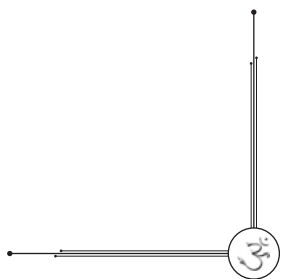
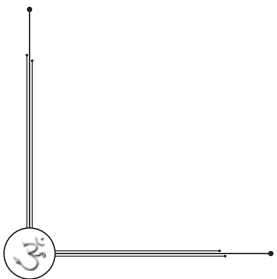


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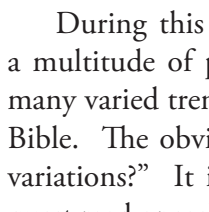


## Preface

*“He who knows others is wise;  
He who knows himself is enlightened.”*

*Lao-Tzu (c. 6th Century BCE)*

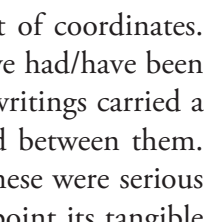
It appears that producing this book came in a timely fashion when one considers all the present events happening in our world. From wars to natural weather and geological phenomena to societal unrest, there seems to be struggles everywhere on many different levels of life, from humanity to Mother Nature. After having been thoroughly saturated by all of the above, it made me realize why I had chosen the path upon which I walk. Thirty-seven years ago, I had taken the first step on a course that led me to perpetual research, seeking the concept of enlightenment while being submerged in the experiences of everyday life. The accumulation of invaluable knowledge made me understand that humanity needed to fully awaken. It needed to recognize the way that we treat each other and our world – without reverence or consideration. During these fruitful, inspired years, time passed in the studying and filtering of ancient texts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Nag Hammadi Library, Tibetan texts, Buddhist philosophy, the Vedas and the Bible, as well as most of the variations on the Apocryphal Texts. The various religions led us to believe that we could fight in the name – and for the glory - of God, with Its support. According to their teachings, it did not matter whether these fights were individual or collective. From a metaphysical perspective, these teachings are gravely in error. The wars and feuds mentioned in all ancient texts refer allegorically to inner struggles that are decisive factors in our growth, through our personal experiences. That is a most important point that we must grasp. God is not a vengeful entity as we have been conditioned to believe. It is a peaceful, loving God. Wars, fights and struggles that we create are not for the sake of God. Their motive is purely human power and control.



During this search for understanding that takes the seekers on a multitude of paths, one had to recognize that there were indeed many varied trends of thoughts in all these documents, including the Bible. The obvious question always was: “Why are there so many variations?” It is no wonder that those who are dedicated to their quest read or seek them all. There had to be another meaning to all of this. Could God be indeed this mean that he would destroy people, as some have indicated? With this in mind, it could easily lead one in a multitude of directions to the point of disbelief, or uncertainty as to what to believe. Conversely, these same variances could also reveal a path of incredible understanding and astounding inner peace, virtually unseen in this world of ours. This comprehension would provide the thought of just how diverse the facets of life and the idea of Self truly are. It would also reveal the ingenuity of the Creative Principle. This path would enlighten one to the true union of the individual and life, woven in all its events. This is the key.

When one accepts this viewpoint and demeanor, there seems to be no struggle whatsoever, with anything or with any event – only eternal peace with all things. Deductively, if one person could do this, many others could also enjoy that same inner peace, not just in thoughts but as examples, as leaders. These texts are a guide to that end and are filled with valuable insight into life and living it to the fullest. The contrasts are simply different perspectives of consciousness and mind interaction with that same consciousness. As an example, it is stated in the Dead Sea Scrolls that “...one human thought has the power to shake the heavens...” Imagine what one peaceful thought could do! What would a loving thought bring us? In that context, we would like to offer an insight into these Biblical and older works. It is our desire to present a distinct approach in what concerns the original intention of the messages found in the Bible. It will portray a deeper meaning to life and living, through the symbolisms and metaphors found in the texts.

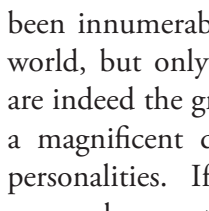
Today, and during the time of the personal search that was leading me toward a higher spiritual understanding, I had the opportunity to study diverse religious philosophies stemming from all parts of the globe. No matter what texts were read, there always was an intuitive sense that somehow, all of them were attempting to convey something



other than a God located somewhere at a given set of coordinates. There had to be a better understanding than what we had/have been conditioned to believe and to follow. Still, all the writings carried a very similar message, a common thread intertwined between them. They related to each other more often than not. These were serious perceptions, and at the time, it was difficult to pinpoint its tangible source. The present belief systems today were given to us by the majority of our current religious organizations. In truth, most of these sacerdotal classes left out or misled us on the idea of metaphysics and its vital importance in fully comprehending the Word of God. Yet, the Bible is one of the most metaphysical books ever written. That was the common thread. What made us move away from this wonderful concept? Let us make this journey to see how this occurred, and why we continue today to seek what is already in front of us. It will be also about learning the mystical side of the Bible and the journey of life, so that we may apply the teachings without the religious viewpoint.

