

# English

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## AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

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### Introduction

A scripture against Christianity. Well, why do we need a scripture about Christianity and what is it about? In these days, Christianity has become stereotyped with all its dogmata which are not easily understood; dogmata which according to the common nature of dogma require a blind faith in them without questioning them at all. Either you believe in them or you don't. Either you are 'in' or 'out' of Christianity's 'path of salvation'. Such dogmatic gospel precludes a free process of thought which is especially the case with Christianity as the preachers of Gospel, the ones we could call 'the ones versed in the Scriptures', however, claim without crying it out loud, that if you don't believe in what they preach, in the dogmata of Christianity, you are lost – a rather outrageous claim and threat!

A scripture which turns against a dogmatic teaching of Christianity has to include a critique of its teaching of central dogmata. In the following, I will discuss the dogmata one by one. I will refer to a little book, published in 1920 when discussing the dogma of Atonement, the teachings that Jesus Christ carried our sins on 'the Tree of the Cross' and that He by His death paid the penalty of the whole world's sins. The book is called 'The Doctrine of Atonement and the Shorter Road' (published by Michael Agerskov). Here, the theological aspects of the dogma of Atonement are discussed and it is explicitly established that this specific dogma is untenable. I will not repeat the arguments of the book but rather present a number of philosophic ethical arguments against this dogma, the foundation of Christianity.

I expect no support or understanding from the theological quarter. Nor do I intend my scripture to be an erudite, theological study as I simply do not possess the qualifications for such study. I will on the contrary point out a number of philosophic and ethical flaws of the major dogma of Christianity. I will point out, by addressing the general population, how much we are being misled by the 'spiritual leaders' of the people, the incredible devious ways they want us to follow on the path towards God and how much they have failed. Theologians, ministers, priests and bishops really "give us stones for bread" and lead us through empty deserts of lies, lead us away from and not towards God. To me the empty churches (note) demonstrate that I have reason to hope for understanding from 'ordinary people' as it seems as if many people have already let go of their hold in the many delusions of Christianity. From an unsentimental point of view, I believe that the majority of people do not attach great importance to Christianity as the 'path of salvation'. It is my impression that most people consider Christianity as some kind of cultural heritage with a number of more or less nice and attractive services which we employ in the festivals of life and the year. I believe that most people do not take Christianity seriously.

None the less, a church is preserved by a few 'experts', supported by the many 'half-hearted' Christians' money and an antiquated Danish Constitution Act, a church claiming that it pleads for the cause of eternity. However, this is not the case at all. Christianity is based on man-made dogmata which have lost their grip on man. The message of this scripture is to point out the absurd content of these dogmata and to show a better path; a path which can lead to a greater spiritual serenity to many; a path which at the same time is the key to a generally brighter and more peaceful situation on Earth; a path which is now open to us all.

So this scripture is a work of reformation. I think the time is right to yet another reformation, a reformation which is more extensive and drastic than for instance the Lutheran one. Thus, after two thousand years' wanderings in the

wilderness, man may soon be able to understand who God really is and see how small Christianity has made Him.

## 1. The dogma of Atonement and dogma of salvation by faith

According to Christianity, God became a human (Jesus Christ) and upon His death on the Cross, an atonement between God and mankind was established. This dogma of Atonement is connected with the account of the Fall where man, according to Christianity, disobeyed God and was banished from the Garden of Eden, Paradise.

Now the very thought that God would incarnate Himself as human is rather fantastic. However, let us take a look at what Christianity really says about this way of thinking. Man disobeyed God. This was punished with banishment from Paradise. However, God would not let go of man so to pave the way for an atonement of the old sin, *He descends from heaven with the intention of being killed in order to atone for Himself. God assumes all sins and by letting Himself be killed by mankind, something He had planned and sanctioned, He is thus atoned for Himself.*

Thereby, death becomes a condition and foundation of love. A crazy thought, really. Despite all sorts of speculations and philosophising and despite thousands of years of theological obstacle race to make it all form a synthesis, these are the hard facts. That is what Christianity and its spokesmen claim when they call it an expression of sublime, in fact a divine logic. This explains why they had to raise this way of thinking to a religious dogma which people were demanded to trust blindly. In days of old with threats of a violent death; today wrapped in golden paper combined with a conspiracy of silence against the opponents of this absurd dogma.

However, the dogma of Atonement has its roots in ancient, Jewish ideas of God being 'the God of wrath' A God who constantly has to be suborned and mollified with bloody sacrifices. In fact, the roots of the dogma of Atonement go even further back to the life of the first human beings who lived in little tribes and clans where the oldest members of the tribe or the leaders of the tribe had the best seats around the fire. By sacrificing various tools, weapons and foodstuffs to the leaders of the tribe, the less privileged could get a better seat around the fire. So the main dogma of Christianity has its original roots in ancient paganism.

I have often heard priests explain this dogma in the following way: "God loved man so much that He gave His beloved son for atonement and salvation of man". Beloved? Why did God need bloody sacrifices to reconcile with man if He loved man? Would such a sacrifice not rather excite His wrath? No matter how you look at it, the dogma of Atonement is a 'short circuit' from a philosophical and ethical point of view.

If you consider what Jesus taught man, there is all the difference in the world between His teaching and that of the church. Unlike Paul, Jesus attached great importance to the ethical improvements of man. To Him, it was all about talking about the love of God and thereby invite reflection of man, to awaken the reciprocated love of God. These things would result in improved habits for everybody. And He gave numerous parables where the ethical improvement is the main theme. In other words, He attached great importance to the responsibility of the individual human being.

With Paul, it is the other way round. To Him God is the God of wrath who has to be reconciled with the sinful people. According to him, and later on Luther, man cannot find salvation no matter what he does. This will only happen if it is God's will. Otherwise not. Here there is no room left for man's own ethical responsibility to his fellow men. The most important thing is to believe and this results in the dogma of salvation only by faith. That is to say that one can only hope for the grace of God, not His love. God is a god of wrath and revenge.

Unfortunately, the interpretation of Paul won in the early Christian conflicts. Paul was a masterful yet very self-righteous man who did not listen willingly to those who had known Jesus personally (Paul never met Jesus, the Man). And he pondered a lot of how the incarnation of Jesus should be perceived. His pondering resulted in a complete perversion of Jesus' simple and wonderful teaching of love: Love each other as brothers and sisters! Love your neighbour as yourself! Forgive your enemies!

Love each other, forgive your enemies! How do these words sound when considering the history of the church and Christianity? For thousands of years, with an unquenchable hate, with violence, compulsion and molestation, the Christians have tried to overcome all the obstinate people, those who would not accept their teachings. Love each

other, forgive your enemies! How does these words about a god who could not forgive *his own* enemies but on the contrary sent them to eternal hell sound? Love each other, forgive your enemies! Why? What is required is faith – nothing else. A faith in the fact that God reconciles with man by letting Himself get killed to allay His wrath. Is this a god of love? Verily, the God of Jesus and the God of Paul are not the same! The God of Jesus is the love of God, the true God. The God of Paul is the God of wrath and revenge who shows grace but no love of man. Jesus leads man towards God, Paul lead man away from God. *And the teaching of the church is the teaching of Paul!*

## 2. The dogma of the original sin

According to Christianity, every new human being, every mortal, is sinful by virtue of the fall transferred by the sin of Adam and Eve – the so-called original sin. A Christian thinks – like Augustin believed – that man received this original sin through the semen. The truth is the opposite: At the conception of any human body, we receive our part of the divine flood of light, the divine element. The idea of the original sin and the sinful human being is a pure destructive philosophical system which has logically resulted in the fact that people have had to betake themselves to a miracle to get a chance to be saved from the sin: The death and ‘Resurrection’ of Jesus. The truth is quite the opposite: All people are God’s children and cannot be perished. Jesus was not sent down to Earth to save us from damnation by His voluntary death, sanctioned by God, but to point out and talk about the divine love which everyone becomes part of from the conception. All human beings are thus born into the divine love and cannot in any way be torn out of it, not even by being sinful again and again.

