

## The Buddha and the Christ

It is well known that the Christ and the Buddha behaved and said a lot of things that were very similar in meaning. So, the question is: Why and how did this happen? Who made it happen? Is it still happening? Will it happen again?

Buddha was born 500 years before the Christ was born and the Buddha's home was 3000 miles away. "Each was born while the mother is on a journey, and neither birth occurs in a house. Heralds are present on both occasions, and they do very similar things, singing praises and announcing that a great event has occurred, identifying parents and prophesying the child's glorious future." The correlations among these ancient texts are almost eerie." Why is their wisdom so very similar and yet they never met or knew each other? What is the source of this wisdom? There are many other examples of other men and women thru the ages that have espoused similar wisdom. What is the source? Is it God? Has God given this wisdom to men and women thru the millennia and for what purpose? The similarities between the Christ and the Buddha are what we are celebrating this evening. The similarities between thousands of men and women to the Christ and the Buddha are much less talked about or written about. If you believe the Christ was a mystic and the Buddha was a mystic it falls into one of the tenants of Creation Spirituality. Matthew Fox says we are all mystics. Certainly there must be degrees and intensities in our mystical development. Question: Why is that? Why are some mystics so well known? Others seem to be beginners or rookies in their mystical development. Some appear to not know anything about consciousness. Since the Big Bang

13.8 billion years ago the universe continues to grow. The Universe is still expanding, I believe the human psyche is still expanding. As above so below. In my work as a family therapist I believe people are capable of developing and growing psychologically and spiritually. I believe every human being is a part of this great evolution or expansion. You know, the color blue is a color that has come to be known only 6000 years ago! Human beings began to develop blue colorants at that time. Our color sense continues to grow. Some are actually color blind.

I believe our consciousness and our relationship to the Sacredness of all things continues to expand. So the question still remains.....Why is there a type of consciousness that continues to develop and evolve that is compassionate and loving? Why is this true? It would seem that we live in an eternal mystery.

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