From the results of my research, theological archeology believes itself to be correct in the premise that there are only five distinguishable authors of the present day Bible. It would be fairly safe to state that, with all the written documents involved, it is simply not possible. There is a different explanation for this limited number of “authors”. It is more likely that there were five “editors” selected through the centuries to bring the original manuscripts together and include them into one book that we now define as the Canonized Biblical texts. This task lasted for several hundred years. The documents had to be compiled, evaluated, translated and edited into the present day word of God. All this was done in a material sense for material minds. Further, contemporary research records indicate that there were approximately eighty (80) known works – or gospels – gathered at the time of the compilation period, yet they were not included in the final volume. What happened to these documents? What did they contain? Why they were not allowed to be published in their original form is truly unknown. Could it be that they did not agree totally with the doctrines being compiled as a canonized work? The missing words of wisdom left us by the ancients have been the crux of my research.

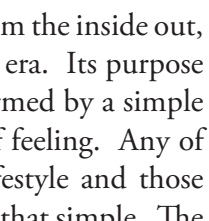
Through the years of studying and seeking the Truth, there have



been innumerable interactions with many people from all over the world, but only one understanding. All inhabitants of this planet are indeed the greatest teachers one can truly discover. They provide a magnificent diversity because of their varied backgrounds and personalities. If we allow it, each of them – no matter what color or creed - can teach us something about ourselves. Whether it is something we should or should not do, we all offer each other valuable lessons in this interfacing. These could be seen and appreciated if we were to stop placing blame on one another, as the ancient texts relate. We should learn to openly share these interactions as lessons, free of opinions and judgments. After all, it is just an experience. Ironically, the wise men who wrote the original texts were telling us the very same things, but with a “how to” approach. They advised us to clearly think our way through life, for life is what gives us experience through the sense system. Their messages were intended for individuals with different perspectives on the subject of consciousness and mind operation. They were telling us who our teachers would be, and how we were going to be taught through the experiences of life.

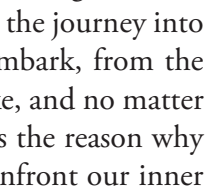
We are special in every way possible. We are as unique as a single snowflake in the midst of a winter storm. We were created to share the experiences of life openly, rather than own or attempt to control them. Through this concept, we are meant to demonstrate who we are, and not what we are. The messengers of old show us how. We were designed not to hide our inner selves for any reason. Once we hide part of our nature, we no longer offer the truth of Self – or our usual nature. By hiding any attribute from view, we offer only deception to those that we encounter on the path of life. We are then unable to live a full life in an honest state of mind. Again, we find this very same philosophy in the Bible. If we act in this fashion, we begin a process of physical and spiritual reclusion, simply because we shut our true selves off from an otherwise open life. We fear being judged by others or what they may think of us. We eventually become resistant to the prospect of living a better, more meaningful and loving life, even if we originally wished it.

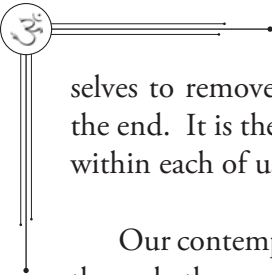
This is a book designed for deep inner reflective contemplation about ourselves and our interactions in all matters, as the original creators of the words intended. It is a self-help guide from a spiritual



point of view, meant to generate an understanding from the inside out, rather than outside in, as we practice in our modern era. Its purpose is to get a person to see that life itself can be transformed by a simple change of thought or act, or most of all, a change of feeling. Any of these alterations will bring a shift in our overall lifestyle and those around us or, in other words, living consciously. It is that simple. The words in these pages have been designed to result in a potential shift of the psychophysical attributes of the readers, including their personal lives. It is conceived to rid ourselves of the heteroclitite nature of the mind brought on by inbred beliefs that are now outdated. On the one hand, this is not easy reading, yet it can be, if we decide to do an inner search of Self and see who we truly are in all that we do and not what we have become. It is also designed to remove the illusions of life, in exchange for inner peace. We must take a moment to reflect on what is offered, and its relationship with our own being. In the course of our lives, we may inwardly ask ourselves: “Why am I experiencing this now?” The Ancients show us how to grasp that comprehension, providing we know how to distinguish the true meaning of what we read. Therein lies the answer. This present work has been written in as straight forward a manner as possible, while keeping in focus the individuality of each mind. The only requirement is to carefully and objectively reflect on what is being offered, as it is designed to create thought within you. The ultimate journey is to the center of our own being, of life. It is how you think of YOU.