## 3. The dogma of Trinity

The dogma of the Trinity – that God is indeed one, however, is oddly enough three, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is not because of Jesus, but on the contrary various synods where people from a theological quarter ‘agreed’ that God was one and three. At a synod in Nicaea in A. D. 325, the Son’s unity with the Father was agreed. Here, the Holy Spirit was included in brackets as the third part of the unity, however, at the synod in Constantinople A. D. 381, the brackets were deleted and henceforth this god construction – the Trinity – was a reality.

However, to Jesus God was one and only one. This is also found in the Gospels, or rather one place in the Gospel of Mark, Mark 12, 29, which has been overlooked in connection with various revisions of the original Gospels. Revisions which were made from a theological point of view for the purpose of forming a synthesis. Here, in this part of the Gospel, Jesus is quoted: **“Listen Israel, Our God, Our Master, Our Lord is ONE”**. Of course, Jesus did not believe Himself that He was God as such a blasphemous thought was not part of His mentality.

Jesus was a very loving man who wished with all His heart to bring mankind to rest relying on and with a love of God. He did not perform miracles, however, thanks to His extraordinary vision He was often able to help where others had given up. Not miraculously but by way of His deep, rich love of mankind. Unsympathetic, undeveloped, fanatically worked up people who in every possible way wished to force through the idea of the divinity of Jesus – people who have later added considerable text to the Gospels for the purpose of proving this idea. In several places, this leads to passages which may seem ludicrous when reading it today because of all their unconvincing exaggerations (e.g. the resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus turning water into wine and so on).

The dogma of Trinity is yet another example of differences between what Jesus learned and what the theologians, the versed in Scriptures, learned and learn. The thought that God would incarnate Himself in a human body is very much an expression of a darkened way of thinking; an entirely blasphemous thought which should not evoke any faith or dissemination. I think that it is once more the Christian threat of eternal damnation which has always been used by the theologians as a forcible means to frighten people to also accept this dogma after which the dogma was integrated in the human mind and thoughts and finally became acceptable without barriers. Yet again, it is the destructive Christian mix of reward/punishment (hell or paradise – you choose!) which dominates. If only we could soon get rid of this abject playing fast and loose with people’s lives!

Sometimes you may want to ask yourself what really motivates the theologians. Is it their own fear which they require to be shared with others? Is it a delusion which is to cover up the fact that they actually do not know anything about God? Or is it something entirely different? As things are now, the theologians, the people versed in Scripture, take up a position of power as they demand us all to profess their faith by threats of damnation. How

unloving is this? And how untrue as *nobody, absolutely nobody* shall be damned. The damnation simply contradicts the all-loving God and teachings which maintain the damnation as a possibility are thus unworthy to God. Nobody can ever be out of reach of God's love, not even God's opponent throughout millions of years Satan. "Forgive thy enemies!", God's emissary, Jesus Christ, shouted to the Hebrews who had turned their deaf ear to him. Should He Himself not be able to forgive His own enemy? The answer is self-evident.

However, there is another aspect here – that to many Christianity is actually inspired by the same Satan to keep people away from God, to make people confused by more and more incomprehensible interpretations of Jesus' incarnation. The purpose was to lead people's attention away from the actual teaching of Jesus, away from His teaching of love, mercy and forgiveness, and to make people speculate deeper and deeper into the darkness instead of *loving each other*. This is why the teachings of the church in several important respects strive against Jesus' own teachings.

#### 4. The dogma of baptism

According to Christianity, you have to be baptised in order to be saved. Jesus did not baptise people as He could tell that people did not understand this act properly. People often read more into baptism than there was and is basis for. Their interpretation more or less agrees with the interpretation of today's theologians as they believed that by being baptised you were forever cleansed from the impurities of sin, i.e. that the baptism did not only cleanse from the sins of the past, however, also from future sins.

A ridiculous thought! First and foremost you do not cleanse the soul by getting a few drops of water in your hair – 'holy water' or not. Secondly, it is obvious that it cannot cleanse future sins – they have not even taken place yet. This is a typical example of the outward religiousness which characterises Christianity where you put your trust in outward ceremonies and believe that they have also an inward influence. Very clever as you do not have to deal with the ethical responsibility which Jesus constantly emphasised.

However, the disciples of Jesus insisted on being allowed to baptise people as they were met with opposition if they followed Jesus' request not to baptise people. And it says all about people's desire for easy solutions and their everlasting difficulties in understanding their real responsibility which includes everything – everything you think of and do – we someday have to answer for. However, not to a strict and cruel god, but rather a gentle and loving divinity which educates all its children to become independent personalities who are fully aware of their responsibility. And God has plenty of time. Man not only have one chance, however, many chances as we will live several lives here on Earth – just until we are fully aware of our responsibility. The responsibility which Jesus always pointed out, however, which the church 'mercifully takes away' from man again by claiming that everything is actually up to God and His 'mercy'. Directly contrary to what Jesus learned.

Finally, under a great pressure from the disciples, Jesus allowed them to baptise people, *however, only when they were required to do so*. It was just the kind of baptism – in the form of today's ritual – which Jesus warned people against. But naturally the church persists, probably from an idea that if you do not deprive mankind of the responsibility, you will not get any disciples. A way of thinking which we also meet in all totalitarian regimes and revolutions. Give the people bread and let them pay with their souls, so the parole says, also the Christian one.

In the beginning of His calling as a reformer and founder of a religion, Jesus met with St John the Baptist who baptised the people that searched for him in the River Jordan. When St John baptised people, he said the following words: As I with water cleanse your body from the dust and dirt of the Earth, so will the Lord cleanse your hearts with the heavenly fire, cleanse you from the dirt of sin and evil. The interpretation of baptism, which we meet with John, and which formed the basis of Jesus' view of baptism, is thus that baptism is a *symbol* of mankind's absolution, a *symbol* and nothing else.

Like on many other points, the teachings of Jesus and the ones of the later church differ also on this point. There is no knowing of what the theologians had in mind when it comes to the consequences of this dogma. Were all non-baptised people also lost? Is this how they perceive God's love? They claim, directly contrary to what Jesus learned, a dogma which is unequalled in the human history of thinking when it comes to foolishness.

#### 5. The communion

According to Christianity man can obtain absolution by drinking 'the blood of Jesus' and eat 'His' flesh'. This part of Christianity takes its actual, historical starting point in Jesus taking a farewell with his disciples as he knows that he was chosen to suffer for the anger and hate of mankind and the scribes. The words of the communion which are attributed to Jesus in the Christian teaching: 'This is my body and my blood which I give to you for a new covenant between the Lord and you' is a distortion of the *words of St Paul*: Just like Jesus gave his apostles his bread and wine, he gave his body and blood for spiritual food and drink for His disciples; He offered Himself as a sacrifice of sin, a sign of a new covenant between the Lord and us.

