

The Metaphysics of Christmas

Main Story Elements:

Every person, place, story and event mentioned in the Bible represents some aspect of our own individual consciousness.

The Bible is the story of our soul's unfoldment.

The Christmas Story, as recorded in the Gospels according to Matthew (1:18-2:23) and Luke (1:26-38, 2:1-20), as well as the additional traditions we have tagged onto the holiday, represents the birth of a new level of awareness: the Christ Consciousness.

Through an understanding of the spiritual or metaphysical meaning of the symbols presented we can discern for ourselves the process by which we birth the Christ level of consciousness in our own being.

The following are excerpts from the Metaphysical Bible Dictionary and The Revealing Word which were compiled from the writings of Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity

Jesus represents God's idea of man in expression; Christ is that idea in the absolute.

Mary is the feminine, the soul, the affectional and emotional phase of man's being; through it's devotions prepares itself for the higher life.

Joseph is the state of consciousness in which we increase in character along all lines.

The parents of Jesus represent Wisdom and Love.

The **Holy Spirit** represents the activity of God in a universal sense.

An **Angel of the Lord** represents a quickening thought of God appearing in form.

The **Son of David** is a type of Christ, an emanation of Divine Love.

Bethlehem "house of bread" is the abiding place of substance.

Judea "the praise of Jehovah".

Herod the King represents an egocentric ego.

Wise Men represent the stored up resources of the soul, which rise to the surface when its depths are stirred by a great spiritual revelation.

The **East** represents the within, our spiritual nature.

Jerusalem "habitation of peace" is the city of David "beloved".



The **King of the Jews** means that the word of the I AM goes forth as a ruling suggestion in the spiritual and intellectual.

The **Star** is man's first awakening before he realizes his Christ wisdom and power.

Gold is the riches of Spirit.

Frankincense is the transmutation of the material into the spiritual.

Myrrh represents the eternality of Spirit.

Egypt is the realm of substance and life in the depths of the body consciousness.

Galilee "rolling" is the energy of life, life activity.

Nazareth "branch, offshoot" represents where even in the seemingly mediocre mind the Christ Truth is received and expressed.

Swaddling cloths represent confinement to limitations of the physical nature.

Savior: the Christ Mind.

Shepherds represent protecting entities.

Sheep are the natural life that flows into man's consciousness from Spirit: pure, innocent, guileless.



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