We need to don our objective thinking cap and peer into our own circumstances. We must remove any level of blame, in order to bring about clarity, understanding and spiritual growth in our lives. Spiritual growth is not as much a mystery as it is one of mastery. Lao Tzu once stated: “He who knows others is wise; he who knows himself is enlightened.” It is the full knowledge of one’s “own” mind and thoughts, wherein lies the power of the universe. It is the act of moving into higher forms of thinking and feeling. We hope this work will create a deeper comprehension of life in general, using this level of spiritual methodology. The most important key is the journey into and through life upon which we have decided to embark, from the instant of our birth. Life is the only path we may take, and no matter how doubtful we may be, it cannot be avoided. It is the reason why we incarnate in the first place. We must learn to confront our inner

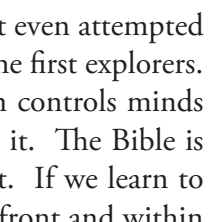




selves to remove doubt in order to grow, and we must persevere to the end. It is the path toward the self-mastery of life, and it all begins within each of us, leading us to shape our own fates knowingly.

Our contemporaries and life itself – at times – are our very teachers through the experiences presented to us by events and encounters themselves. Each of us has a different level of understanding and sees these events in various perspectives. However, most of us tend to hold on to them, and as dharma would have it, struggle follows. We may choose another option and attempt to avoid many of life’s experiences, but this practice is not recommended. We hope that this book will lead to a better appreciation of personal growth through the wisdom of the Ancients, and give you an insight as to what these personal events can be, as well as what they can mean individually and/or collectively. On the surface, some of life appears not to be too enjoyable, but if we decide not to circumvent the more bothersome occurrences, it will indeed add to our knowledge and wisdom. When carefully studied, you will find that the Bible is about the cycles of life and the events within each of them. It even tells us why life is indeed cyclic, and how we can break said cycles if we so choose. First, though, we must separate ourselves from the old traditional understanding of the ancient messages and open our Selves to the richness and depth provided by the wisdom of the new interpretation. By so doing, we break the bonds and the cycles that will no longer influence us, and life becomes what it was intended to be for each of us, a life filled with ever-flowing love, peace and harmony between us all – were we to allow it.

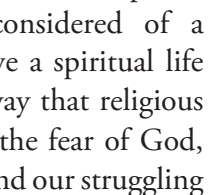
“A Metaphysical Interpretation of the Bible” is not meant as a religious dissertation. It is nothing less than a guide to higher consciousness. The Master’s original intention was the same. In His words, He was attempting to convince they who have ears to hear that the Creator was/is not an external God, but rather an internal one. This work has been devotedly composed to present a deeper comprehension of the book known as the Bible, in a metaphysical sense. It offers guidance on how we can live it spiritually. The Christian belief system is the largest religious belief system known through all of humanity. As a result, it has become one of the most powerful and wealthiest organized structures in the world in its sphere

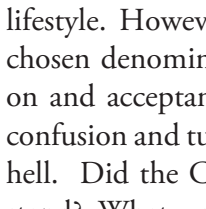


of control. At one point in time, in its early stages, it even attempted to eradicate any other belief that was discovered by the first explorers. It has become so forceful and dominant that it even controls minds and thoughts to its will. Many have surrendered to it. The Bible is full of ancient messages about life and how to live it. If we learn to read it and the God we so desire to find has been in front and within us all our understand the wisdom of the metaphors, we could indeed realize that lives.

The book you hold in your hands is written as a very large parable compared to those in the Bible, but in the form of a Zen Kuan. A Zen Kuan is intended to produce profound abstract thinking in a person. It is designed to induce deep meditative inner reflective thoughts. Once you reach that state of mind, you can attain the most penetrating understanding of Self and its relationship to life and people. Most importantly, it will help establish a solid association with the idea of the Creative Principle and Self, to fully realize that we are one with all things – and that is God Itself. The inner/outer separation to which we have been conditioned to believe and follow for over 1600 years will dissipate. This understanding can be achieved by using all attributes of the human mind, thinking with both the logical and abstract sides of the brain. It will lead us to see ourselves as we truly are, and not as we think we are. These are generally two distinct and separate trains of thoughts. The purpose of this book is to induce each reader to reach for his/her higher spiritual nature – with religion moved aside. It is not written with any church in mind, but rather for the idea of Godhood or the enlightened mind of God within. The readers may of course reach their own conclusions and hopefully glean enough information for their own spiritual growth. We cannot avoid life, therefore we hope to furnish enough guidance to help you live it to the fullest of intentions, and accept the lessons as you grow, instead of circumventing them.