Once more, *the interpretation of St Paul* forms the basis of the church's teaching and not the *calling of Jesus*. I imagine that Jesus must have been disconsolate and that there was very little "festive spirit" at this occasion when he said goodbye to the people who loved him (cf. "Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem"). Jesus was a tired man. He was hunted, hated by many and picked on to suffer for people's malice and hate. With his disciples who understood his true greatness and who loved him for everything he gave them – his deep, rich fruits of love – with them he probably found a small island of peace in the middle of the storm which raged against him.

Paul interprets the communion as a new covenant between God and man, whereas Jesus only said goodbye to the people who loved him. Once more we see the low as opposed to the high, the God of wrath opposite the God of love, the God of Paul opposite the God of Jesus. By taking the communion seriously – as a means to absolution – the Christians place themselves on the same footing as the most primitive, nature religions' cult of gods. Naturally, you do not obtain absolution in any way by drinking the blood or eating the flesh of your god! It is incomprehensible to me that this dogma is still supported.

Another thing is that people often feel spiritually comforted by being a part of the communion. However, this is not because they receive the Holy Communion, but rather the heartfelt remorse and a prayer to God or Jesus. Once again: The importance of the personal, ethical responsibility, the responsibility to God and man should be emphasised not some ridiculous, repulsive rituals and the 'miraculous power' of sacraments. All sacramental ceremonies are outward religiousness with a vengeance! And they are of no use to people – not at all.

## 6. Conclusion

Christianity is overflowed with incorrect statements and lies as the church emphasises the importance of Paul's teachings and not the teachings of Jesus. I have deliberately not included the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit' and 'the Holy Virgin' as this is simply too ridiculous a belief in my opinion. Of course, Jesus' life here on Earth was initiated in a normal way, i.e. by a man and a woman having sex.

Christianity needs a thorough cleansing and we should base this cleansing, this all-pervading reformation where the focus should once again be on people's ethical responsibility to God and each other – the facts that Jesus constantly tried to make people of his time understand, base this reformation on the masterpiece 'Toward the Light'! (published by Michael Agerskov), which, among other things, includes a completely true account of Jesus' life on Earth. And how am I to tell? Because this masterpiece exactly focuses on man's ethical, religious responsibility, on the love for God and man, and not on God's 'mercy' or 'wrath'. In the book 'Toward the Light!' we learn that God loves all people, irrespective of their belief or non-belief, and irrespective of their list of sins. And we learn that *no one, absolutely no one* will be lost, that Heaven, Paradise, the Kingdom of God are open to all of us. One day God will welcome all the people who have lived, all the people who are alive and all the people who want to live. He will welcome all his children because of his deep, everlasting, all-embracing love. God's love and His patience have no limits. He demands that we do our best but he is still ready to forgive us when we have failed and genuinely ask for forgiveness.

Christianity claims the opposite. If God really was as Christianity describes, He would not be the God of love even though the Christians naturally claim so. What about all the lost souls, you ask, what about all the people who have never heard of Jesus either because they lived before his time or because they live in places where Christianity has never gained ground? Usually you only get one answer from the Christians, an answer where fear and, the typical factor, a self-righteous, pharisaical conviction of being 'on the right side' may be added.

All such stupidities must give way if the true God, who *is* the God of love, is to have a greater impact on our world.

Man has to give up the old Christian ideas and search for the true God, search for the God of truth, love and kindness, who has way too long been sent into the shadow due to the Christian aberration. Until man comes to know the true God, love, mercifulness, forgiveness and peace cannot gain a footing in our world for real. 'Toward the Light!' shows us this God without requiring that we believe in the divinity of 'Toward the Light' or in God at all. However, the road to more peace for all the people in the world and for each individual person passes this cognition and also passes the forgiveness of Ardor (Satan) who has now returned to the light and God. It is not absolutely necessary, however, it is a shortcut to God.

With the Christian dogmata man crucifies himself. Let us soon experience the day where this teaching is seen as what it is: A darkened vision of god which is rooted in times more evil than ours – a relic from times where treats of eternal suffering could still enslave millions of people in the darkness and ignorance. A teaching which is completely unworthy for the true God, the God of love and peace!

*cpo; around the year 2000*

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Note: When I write about the empty churches and the missing popular support to the Church in the introduction to the scripture, I first and foremost refer to the situation in Denmark

# REINCARNATION

## WHY? HOW? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

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### 1. Introduction

According to various surveys made by opinion poll firms, the notion of reincarnation, the rebirth of the soul or spirit, gains an increasing foothold in the Western world especially among the young people. The theoretical frame affecting the individual's perception of reincarnation may vary as some of them incline to e.g. the Buddhist teaching, others to the new notions within the New Age movement and others to religion or movements where reincarnation plays a role. Thus, many theories or religions where the notion of reincarnation is discussed exist.

We live in a world which is breaking up. The old systems are breaking down and new ones slowly shape up. An interchange of information which becomes more and more extensive and intensive – both by way of old and new media – points to a new world order of which we may still just see the outline. The religious field experiences the same development. The old religious systems, particularly Christianity, are met with a pressure from the new currents. People will no longer accept the old without further proof, however, they allow themselves to ask questions on their own initiative. Today, we witness a thaw, particularly in the Western world, where people avoid the old, inflexible religions and find their answers elsewhere.

If I am to risk my neck and try to guess in which direction the world moves, it must in the direction of a united humanity; one world, one mankind, one God. This trend is not obvious when considering the world of today. There are, however, still numerous reasons indicating that we, humankind, will probably move in this direction. Right now, we are standing in the midstream, so to speak, standing between the old and the new world, between the breakup and the unity. And this process, this conversion, is not painless. The old, the breakup, the war, the fundamentalism, the violence in its many shapes do not give up so easily. It fights back.

However, at inner levels, a decisive new departure has taken place long ago and it is therefore only a matter of time before we will experience this in reality in this earthly life by way of peace, greater love between people here on Earth, greater tolerance between races, genders, classes, religions, etc. The forces which previously fought people

and which caused the majority of the human agony and misery have given up and had grounded arms. Left is a long travel which is not unproblematic – back and forth towards a common goal: eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Everybody will obtain this.

There are a few, simple reasons for why the world looks the way it does, why there is so much violence, so much misery, so much hate and intolerance, religious fundamentalism and consequent violence and misery. In this publication I will, based on the work 'Toward the Light!' (published by Michael Agerkov in 1920), embark upon these causes as they form a natural part of the explanation why we reincarnate. And I will explain what reincarnation is and what the purpose of it is. 'Toward the Light!' does not represent a dogmatic religion or a religion at all as humankind is absolutely free to choose. It is rightly claimed that God's Kingdom is for all irrespective of whether one is Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, atheist, etc. 'Toward the Light!' is given by God as a possible way – one among many, yet a shortcut to what everybody searches for: spiritual peace and coherence, a meaning of life, and it is offered to make the way to a common Home, the Kingdom of God, as short and painless as possible.

## 2. Reincarnation – why?

The historical reasons for reincarnation are as follows: from the beginning of time before the universe and Earth were created, God created thousands upon thousands of beautiful, wonderful creatures – the angels, 'the Eldest' and 'the Youngest' as they are called in 'Toward the Light!'. The Eldest and the Youngest lived in the eternity of eternity among beauty and happiness in the Kingdom of God. But the day had to come where God confronted them with darkness so they could become complete independent personalities with their own magnificent will. And the thought occurred to God – to create new beings, children of light, and surrender the leadership of them to some of the first created children. With this in view, God first created the universe so the new creatures had abodes. And after a while, when the universe had slowly been created, He chose a globe, the Earth, to be the first home for his still uncreated children.

