind has learnt to see that it cannot solve its political, social, economical, cultural problems and, above all, that it has failed in its consciousness development. The last twelve thousand years of world history is the story of a continuous fiasco. The victims of blind hatred, the martyrs to truth, can be numbered in billions. No wonder that our planet is regarded as a veritable lunatic asylum by those who are able to visit our earth from other planets and also solar systems.

Chapter 3, Gnostics, 2.14 The Return of Christos

4 He (Christos) says himself of this:

5 Henceforth I come not solely through groups with recognized officials, through organizations rendering me what is often no more than lip-service in their proclamation of the brotherhood of all.

6 I come to each and all who love me, no matter of what race, class or creed. The greatness of their need of me, the strength of their desire to see me, shall be the measure of their power to see me. I come if their inner vision be true enough to recognize me, if there be in their hearts that which responds to the love which eternally flows forth to them from mine.

7 By this power which I hold, this power of almighty love, I seek to draw the hearts of men into unity with that good, that happiness, which is for all men the goal, no matter what name they ascribe to it, no matter under what guise and seeming it appears to them.

8 The ways of search be manifold, but on each of these I am ready to meet my own, those who listen to my voice. I will speak to them and through them to all in whom has been kindled that spark, which some time will be the warming flame of love and the clear light of wisdom.

Chapter 9, The Law, 9.35 Development and Self-Realization

6 It is important to state that the individual does not need to acknowledge his past. In denying his past, having reached a higher level, he is no more the same man. It was the great merit of the so-called forgiveness of sins that it freed man from the burden of his past. It is the fatal hostility to life in the moralists and in the entire moralist way of looking at things that the individual is constantly judged anew for what should be forgotten. That is the satanists’ method of counteracting development, ascension: constantly burden people anew with the errors of the past. It must be clearly stated that moralism is satanism. Until men have realized this the satanists will triumph ever and anew.

Chapter 9, The Law, 9.37 The Superhuman Kingdoms

4 According to D.K., Christos–Maitreya has set up an unbeaten world record. In about 20 million years he has in his consciousness development from the stage of barbarism reached the highest kind of omniscience and omnipotence possible within the solar system (at the verge of cosmic consciousness). The first condition for this was that he did not “fail” in one single incarnation but realized the purpose of them all. How such an achievement is possible we do not know.

The Planetary Hierarchy 16.11, “God” Is the Ever Higher Hierarchies

1 The esoteric mentalist, who above all strives for mental clarity in world view and life view, of course also desires to have the concept of god (deity) exactly defined. It is most simply done by starting from the old terms, “god immanent” and “god transcendent”. God immanent is the monad–self, which has an unlosable share in the cosmic total consciousness, and also, where man is concerned, the very causal envelope, which shares in the fifth natural kingdom. God transcendent is everything above the fourth natural kingdom (ed. - humanity), thus the fifth kingdom and higher, Augoeides included. The cosmic deity is the cosmic organization.

2 Of course everyone is free to have any idea of god whatsoever. One thing can be established, however: that all individuals in ever higher kingdoms decline with thanks to be regarded as gods. They know that they are the servants and disciples of life.

Chapter 16, The Planetary Hierarchy, 16.17 The Planetary Hierarchy is Not Neutral

1 There has always been a war going on between the forces of light and the forces of darkness, between those who want consciousness development and those who want to hinder it, keep the peoples in ignorance to gain power. That was the war which precipitated the doom of Atlantis. It is waged even today and will go on until mankind has attained the stage of ideality, or the causal stage. This should suffice to refute that lie, black as night, imputed to Christos, namely that we should not oppose evil.