The general dissertation in this book covers relevant scriptural texts, and the explanations thereof could be considered of a metaphysical nature. We strive to show how to live a spiritual life – not a religious one. It is designed to dispel the way that religious fundamental organizations have practiced to instill the fear of God, thus establishing the present day idea of the Creator and our struggling





lifestyle. However, it is not our intent to move people away from their chosen denomination. It is our innermost desire to bring openness on and acceptance of the concept of the Creative Principle, to end confusion and turmoil created by the conditioned notion of Satan and hell. Did the Christ Himself not state that a house divided cannot stand? What would the reasons be for religion to proclaim and teach such division? We simply wish for the readers to have a greater level of flexibility toward religion within themselves, and to merely read the Bible under a different light. We do not need to follow a “one size fits all” pattern as we have for sixteen centuries. We were created as free thinkers, and as such, we must fit our own without the influence of others or of a belief system founded on fire and brimstone. No matter what we think or believe, we each walk a different path. We may be all here, together, and we are traveling in the same direction. However, because of our personal individuality, we may not be on the same road, yet the goal is the same.

You will discover that parts of this work may appear to be repetitious. In some respects, they are, but we are dealing with the same basic data on four separate and distinct levels of life. They are the obvious physical, the mental, emotional, and most importantly, the higher spiritual levels. When combined, they make up the consciousness of the human form and none should be left out. In the opening chapters of Genesis, does not the Bible state that we all are in the “image and likeness” of the Creator? It will be our endeavor to portray what that entails. This view will allow us to see the subject in the full light of Self.

It is truly my earnest desire to see an end to personal struggle, greed and domination of life, to guide us to a more peaceful and loving way of living, a life of sharing and enjoying what it holds for us. Imagine a world free of discrimination on all levels, everything being in a state of true equality. Imagine a life of happiness, one of trust and devoid of deception. It is the truth of life and the direction in which we must travel. In our present era, we are beginning to witness a very tangible transition, as people embark on seeking newer understandings of old teachings. They are searching for the reasons as to why documents and facts were hidden when compiling the original creation of the Biblical texts. Many new discoveries are coming to light. Does not the Bible tell us: “... the truth shall be made known ...”?

We hope you will read and enjoy this book, and allow your lives to unfold in grace and beauty in all respects. We must seize the moment we have, for this is all that we truly have. All things are created in the moment, and never after the fact.







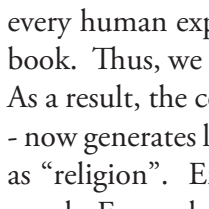
## Introduction

*“Constancy in the knowledge of the Spirit, insight into the end of the knowledge of Truth – this is declared to be [true] knowledge and all that is different from it is non-knowledge.”*

### *The Bhagavadgita*

This book is written with the sincere conviction that it will convey a message other than the one we have been led to accept about Biblical and other ancient texts. It may change your experience in the way you view life and the concept of God and religion, as well as your relationship with those beliefs. This book is about ancient principles contained in the Bible and many other documents inscribed long ago, such as the Nag Hammadi Library and the Dead Sea Scrolls. They are filled with stories about a wondrous Truth that is buried deeply beneath the words themselves. Words paint mental pictures that enfold in our minds, and we call this “getting answers”. At times, we take these images as the only truth there is, since we can see or imagine it. We base this personally conceived truth on what we learn in life, along with the associated experiences we have during our own journey in this world. We store it in our subconscious and it now has power, since it influences our memories and, ultimately, our decisions and our lives.

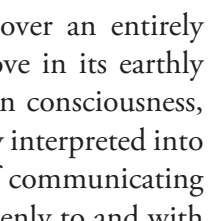
Armed with what we have determined for ourselves, mostly based on what others have contributed, we believe that it will broaden our ability to shape Truth in our lives. Should we not ask ourselves: what if all this is based on falsehoods? Because of this, we either contract or expand our formulation based on our personally perceived truths and associated imagery. These mental illustrations – that we call “thoughts” – are founded solely on what we have seen or read. Most of the time, we compare them, and in this fashion, we develop personal beliefs according to our choices. This practice is not specifically reserved for the individual. It spreads throughout our society, when each and



every human experiences the same event or feeling, or reads a similar book. Thus, we collectively develop a comparable mental illustration. As a result, the collective mindset – sometimes called the “over mind” - now generates large-scale belief systems that, in time, we have termed as “religion”. Entire nations have been known to bond in the same creed. Even when founded with the best of intentions, these systems tend to bind us as a group, with one mindset going in one direction, while offering no other alternatives. In some respects, this direction may not necessarily be the best or ideal goal toward which we can journey. It does limit us in the centuries-old matter pertaining to God or the God Head, and it affects our individual experience. It also influences what we know about the ancient teachers and prophets of long ago.