God confronted all his first created children, the Eldest and the Youngest, with the darkness as he said to them:

"I, your Father, wish to give you a part in My creation, for I shall create new beings, create them from My own Self and from the strong radiations of the Globe. I shall create them beautiful and good, with possibilities open of receiving, under your guidance, everything through the Light. And they shall live a life in beauty and joy on one of the globes that I have formed, on the one which I have chosen for that purpose. In the fullness of time shall I choose from among you some, and unto these shall I give a dwelling in the world I have created about the Earth; for from there shall they lead My youngest children, lead them along the paths of the Light, until they reach My Kingdom of Glory. But the chosen leaders may, when they so desire, return unto their abodes in this My Kingdom, that they may rest; for no work is done well, if it is not accompanied by rest."

Subsequently, the Eldest bowed succumbed to arrogance and overweening ambitions, the first results from the influence of darkness, as they were sure that God would choose them as leaders of the yet uncreated creatures. And they often left the Kingdom of God to visit the kingdom surrounds the Earth, a radiant wonderful world of light which God had placed around the Earth with the purpose of 'preparing' himself for the difficult work and to have a sanctuary as the creatures in the Kingdom of God, in God's close vicinity, felt His sorrow flow against them. However, they forgot that God had actually not chosen them; they forgot to wait for the Almighty to tell them who He had chosen for the difficult work. They elected, so to speak, themselves to fill this part.

Them being impatient, a consequence of darkness, because God was still not telling them who He was to choose, the Eldest started doing experiments on creating living creatures. With the growing impact of darkness on them, they thought that their power over the new creatures would thus increase. However, they were not capable of creating immortal creatures in their own image because God and only God was and is the Master of thought and life. And they grew more impatient and started to experiment directly with the powers of darkness. They conjured up darkness from its encapsulation in the ether, and the planet, Earth, slowly changed from a world of light to a world of darkness. Finally, the Eldest succeeded in creating creatures that could live and breathe in the heavy atmosphere of Earth. But they created them from darkness, partly the material, the molecular, and partly the astral darkness.

Originally it was God's intention to create men as creatures of light in a world of light – a world without reproduction and death, which was intended to slowly rise towards the Kingdom of God and God himself. However, the creation experiment of the Eldest put a stop to these plans.

Much later, some of the Eldest, the ones who regretted their evil acts at an early stage, approached God and asked him to give man from eternal life, to make man his child, like the Eldest and the Youngest, a prayer which God heard and granted. God gave every individual an eternal, immortal soul or spirit, a spark of his own creature so man, by way of it, could struggle through darkness towards light and God *through numerous lives on Earth*. And by the request of God, the Youngest, the non-fallen creatures of God's first created children, undertook, after He had promised the repentant Eldest to take care of their creatures, who in every respect were a failure, and he promised to give humankind from eternal life and make them his children, the leader of humankind, and the Youngest promised to try to help Him create order in the present destruction by being born as human among human beings of the earthly world.

*So we are reincarnated because the Earth has become a world of darkness and death upon the Eldest creation of the human body and the experiment of darkness with which humankind's physical bodies were submitted darkness, sin and death which was not part of God's original plan. It was never His, the Almighty's intention that childhood of humankind should be so tough and painful. It was never His intention that humankind should be submitted sin and death and end up living in a world of darkness. The physical body of humankind is created by the Eldest, by some of God's first created, but the fallen children, whereas humankind's immortal spirit is created by God. The eternal in humankind, the spirit and the soul, are created by God and human beings are therefore – in the deepest sense and verily – true children of God. Thus, reincarnation is God's way of settling the present destruction as it serves to develop the human spirit through the many lives on Earth towards becoming completely bright creatures.*

### 3. Reincarnation – how?

When we reincarnate, the spirit from the transcendental world of light is brought to the earthly world. The spirit will then be lulled to sleep and will immediately lose its recollection of a life in the transcendental world when it is brought to Earth. The spirits count their birth into a life on Earth from this moment. According to the laws of light, the spirit is tied by the life-giving thread of light, the silver thread, the silver cord, or whatever it is called, to the still unborn human foetus in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> month of the pregnancy.

God has arranged it in such a way that you usually have no recollection of previous incarnations as any recollections would cause confusion and chaos in your present life. A recollection of previous lives could cause sufferings – sufferings which are often found among mentally disordered with whom the insulating layer (more information will follow) is partly damaged so that the recollections of pre-incarnations appear in their present consciousness. In certain cases, this will result in split personalities where the individual steps into past incarnations, past experiences, and is not capable of distinguishing between past incarnations and his/her present life.

Every new incarnation may thus be considered a new chance, a new possibility to acquire new knowledge, experiences, wisdom or perhaps a chance to atone for previous offences against the divine laws or one's fellow human beings.

In connection with the incarnation, the spirit completely surrounds the physically body, and clear-sighted people see this as the person's 'aura'. To prevent recollections from previous lives appearing in a disturbing way and that may disturb the individual and perhaps cause considerable, spiritual sufferings to His children, God has arranged that a layer of light occurs between the physical and spiritual body – a layer which functions as an insulating layer (the side of the layer facing the spirit), i.e. it protects the individual from getting too much in touch with the spiritual brain. It is thereby only the qualities, the knowledge, etc. which the individual has agreed with God to bring along in the present incarnation that will be brought to the present consciousness through the silver cord, whereas the individual will not be aware of the other parts of the spirit's knowledge – a knowledge which is usually very comprehensive. The layer also functions as an absorbing layer to darkness (the other side of the layer facing the physical body) which is thus neutralised. With clear-sightedness this absorption and insulation layer becomes visible as a thin, luminous line between the spirit and the physical body.

In reality, the incarnated individual has three bodies and thus three brains of which only one of them – the physical

body and physical brain – which can naturally be subject to direct research and observations by all. Besides the physical body, the incarnated individual also has an astral body which is interwoven with the physical body, and thus the astral brain which is the seat of the instincts of light and darkness inherited from humankind (e.g. instinctive detestation for violence, various inherited talents (sports, trade, etc.) or conversely happiness by causing pain, compulsive ideas and actions, etc.) and the primal drives (e.g. sex drive) implanted by the creators, the Eldest. Moreover, the individual has a spiritual body, the actual, immortal human whose brain is the seat of all the experiences, knowledge, etc. of the spirit which the human has acquired in all previous and present incarnations. Irrespective of how much man offends the divine laws or his fellow human beings, he will *never* go backward in knowledge, experience and development. The road to God is in front of us all and no road leads back to stages which the spirit has already accomplished on its way towards the light.

According to the laws of light, a male spirit will always incarnate in a male body and vice versa with a female spirit. It is not necessary to change gender between the incarnations as we are created two by two, as dual, man and woman, and we anyhow see life in ‘stereo’ through the life of dual and bring along everything. The human spirit *always* incarnates in human bodies and never in e.g. animal bodies. *Animals do not reincarnate* as they have no spiritual body, no immortal spirit.

#### 4. Reincarnation – what is the purpose?

As mentioned and implied before, the purpose of reincarnation is partly to have the human spirit become completely luminous in every situation in life and partly to reach eternal life in the Kingdom of God. As previously mentioned, everybody will reach these targets sometime. We have plenty of time.