2 That man is seriously mistaken who thinks that the planetary hierarchy is neutral to those who counteract consciousness development, to the nations that violate individual freedom. Franklin Roosevelt was a disciple (although an unconscious one) of the planetary hierarchy. This was the factor that enabled him to proclaim the “four freedoms”: freedom of expression, freedom of opinion, freedom from want, freedom from fear of aggression; the four basic freedoms in society. The planetary hierarchy takes an active stand with those who defend these freedoms. To the planetary hierarchy, there is no compromise between lawfulness and lawlessness. “He who is not with is against.”

Chapter 16, The Planetary Hierarchy, 16.28 The Reappearance of the Planetary Hierarchy

1 By publicizing the esoteric knowledge the planetary hierarchy has taken a great step towards that mankind which banished the hierarchy in Atlantis. Ever since that catastrophe, the hierarchy has waited for mankind to realize its fatal mistake of banishing the only ones possessing a knowledge of reality and able to solve the problems of mankind, those representatives of wisdom and love.

2 The planetary hierarchy expects to become the spiritual guide of mankind relatively soon, instead of theologians, philosophers, and occultists who have hitherto misled mankind. The planetary hierarchy will not reappear, however, until it is generally recognized that the hierarchy is able to solve the physical, emotional, and mental problems of mankind and arrange the political, social, economic affairs

so that there will finally be peace on earth and culture (something totally different from our modern parody on culture) has become power. The reappearance does not happen until the leading circles of mankind have accepted hylozoics as the only rational working hypothesis and thereby have understanding of the existence of a fifth kingdom in nature. Before then it would be meaningless.

3 In preparation of this, the knowledge of reality (hylozoics), which has hitherto been esoteric, has been allowed for publication and so been made available to all. So many proofs that this mental system agrees with reality will eventually be given through disciples of the planetary hierarchy that even public opinion will accept it despite the resistance met with on the part of the theologians. They will fight a hopeless battle against the power of life and they will finally be forced to acknowledge their mistake. It will be a tough struggle, as hidebound as they are. Theologians alone will never make peace. They cannot even be friends with one another. The churches have been the curse of mankind. And the theological hatred is the worst sort of hatred.

4 When the planetary hierarchy reappears, it will not be as a particular organization. Its members (causal selves and essential selves) will be members of the nations as ordinary people. They will occupy the highest positions in society because their superior capacity will be recognized. People will see that the reforms they propose are the most sensible ones, so that they will be generally accepted.

Alice A. Bailey

The Reappearance of the Christ

Chapter 1, The Doctrine of the Coming One, p 5-6

Right down the ages, in many world cycles and in many countries (and today in all) great points of tension have occurred which have been characterised by a hopeful sense of expectancy. Some one is expected and His coming is anticipated. Always in the past, it has been the religious teachers of the period who have fostered and proclaimed this expectancy and the time has always been one of chaos and difficulty, of a climaxing point at the close of a civilisation or culture and when the resources of the old religions have seemed inadequate to meet men's difficulties or to solve their problems. The coming of the Avatar, the advent of a Coming One and, in terms of today, the reappearance of the Christ are the keynotes of the prevalent expectancy. When the times are ripe, the invocation of the masses is strident enough and the faith of those who know is keen enough, then always He has come and today will be no exception to this ancient rule or to this universal law. For decades, the reappearance of the Christ, the Avatar, has been anticipated by the faithful in both hemispheres—not only by the Christian faithful, but by those who look for Maitreya and for the Boddhisattva as well as those who expect the Imam Mahdi.

When men feel that they have exhausted all their own resources and have come to an end of all their own innate possibilities and that the problems and conditions confronting them are beyond their solving or handling, they are apt to look for a divine Intermediary and for the Mediator Who will plead their cause with God and bring about a rescue. They look for a Saviour. This doctrine of Mediators, of Messiahs, of Christs and of Avatars can be found running like a golden thread through all the world faiths and Scriptures and, relating these world Scriptures to some central source of emanation, they are found in rich abundance everywhere. Even the human soul is regarded as an intermediary between man and God; Christ is believed by countless millions to act as the divine mediator between humanity and divinity.