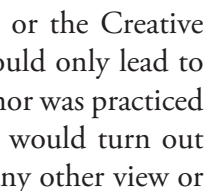
These wise persons of long ago lived in a totally different environment, a different culture, and they did not explain things as we do in our present society. They did use their thought process of imagery as we do today, but the question is: did they have the same mindset then than the one that motivates us now? The answer is simply: no, they did not. The obvious reason is purely the period in which they lived. They were familiar with chariots and walking great distances on foot. We know of cars and jets, thus we have broadened our horizon – as far as travel and technology are concerned. Consequently, it is understandable that they would use different symbolisms and metaphors than we would today. When we read their works, we must adapt to their mindset rather than our own, and we have that ability. We can envision their words, even with our modern imagery process. In so doing, we can read any metaphor in a much easier way and grasp the metaphysical messages within its symbolism.

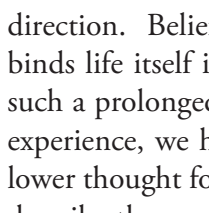
Perhaps it would be simpler to demonstrate the importance of the symbolisms found in ancient writings and the difference in concepts that they can provide. As an example, you may have noted that in the Bible and the Nag Hammadi Library, we find many references pertaining to traveling to the high places, or going up on the mountain. The initial reflection in our mind is to portray... mountains. That is purely a literal, material assimilation, and it does not take into account the idea or concept hidden behind the words. We must focus on developing the proper intended imagery,



and from a metaphysical perspective, we will discover an entirely different subject. Either expression mentioned above in its earthly style actually refers to the upward journey into open consciousness, the ladder leading to higher states of mind. It is easily interpreted into entering a state of meditation, with the intention of communicating directly with consciousness. It is communicating openly to and with the idea of God. From this perception, we can readily see that it offers a diverse image and concept, especially if we add the inspiration of reverence. It is historically known that, in older times, people gazed within themselves more than we do today. They used deep forms of meditative states that - in those times - were also known as prayer. For most of us, it is not what we practice today, and in some cases, it has even become an external display – a far cry from the original intention. If we were to develop a more spiritual interpretation of such symbolisms and metaphors, the true contents of the existing books and documents would be seen differently. We would gain a more truthful level of understanding of the allegories and their deeper messages. Instead, we have replaced them with material concepts taught over the millennia as physical representations. To further aggravate the situation, we believed it to be the truth, especially when contained in religious books and documents.

In the Far East, you will find a philosophy that we will call binding, pertaining to human thought and the idea of fear. Both lead to frailty and the forming of attachments to things belonging to the material realm. These things may even include the mental imagery we set in place in our minds. We become attached to the thoughts that we innately wish to formalize as reality rather than the concepts. In that case, we are now bound to them in what we can define as material beliefs. They can become so deeply ingrained that we are barely able to shift them because of fear, especially if they are thousands of years old. It is then accepted as the only truth. This may remind us of the Master's words: "...And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch..." (Mat. 15:14). This becomes even more compounded when it comes to the notion of God or the Creative Principle. Materially-bound eyes and experience would only lead to the same non-spiritual understanding. If this demeanor was practiced for centuries, the literal interpretation of the words would turn out to be automatic in belief, making us impervious to any other view or

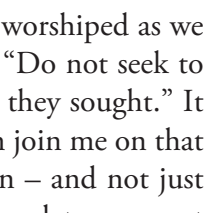




direction. Belief has indeed this level of power over human life. It binds life itself in place. As a result, if we have based this belief for such a prolonged period solely on what the eye sees and the physical experience, we have limited our system to what could be defined as lower thought form. Further, when we define such belief systems, we describe them as physical things. In turn, it keeps us away from any higher experience of consciousness or anything else above that, since we have erected this self-imposed barrier that does not allow for us to reach for it. We seem to require solid, tangible proof.