During the incarnations, the thought and will, the principal elements of the consciousness, slowly approach each other more and more reflecting each other more and more clearly until they fuse together upon which the individual is unaffected by the radiation and power of darkness forever. At that time or perhaps after a few succeeding atonement incarnations, if the spirit has not atoned all its karma at the time of the spiritual culmination where thought and will fuse together, the spirit of Christ, the eldest of the Youngest, will be released from life on Earth and continue its development towards the final target – life of eternity together with God in his Kingdom, in the worlds of light where no sin and death exist. Here, the human spirit and the dual live symbiotically together and they come closer and closer to each other. The radiation of light, the love between them, grows constantly stronger until they someday reflect each other completely. At this second point of culmination, the human spirit enters the Kingdom of God to live an eternal life.

People who for instance hate Christians, Muslims, Africans or other groups of people or individuals will inevitably be sent down in future incarnations to live among those they once hated so they can learn to love the ones they once hated. The overall objective for humankind’s reincarnation may be said to be *to learn how to love and to become familiar with darkness and to shun it in every situation in life.*

Generally speaking, the fastest way to God is to listen to and to act as in conscience bound in every situation in life. Then you will never lose your way. Moreover, a shortcut to light and God has been opened by way of the forgiveness of the Eldest, the leader of the fallen, of humankind, normally called Satan who returned repentantly to God in 1912. ‘Toward the Light!’ is the natural, earthly offshoot of this event and it is this decisive new departure in the history of humankind I hinted in the introduction. Thus, darkness has no longer any superior ‘servant’ or ‘prince’ and therefore, we are allowed to hope for better times in the future. However, many times still have to pass before the new departure can really be observed in the earthly world. Not till the majority of humankind has come to know the true God and has sublimated their love and mercifulness so much that they are able to grasp the sublime of the thoughts of forgiveness of those most fallen, that they are able to feel pity for those suffering, mourn with the mourners and thus confirm that the light is really for all and that no darkness, irrespective which kind of darkness, can last forever – only then, one will really be able to realise ***that the Throne of the Devil is empty!***

The new epoch of humankind’s story, after Satan’s return to God, will sooner or later be rightly called the epoch of peace, love and mercifulness. And thus, people of the future will be able to reap the fruits of the great work, which has been taken from the side of light, opening a shorter way for all to God. But the touchstone for the maturity of the human spirit may be said to consist in feeling pity for Satan or Ardor, as he calls himself in ‘Toward the Light!’, and it consists in – from one’s own sins and violation of the laws, from one’s own sufferings – grasping what he,

the most fallen, has suffered and still suffers until everybody has forgiven him and then to forgive him with all one's heart.

This – everybody forgiving Ardor – is the next very big object of light and God. And when this is a reality, for it will happen sooner or later, a great step will be taken for the dissemination of light on our planet. As we will be able to go to a life on Earth with great pleasure, be able to incarnate with greater pleasure. The final object of it all will be the loving meeting of all God's children, in complete love and agreement, in the Kingdom of God. We are born out of love to love, to the eternal life in the immediate closeness of God which we all deep down look for and long for, the deep longing of our soul and spirit. The man's pain is to be relieved, God will wipe away the tears on His children's cheeks, and the longing is to be satisfied. For God is a God and Father of light and love to all His Children!

*cpo; around 2000-01*

## FREEDOM

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According to the book "Toward the Light", the dark, the evil is a binding primordial force or energy form which is capable of binding thought and will. Hence it is rather simple to conclude that freedom is the absence of evil in both thought and will. Or in other words: You are free to the same extent as your thought and will are cleared of the dark. The personal freedom is a measure of the extent to which a person has managed to clear his or her personality of dark complexes.

Each time you let in the dark in your consciousness, i.e. each time you commit a sin – either in your thoughts or by action – your freedom is limited because the dark flowing into your consciousness will thereby bind parts of your thought or will.

When God created his first children – the Eldest and the Youngest – he created them with no dark complexes whatsoever, i.e. the Eldest and the Youngest were created for a life of total freedom. Until recently, every new human spirit was likewise created without dark complexes – in other words as free.

Besides being created for a life of freedom we all, however, have our free will to choose good or evil, which actually means that we are created as free human beings with the option to limit our own freedom. In this way you could say that the notion of freedom is being clarified as we are not only created for the free life - it is also possible for us to revoke part of this God given freedom or maybe 'all' of this freedom. In other words, we are created to be free to choose a life in light and freedom or one (temporarily) in darkness and slavery.

When we attach to our fellow human beings, it may take place by way of methods of the light or the dark or by a mixture of these. Attachments which are made according to the methods of the light will in accordance with the above reasoning lead to freedom for those who take part in the attachment, i.e. attachments based on trust, love and good intentions will result in freedom for the parties involved. On the other hand, attachments made according to the methods of the dark, i.e. by way of sinful thoughts or actions, will lead to non-freedom of the implicated parties as a sinful thought or action will both bind part of the thought or the will and the person committing a sin will await the time of reckoning in connection with the person against whom he has committed a sin. Thus, the person in question will be less free in the future than he or she was before committing the sinful thought or action.

Contrary to what some people may think, freedom is not the absence of attachments involving other people – this is simply called loneliness. On the other hand, freedom is partly spiritual purity and partly about making attachments to other people by means of the life-giving, liberating methods of the light.

Against this background, it is easy to see that freedom is primarily an individual, existential problem. Yet I also wish to say something about freedom from a social point of view. A free society should not tolerate all expressed

thoughts or all actions. To take action by way of sanctions (potentially prison sentences and not death sentences) against expressed thoughts or actions which are sinful is a necessity to prevent that everything ends up in the dark and becomes chaos. To take action by way of sanctions in connection with sin is the only way to maintain the free society. Not all should be tolerated! We all have our common sense and our conscience to consult when assessing whether a thought or action is rooted in the dark.

It goes without saying that it will never be possible to create a totally free society here on Earth. To that there is way too much darkness and the totally free society belongs to the world of light. So a politician promising to create a society which is totally free is just empty words – it cannot be realised.

Therefore: Freedom is the absence of evil!

## Fragments and Sentences

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Remember: When the roots form, the tree will bloom!

The greatest love is born by the greatest pain. Life is an ongoing birth in pain. The pain shapes us. Born by light, formed by the dark's infinite pressure of pain we gain the greatest wisdom.

If you wish to find the source of a spring, you have to go against the flow.

It is the pain that forces you to take shape, just like coal under the mountains turning into diamonds. Old pain is the soundboard of what is true as light which is deflected in tears showing all colours.

Gradually as the sun rises and the light wakes up, the shadows become shorter and shorter. However, a person who turns away from the light sees nothing but shadows.

Burning souls. Often fire, the great sensitivity and vulnerability are fed by an inner, deep sore which reopens again and again by the slightest touch of life. Thus, many people are driven forward in life by pain. You search for recovery – and finds it if the pain does not stunt you – life offers a recovery for everything. Therefore, the priority is not to give up – life also offers a recovery for *your* pain. It is like a mussel aching due to a grain of sand – very slowly it creates a pearl around the thing causing the pain. Thus, your pain becomes jewellery – you win your own peace when days and years pass, from chaos to logos, from pain to order, and thus you deserve your peace – and finally when everything that has to be suffered has been suffered, when everything has been won – the great peace. You deserve it in every way.

In private. The talk of love is terrible when it for once demands to talk it through. Then it enumerates all the times you as a converted prophet has escaped out to loneliness – not for the purpose of finding truth, however, to avoid it – when the truth is to be found among other people. And it reminds you of all the times you have hidden in the crowd or twosomeness and have choked your partner with your fear. Sometimes love is killed because people fear its death. You have to listen to all this without interrupting – you have to let love say what it has to say otherwise it cannot survive. The tormentors of love are always on standby. It is cruel to learn that they all carry your own name and face.

One day love came knocking at my door. However, I was busy saving the world so I turned it down coldly and strictly. However, love climbed in my window and stood there slightly bruised and torn in my living room. I had to love it. And finally I welcomed it and tried to dress its wounds and nurse it. However, my biggest sorrow is that I initially turned it away.

I experience it as a continuous battle to try to be a decent human being. To keep the life sources open. Far too easy it sands up in pride and self-admiration or in inferiority and depression. You cannot rest on your laurels. I believe

that it is an existential basic condition.

The purpose of life here on Earth is to obtain a thought and will entity as described in “Q & A II” (in Danish: Spørgsmål og Svar II) no. 64. The shortcut to this is simple and consists in forgiving Ardor (Satan). If you forgive Ardor, you will take a giant step in the direction of the thought and will entity – in the fight against dark – because you will thereby be disconnected from the old dark flowing towards you from him –although he has returned to the light and God. You will be stronger in the fight for light and against darkness. If the thought and will entity has been reached, the human spirit will be released by Christ from all future life on Earth when all atonement is done and will walk on in the worlds of light towards the goal: Eternal life in the kingdom of God.

Gradually, life has taught me that great ideas – both of religious, political or scientific origin – may cause problems and suppress the greatest thing of all: Love. The completely ordinary love between people. People, who used to be friends or lovers, may separate in hate and anger because an interpretation of the idea has caused an upset. This is so sad. We are all equipped with walking sticks for this world. So we are free to choose whether we wish to use it or lend it to one another when we hesitate or hit each other in the head. The stick represents love.

## Ethical Theorems

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### To Take Action

As you love, you shall be loved. As you forgive, you shall be forgiven. As you bless, you shall be blessed. As you comfort, you shall be comforted. Because whatsoever a person soweth, that shall he/she also reap!

He who deceives his neighbour deceives himself. He who steals a pound from his neighbour, steals ten pounds from himself. He who aims a gun at his neighbour, aims a cannon at himself. Yes, in truth, the worst victim of the sinner is himself!

Not everything should be given to man. He has to search inside the inner of him and there he will find that everything *is* given!

The dark has two faces: One of them copies the light; the other one represents the truth.

Do not expect that others can turn on your light. You need to turn on a light for others in your heart yourself and you will see that you will be rewarded a thousandfold!

You have to teach your neighbour to love. “How?”, you may ask. By loving him!

You are only as big as your love. You are only as big as your ability to forgive. You are only as big as your ability to bless. You are only as big as your compassion. You are only as big as your humility. Thus a little person is big when it comes to love, whereas a big person is little when it comes to hate.

Never fill your hopes of happiness in another person’s cup!

He who plants with anger and hate, harvests with sorrow and repentance.

Love is the best teacher. If you want to change something, then you must love it first. The ones you cannot love, you cannot change. Only love changes everything!

What is the weapon of the spirit? One word: Love!

He/she who tries to force others has abandoned the path of love.

The greatest help and gift you may give another person is not ideas and not your own way to solve problems as this will only be disturbing. The greatest help and gift you can give is your love.

Love gives you power. Hate makes you powerless – it turns you into a slave. Intelligence can both be handled with love and hate. You should look at the heart rather than the construction of the brain in order to judge another person.

The greatest, most supreme power is immediately available to everyone – that is in the prayer. As Christ taught us in his speech in "Toward the Light" we meet with God, the eternal power in the prayer, when it is supported by loving thoughts.

## Poems

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### THIS IS THE WAY I WANT TO LIVE

As birds take off from twigs

Our thoughts rise to the blue vault of the sky

As stones washing up on the beach and are found by laughing little girls

Are our lost and recovered seconds

As coal under the staggering tonnes of mountains

Is the slow refining of our spirit

As the breath of my loved one against my neck

In an oasis under the black Arabian night sky

Is the love's gentle wind of the sky

I will make my hand round and carefully hold the bird

Whisper calming words to it and then let it go

I will give the girl a lollipop while I smile

And invite her for cocoa and buns at my birthday

I will laboriously pull out the stone from the darkness

Polish it and let the jewellery shine in the night

I will look out at the wonderful, multi-coloured world

And sing about the deepest man has found

Among glowing stars and rotating suns: Love is the greatest!

TREES

In the deep dark of the soil lies an acorn  
From the infinite depths of the sky, the sun glows  
Warming the acorn, making it sprout  
Call for it with its soft and yet masterful command  
Slowly, the sprout bursts through the darkness  
It paves its way through the narrow womb  
Passing stones and worms, passing putrefaction and impurity  
A moment where everything is silent  
And the sprout bursts through the ground surface  
You can almost hear its sigh  
When it drinks the nourishing blue of the air for the first time  
When it see the golden disk of the sun for the first time  
And feels how the sap rushes in the stem  
And feels the heat from the great life of the sky  
So tender it is, so fragile and yet so strong  
Born into the sky with roots in the darkness  
The sprouts are often tread down and left deserted  
But only to sprout again even more powerful next spring  
Often the tender trees are cut  
But there is always something left  
A life force, a life possibility which is sacred  
The tree grows sending its trunk up against  
The infinite blue of the sky, the flaming light of the sun  
The trunk grows tough, stronger over the years  
Time makes it silvery, quivering with power  
It forms the crown, forms the leaves, forms the flowers  
It flows gently in the warm, life giving wind  
Or sighs during the fury of the storm

Carsten Ploug Olsen in english

But it will never ever give its ground

It continues to shoot and flower

White gold-edged flowers which change into

Juicy, nourishing soft fruit with resilient peel

The tree rises from the earth under the flaming divinity of the daylight sky

Or under the stars which are whispering about light despite the deep darkness

Rises bathing in the day's gold

Or swept in the night's warm, gentle wind of the sky

It reaches its crown to the sky

With its root deeply rooted in the black nourishing mould

Reaching to the infinite depths of the sky

In an eternally peaking beauty:

Thus all life strives towards the light!

#### SILHOUETTE

A man stands on a rock

At the ocean one morning

Where the sun has not risen yet

I see his dim contour

Between him and me:

Lush, wet grass

I start walking

Towards him

Fire rises from the ocean

The red tongue hits the man

On his shoulders

His contour bursts into flames

As a divine aura

I smile recognising

And not recognising

Carsten Ploug Olsen in english

He is in the dark

Who is he?

The sun slowly rises

It pours its light over the ocean

The light gushes, gushes out

Rivers of gold run from the sky

Over the water

Hit my face

I stop

I stand hundred metres

behind him

He raises his hands to the sky

With his back to me

He greets his god

I hardly breathe

Slowly he turns around

Looks at me

Now his face is in the shade

Who is he?