When we read these ancient texts, we must do so by endorsing different principles, rather than the binding perspective of our conditioned beliefs. We must veil the world in which we live and operate. We must go back in time to seek the metaphorical meaning of the words and expressions. As mentioned above, the original writers had dissimilar mindsets, not at all like today's materially minded thought process. We must learn to perceive the words, feel them outside of their physical meaning. We must step outside the restrictive fence that encloses what we have been led to believe. We must willfully accept within us the concept of an infinite Creative Principle. We must look at the metaphors with the eyes of our inner spirit. It would then lead us to the level of knowledge conducive to further growth in this life, and how to live it spiritually. An inspired, personal quest has taken me around the world, seeking a deeper knowledge of God and the One named Jesus who, in some parts of the world, was/is known as Issa. It is my earnest desire to share with the reader the fact that there is more to the Bible and Jesus the Christ than has ever been said or written from a metaphysical point of view. Other ancient texts support this view and indeed expand it to assist our search for the sake of truth and knowledge.

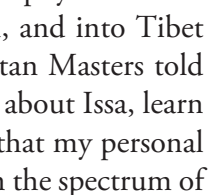
My journey began in the late 1960's. The purpose was simple: I wanted to learn why there were 18 years missing out of Jesus' life, especially since there were so many other segments of His crusade on earth revealed in the biblical texts. The search for those lost 18 years was the turning point of my life. The more I studied, the more was perceived that He left us a path a mile-wide, so that anyone could follow, if one wanted to seek what He was taught from all perspectives. He was taught from the day He was born into this world to be a role

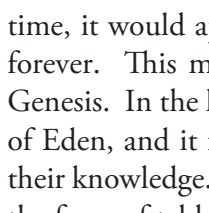


model, an example that we could follow and not be worshiped as we have done. Matsuo Basho (1644-1694) once said: “Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the men of old; seek what they sought.” It is my personal belief today that any human being can join me on that spiritual path, by merely looking for the information – and not just on the Internet. If we truly desire to gather the missing data, we must visit and look in the places where He was for the majority of His life. It is my hope that this work will provide a shorter route to the Truth, the true nature and the wisdom of Self.

As mentioned earlier, my actual studies in metaphysics began when I became associated with the Zen philosophy of life, at the Zen Buddhist Monastery in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam. The Zen masters mentioned many times that I should focus on an individual named Issa. I heard this same suggestion while studying with the Tibetan masters. Eventually, I had to ask who Issa was. To my surprise, this name – in any of the English translations of the Bible – is loosely interpreted as Jesus. This old Asian culture knew of Him! This fascinated me, and I had to know more and how they knew of Him. My own Christian upbringing was whispering to me that such revelation was just not possible. I also detected that my basic belief was attempting to influence me in looking no further. It was acceptance of the new knowledge that changed everything I had been taught. From that point on and the journey that ensued, I had to understand more! I simply had to know how the Zens knew of this holy man, because I was under the impression that they only knew of the Buddha and Bodidharma – the founder of the Zen path. What a pleasant surprise it was to discover that they were familiar with many Masters, including Issa, and that they had incorporated all of their teachings into one cohesive yet flexible mindset. That flexibility far surpasses that of the American mindset.

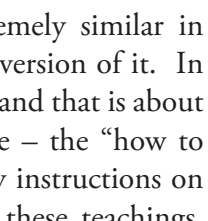
After I achieved my degree in Psychology, I had an urge, a calling, to travel to India, to quench my never-ending thirst for enlightenment. Once there, I began to learn about the Tibetan philosophy. It started in Patanjali Province, in northern India, into Nepal, and into Tibet on several different occasions. Amazingly, the Tibetan Masters told me the same thing as the Zen monks. I was to study about Issa, learn what He did, and most importantly, understand all that my personal imagery could assimilate. In that part of the world, in the spectrum of





time, it would appear that these eastern civilizations have been there forever. This makes sense in respect to the Bible and the Book of Genesis. In the latter, we can find a perfect description of the Garden of Eden, and it fits Kashmir perfectly as the seat of the ancients and their knowledge. These eastern nations are rich in recorded history, in the form of tablets, papyrus and scrolls. Those invaluable documents tell stories and concepts of events during forgotten times, and about people such as John the Baptist and of course, the man we call Jesus. My research with those learned Masters lasted several years, after which I once again continued my education in the United States, this time in religion and theology. It simply was to understand the belief system, especially in the religious realm. In the process, I began to have even more questions. Just having faith did not work. Here is an example of what I mean:

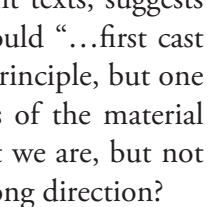
In the various Christian religions, most of us have been taught that first, there was Adam, and then God gave him Eve as a mate. They had two sons, one of which killed the other. Cain, the survivor, was banished and later took a wife and settled in the east, in a land called Nod. Question: whence did the wife come, if indeed Adam and Eve were the “original” human creations? How many of you have asked yourselves the same question? As another example, and according to the historical side of the Bible, the appearance of humankind on this planet took place around the year 4004 B.C.E. We owe this data to Archbishop James Ussher of Ireland who, in 1650, after exhaustive research in the Genesis genealogies and the New Testament, came up with the date. Studying the same Bible, Prof. Earnst Mayr of Harvard University concluded that the information therein would make the earth only 6000 years old. These time frames are geologically and evolutionally not possible. We know there are human remains and even buildings and monuments that are much older than that. Those are only two of many queries, and it led me to realize that so much had to be missing from biblical texts, knowingly or not. Somehow, hearing the words: “You must have faith, my son” just does not quench our thirst for knowledge. Still, there are indeed times when one must journey on faith alone, especially when one opens to the idea of consciousness. It pushed me to study all religions, in an attempt to locate the missing parts – and there are yet many.

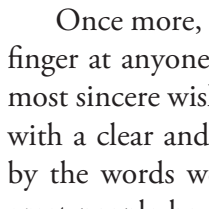


The majority of our known religions are extremely similar in nature. They relate the same story, or at least their version of it. In some, the names of the main characters are changed, and that is about all. Granted, some of them get into – they believe – the “how to be” teachings. Yet, none of these religions gives any instructions on the subsequent comprehension and application of these teachings, except for the external trappings. No real inner substance is offered, except possibly in an eastern monastery. It certainly is not my desire to downplay or to judge any religion whatsoever, as each does have its place – thank God. The point is that, in all religions, there appears to be a great deal of missing or conflicting information. My quest is indeed for what was “left out”, and why. Suffice it to say that many disclosures were in store for me on this journey of enlightenment.

My next attempt to understand it all and explore the deeper side of our spiritual being led me to the field of metaphysics, since it encompasses that which is behind any principle or subject – the unseen of things. Why this field? Simple. Jesus, among other religious figures, kept referring to the inner nature of the Self. “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you”, “Know thyself”. Those are just two of the many quotes referring to this “inner nature”. My inquisitive side just had to grasp those meanings, and my journey continued. In the course of the years, many revelations were presented to me. This present work is my attempt to present this information and share it with all who seek the Truth, as well as those who seek understanding of Self, life, relationships, soul nature, and most of all, God.

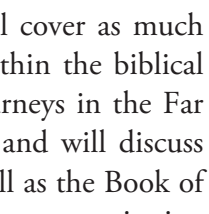
Who are we really? What are we? We all think we know who we are. If this is the case, why do we respond to others the way we do? We are seldom ready to take a progressive risk, as long as we are willing to point our finger at others. That is the reaction to which we are conditioned and bound. That progressive risk is one of forward movement – or growth – and our growth is held in place while we blame others for our very own dilemmas. We seem to willfully set aside our inner personal physiognomy or what generates our private thoughts. The Bible, along with many other ancient texts, suggests this particular behavior when it relates that one should “...first cast out the beam out of thine own eye.” It is a simple principle, but one that is overlooked because the concepts and mores of the material realm have made us blind. In truth, we know what we are, but not who we are. Could we have been pointed in the wrong direction?





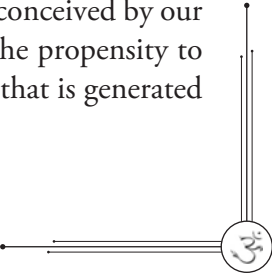
Once more, I must reiterate that it is not my purpose to point the finger at anyone or anything. To some, it may seem that way. My most sincere wish is to provide all those who are genuinely interested, with a clear and distinct portrayal of the wonderful mysteries veiled by the words we have read and heard for over 1600 years. Many great people have walked upon the face of this earth. Each of them has left us a certain legacy in the way of knowledge, and these great ones all appear to be so ancient, and today, many believe that their philosophies are outdated. Through time, we have written numerous commendable works on religion, and religion itself is based on old knowledge. Modern society has interpreted it and printed it in its “approved” version, but only in a modern sense and language. We have to consider the state of the various civilizations when the texts were written. Example: If all the facts had been exposed then in a simple, understandable style rather than in parables, no one would need the churches, for we would all be aware of the Truth, rather than just a few. It is interesting to me that so much time passed before anything was written about any of these famous people. Do you realize that we did not have an American version of the Bible until 1901? That is one thousand nine hundred and one years after the birth of Jesus, and 125 years after the Declaration of Independence! What took so long? Once again, it was interpreted, adding to the already incredible number of “interpretations”. Yet, it just had to be Americanized. Originally, it was written in Aramaic, Hebrew and Sanskrit. Later, it was translated into second century Greek, then English, and finally, there came the American version. This is not counting the fact that, in the years subsequent to the initial compilation, it was translated into almost every language known to humankind. In the process, much has been lost or removed, and it may never be recovered at all. What I have sought all these years is all that is missing – and why. In my perspective, the key lies in those eighteen missing years in Jesus’ formative life. Even the men that prepared most of these texts wrote them on hearsay. They were not present. They were not even associated with any of the Masters when they walked.