We stand still

Between us:

Lush, wet grass

Steaming soil

A breathing globe

Again he turns

Away

He reaches out

Sets off

And glide out towards the horizon

A silent escape

Carsten Ploug Olsen in english

A stone lies on a rock

At the ocean one night

Where the sun turns on the ocean

With its orange afterglow

Soon it will be night and cold

People walk towards to the stone

Protecting its inscription

From the red flames of the sky

Who was he?

The people stop

Hundred metres from the stone

Silent

Who was he?

A group of stones lies on a rock

At the ocean one morning

Where the sun will probably rise again

People walk towards the graves

They do not see the inscriptions

The multiple dreams about life

They only see the stones

They stop a hundred metres from there

They only see the stones

And the light being born

Indomitable

GLORIA CHRISTE

Million years ago

A human was born in chaos and darkness

The human lived without the light of thought and the power of will

In blindness, it staggered through life

From sin to sin without conscience

And without guilt

You poor human!

You were met by death but your spirit lived on

And did not live

For you lacked the light of thought and the power of will

Your spirit rose from the dead body

And hovered hither and thither

Soon on earth and soon in hell

Without thought, without will, without life

And yet alive

All over the earth

Legions' legions were hovering

Without life and yet alive

In the evil fume of darkness

In the evil fume of chaos

The sun sent its reddish rays

Through the fog

It was your only light

The light to which you begged for help

The silent sun only shone a dim light for you

You poor, poor human!

A prayer rose from abyss of cosmos to the sky:

Give man life! Father, be merciful! Forgive us!

From the Father the fire of light lightened to man

Over the dark arch of the sky, the flame of light flow

And see! Man got life! Man woke up!

In truth, man is a true child of God!

In truth, man is eternal!

In truth, man is eternally loved!

In the great halls of heaven, the father called his other children:

Help man, as he needs it very badly!

Help man, so that he shall not fight alone!

Help man, so I may soon welcome him in my arms!

Guide man, so that he can find his way to my Kingdom!

Comfort man on his frightened way!

Love man, love your poor younger brothers and sisters!

God's children pondered over the Father's words.

God's children fell silent for a while.

God's children worried about the deep darkness.

Then Christ appeared: I will do it! For I pity man!

And millions of voices were heard saying: we will do it! For we pity man!

Slowly, the light spread over the earth

In decreasing and future ages

Light flowed to the earth in clear beautiful waves

The light flowed to man

Man stood up, man fought, man suffered

In decreasing and future ages they fight their way towards the light

Light settled around earth like a beautiful dawn

Light sought the sight of man like a beautiful morning sun

The victorious light flowed to the earth like a flaming midday sun.

And like a beautiful evening star it shall be fulfilled

Man is led to the heavenly homes like a dream

Man shall wake up in his proper home like a new morning: Paradise

Beholding the eternal beauty, the eternal love:

God's deep, infathomable sight, God's loving heart

Before long, God will welcome the last human in his kingdom

Before long, God shall wipe off the last tear of the human's cheek

Before long, God shall hold the child to his breast

Before long, God shall judge man and the judgment will be:

You are all welcome, you, my beloved children

Thus, light shall win

Thus, it shall be accomplished

Thus, the deep darkness of the past shall become flaming day

Thanks to the most loving, patient, strongest leader of the all:

Christ: The Re-Establisher

#### POEM

I take a small

Pile of letters

Pug them well

And then my jug with light

And pour it all over

I remove the remainder

The letters

Which were left over

And throw them

In the dustbin

The result is

This poem

## Humour

By Carsten Ploug Olsen

### NOW IT HAPPENED IN THOSE DAYS...

And so it finally happened. The day we have all been waiting for impatiently and anxiously: The Day of Judgment. Last Wednesday Jesus called the whole world for judgment; however, before I start telling more about this I would like to turn back the clock... just a month's time.

In the beginning of May I had a vision where God and Jesus and the hosts of heaven appeared in all their glory. Jesus was sitting to the right of God and the hosts of heaven were standing at the foot of the Throne shuffling and

eager to go and get it over. The cherub was standing a bit to the left of the Throne lost in thought polishing his horn.

God raised his mighty voice and said to me: "Come up here and I'll show what's going to happen afterwards! But first let us have a little drink. What would you like? Ambrosia or nectar?" "Dear Father. I have had a lousy spring which I will not bring up against you but I'm freezing and would prefer a cup of hot coffee", I replied. "Milk and sugar?" "Just black, please."

Just as we were sipping the drink and enjoying the company Jesus stood up in all his glory and said: Verily, verily I say unto you that he who does not listen has no ears and he who does not see has no eyes. Do not judge that you should go to the outer darkness for ever where there shall be gnashing teeth. I preach great happiness to you for I have brought fire and sword to judge the quick and the dead. Have no fear for the vengeance is mine and my father's. He who knows me knows the Father and we know everybody. Cowards! Hypocrites! God, how I love you! I come as a thief in the night and woe to that man who sees me or blocks my way! He who gets his head cut off shall assuredly die! He who does not listen has no ears and he who does not see has no eyes, yah! For ever and ever. Amen!"

And then he sat down and resumed drinking. God secretly winked at me. "Don't you think he's good?" "Yes, good Lord!" How long has he been practising?" "For 2000 years. This is what he is going to say on the Day of Judgment. It is I who wrote the text." "Good. But what were you going to show me?" God rolled up his sleeves and pointed into the distance. Here, I saw a sparkling spot. "What is that?" I asked. "The Millennium Kingdom. We have built on it, well, let's see, for a thousand years. A hell of a plumbing installation, by the way. We have just done the last finish, checked the pavement and such, and we're ready. Tell me, what do you see?" I looked out into the distance but could only see this incredible light. "Could you zoom in a bit? I have such a bad sight." The Lord zoomed in on the light right away. "You're the Lord", I whispered. "Yes, I know. Tell me, what do you see?" "My almighty God!" "To hell with almighty, what do you see? Come on". "A city". "Yees...and?" "A castle". "And who do you think lives in the castle?" "Jesus, as far as I can tell."

Then Jesus stood up again and shouted: "Verily, verily is he who thinks he shall not...". "Shut up, my lass. Your day will come", God interrupted. "Preach this wonderful spectacle, which you have just seen, to everybody you know. I am who I am, Alpha and Omega and Beta and Gamma and lots of other things. So says the Lord and I am the Lord. Amen."

And then the vision disappeared and I was alone again. And it finally happened last Wednesday. I will never forget it. Suddenly the sky opens and out comes Jesus and all the others and it is very noisy. Jesus claps his hands and says with a loud and sonorous voice: "Those to be damned please queue up to the left and those to be saved please queue up to the right of me. Well now, please no disturbances". Everybody queues up to the right of him. Jesus smiles shyly to the crowd. "Well, well...is this true?", he says. "Hasn't any of you...aren't any of you...what about the devil, isn't he going to have...?" "Please!", the crowd shouts as with one voice. "Okay, okay", he says.

A thought struck me. "Yes, what about the devil? It is a pity if he is going to be all alone. Can't he come as well?" Jesus scratches his beard. "You know what?" he says, "it's a really good idea. What do you say, dad?" he asks and turns his eyes towards the sky from which he appeared. "Yes, that's a brilliant idea! Why didn't I think of that?" The cloud from which the sonorous voice sounds turns red to the edge. "Dad..dy!", Jesus mutters. "Okay!" the cloud or God says "get up here all of you. We have plenty of room!" "Well, how are we going to get there? We have no wings" I say anxiously. "Well, actually you do", God giggles and points with his cloud arm. We all look down ourselves. And quite correctly. We all have a pair of beautiful, white wings on our back. I try them and am absolutely delighted. I flap my wings, first hesitantly, and then it goes swimmingly. The others follow my example. Christ grins broadly. And up towards the sky a host of little luminous points float. Here we are. We go to the salvation. It is quite true!