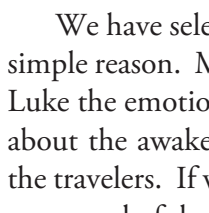
To cover every facet of the Bible would take a couple of lifetimes, hence, we will limit our discussions to certain vital biblical areas. We will begin with a thesis on the birth of the soul and its chain of events, going through Genesis, the Book of Isaiah, supported by



Old Testament excerpts and other works. We will cover as much as possible on the subject of Jesus and His life, within the biblical texts and in other documentation found in my journeys in the Far East. We will then move to the New Testament and will discuss the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as well as the Book of Revelation. As you may have noticed, the Bible is not a continuing story as an adventure novel. It is written in segments and it is not cohesive in style. To stay within the meaning of each segment, this book is presented in the same fashion. At the conclusion, we will offer a unified presentation of the whole concept pertaining to the metaphysical contents of the Bible.

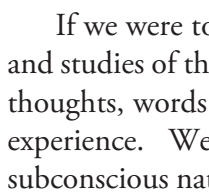
The mystique of all these ancient texts is that all of the data necessary to understand Self and the interactions of life is veiled in the words therein. These works also state that at some time, the information will become clear, for all to understand. After all my studies of these great tomes, it was discovered that the Truth is still contained within them. We must focus on how to read them in order to uncover their mysteries. In all my searching the world over, I believe that the greatest book of all time on the subject of spiritual enlightenment is indeed the Bible, provided we do not become ensnared and confused in the symbolisms. It tells us what our own experience is going to be, and the best way to handle things within us as they occur. After all, the “Kingdom of Heaven is within you”, and all the lessons given – many in the form of metaphors - explain how to live a better physical and spiritual life. It demonstrates how one can locate this inner heaven and, of course, that may not be accomplished outside your Self. On some levels, you may find this journey very uncomplicated yet, what it brings forth within us may create somewhat of a dilemma. Why the dilemma? The answer is really quite simple. Our real struggle in life is balancing our material outer world upon which our belief systems are based, with the spiritual nature of our inner Self. The material side is seen and the spiritual is not. It is felt, and nothing more. The external environment makes it easier to establish the imagery conceived by our minds because we are able to literally see it. It has the propensity to guide our lives instead of the real mental illustration that is generated by the inner Self.





We have selected the biblical chapters mentioned above for a very simple reason. Matthew is about the physical self, Mark is the mental, Luke the emotional, John the spiritual, and the Book of Revelation is about the awakening of Self and how such experience will affect us, the travelers. If we know how to read the different texts, they will give us a wonderful understanding of our lives. They will let us know what to anticipate, and how we will – or will not – handle the course of life necessary for us to continue to grow and to evolve as a species. We are at the point of evolution where we are about to take a giant leap into consciousness, and it is best to be prepared for it.

Today, in our contemporary society, religion is equated to a belief outside of our own Self rather than within, where God resides, as the Christ Himself told us. God is love. It is not vindictive, as portrayed by the religions. If God was so spiteful, why is it that Jesus never begged his Creator? From the written word, we gather that He commanded, for He had a deeper realization of His Father, and no harm came to Him. The harm came from human insecurities. Yes, Jesus was different, but only in the sense of His education and deep comprehension. He changed the dispensation of the Covenant – or understanding between the physical and the spiritual – and the Bible tells us that the shift will occur once again, from the erroneous concept of superstition to a spiritual reality. He showed us and demonstrated for us how to work with God in a frank and open manner and not against It, as we do. It is time for a new level of understanding and acceptance of what God means to all of us. Again, this book is not a religious work. It is one that offers and shares the concept of consciousness to all who wish to work with the energy of spirit, so they may grow in the sacred aspect of life. We have greater influence over life than anyone could ever imagine, as we, like Jesus, are the first cause of physical reality. We do not just yet realize the implications involved, but we will, sooner or later. All the messages from the wise ancients tell us this.



If we were to really grasp the deeper meanings found in the work and studies of the Master, we would realize many things in life. These thoughts, words and actions are what we create for our own learning experience. We organize these, more times than not, through our subconscious nature which has much to do with our higher Self. This