### MEMENTO MORI

We are all going to die. We know that. But until now nobody has been able to describe what is going to happen when we are dead. Now we know. Or rather, I know because I have tried it. I feel it is my mission to share this experience with others. Not least once and for all to settle all the religious fights, prevent new crusades, ward off

new religious wars and contribute to the common tolerance towards people who think differently.

Well, last Thursday I was on my way to the public swimming baths and I was looking forward to swimming my usual 837 lengths. I am a keen swimmer and this interest has often helped me through the ordinary troubles of life. Besides, it is good for one's health. All in all a healthy interest.

I chatted with the lady who was selling tickets to the swimming baths and we exchanged memories from previous Thursday and compared them with this present Thursday. In her opinion this Thursday was very special which I dissociated myself from. Intuitively I felt that all Thursdays were more or less alike but I could not prove it. One word led to another and before long we flew at each other's throats.

Now it was actually below my dignity to have this kind of discussion so I shut up and snatched the ticket out of her hand and was just about to walk towards the changing rooms when it suddenly happened. I fell over, lost consciousness and died. It felt weird. My immediate reaction was irritation. I have never skipped the daily exercise and now I felt that it was an encroachment in my habits. It also caught me unprepared. It came as a complete surprise to me that this could happen to me.

Well, as the saying goes – necessity is the mother of invention. I looked around to try to form a general view of the situation. And to my surprise I found myself queued up. This also annoyed me as I had just been queued up in the swimming baths. Other people were standing in front of me. I heard the front person say: "I'm a Buddhist". A tall man with a beard replied: "Then it's Nirvana. Straight ahead along the passage and then you turn left." The next person said: "I'm a Hindu". "Well, well", the tall man replied, "then you better get back. And if I were you, I would try to be a vulture this time."

I was thinking: Who is this man? Apparently it seemed as if he had the power over things. Nevertheless I felt rather nervous. The others seemed strong in their faith, so serene, but I had never believed in anything special. I expected this could be a problem as to my future. What should I do? Should I try to make up a story? Or should I come clean and admit my ignorance?

This I considered while the queue in front of me grew smaller. Then I saw the keys. The tall man had a large bunch of keys hanging from a ring at his hip. I noticed that he took out a key each time the next person in the queue presented his thoughts to him. What if I could get hold of the keys? For lack of anything better I decided to try an old trick. I stepped out the queue, gesticulated and pointed behind his back. "Look, look!" I shouted excitedly. The man looked back and pop! I grabbed the keys without him noticing.

Perhaps I acted without thinking. I wanted to find a place where I could relax. But soon I found myself doing strenuous work. Now all people came to me and told me what they were thinking and believed in. To save my face I had to put a best face on it. Keep a straight face. I accepted their more or less weird ideas and tried not to disappoint any of them. It started getting on my nerves. I had not predicted the administrative burdens attached to these keys. Finally it all became too confusing and I decided to try to facilitate the situation a bit. "Now there's free access. Last man in is a sissy!", I cried out loud so everybody could hear me. Great fuss! The queue broke and people surged towards me, pushed me over, laughing, apparently feeling relieved. I had obviously said the magic words.

A moment later I was alone. What now? That made me think of the Hindu and I decided to follow his example. Yet I did not want to be a vulture. I have always suffered from fear of heights. Why not be a human being again?

I had hardly thought the idea through before I had returned to my home town. And here I am. The lesson I personally learned from this experience is that there is some kind of life after death. Then you could always discuss the details. Next time I die I think I will try a little resurrection. And why not? When Jesus can do it so can I. The example is tempting. I am particularly looking forward to the ascension. Then you may finally get some peace.

### A DEFENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

By way of introduction let us ram home that Christianity is the whole truth. If you disagree I will suggest that you be broken on the wheel for the purpose of trying to talk to your higher self. In this article I would like to contribute

to having the churches filled every Sunday. Because it is on Sundays we can be given absolution, hear the words of God and be saved and thereby avoid damnation. And not least the last thing I find important as damnation should be a rather unpleasant experience although nobody is able to tell me how come. Perhaps hell is a place where you always go to bed hungry and where you always have to queue up when going to the bathroom. But let us leave it alone.

It is about creating a sacred religious enthusiasm which – if we are lucky – may tend towards proper fanaticism. And why not concentrate on the logic of Christianity – the things which can convince everybody. Here I choose to invest my energy.

The central issue in Christianity is the doctrine of the Atonement, i.e. the teaching that Jesus died on the cross for our sake to atone for the sins of mankind and for the purpose of opening the way to heaven for everybody who believes. We may imagine a situation like this: God sees that his competitor has success and decides for strategic reasons to do something. But what can I do? To abuse the devil and perhaps withdraw his pocket money is out of the question. He has already tried this in vain. So why not send his son down to Earth for mankind to be really foul against him and then let everybody who believes in the saving nature of infringements come in where it is warm? He weighs the pros and cons but the reasons (the pros) for this plan are the heaviest. No sooner said than done.

To be sure that everybody knows what is happening, God let the Holy Spirit fertilise Mary, the woman selected to the occasion, which is something rather unique and when you come to think of it something really strange. The miracle occurs, Mary gets pregnant and thus everything goes according to the plan so far. Jesus is born, he may or may not be put in a crib, and the little lad is a lovely, easy child whom Mary and Joseph are proud of.

Jesus grows up and goes his own ways. The first sign of his unique independence is demonstrated when he curses the scribes up and down in the synagogue in Nazareth. But he does more than complaining. He also suggests a better way. Jesus has started his work among mankind.

Events followed each other in quick succession, mankind persecutes him, mocks him, puts obstacles in his way and in the end they crucify him – completely according to the plan. When Jesus is dead and has been in the grave for a while, he decides that it is time to set his face for home. Therefore he rises again and rushes off. After a few digressions he returns home where his father welcomes him heartedly and with paternal pride. Everything went according to the plan. It is consummated.

But how are you going to communicate the good news to mankind? Jesus must go back to work. On Earth a man called Paul walks around and he is really angry. He cannot stand Jesus and even if Jesus is dead Paul keeps on persecuting him. This has to stop. Jesus turns up in a vision while Paul is asleep. Jesus says: “Hey buddy, wait a bit. Here I come and preach great happiness and then you are just lying there loafing. I am actually not dead. I arose from the death and in that way I saved mankind. It would take too long to go into details and this is not necessary. You just need to believe.”

Paul is convinced immediately and changes character. From being a persecutor he turns into a preacher of the teachings of Jesus. It is true that he needs to guess a lot of things, many details, however, the result is on the whole satisfactory. One of the heights of Paul’s teaching is the Holy Communion. By having a drink of wine which is really blood and by eating a small thing representing the flesh of the Saviour, you can get absolution for your sins. Clever! Because now you do not have to say you are sorry to anybody. Another height is the baptism. By splashing water in the hair of small children they get involved in the joys of Heaven. Even more clever! Because mankind had been wondering how to get into this damned Paradise.

The new teachings become a success. Well, not straight away. In the beginning the Christians are being persecuted and thus follow the steps of the Master. But little by little they obtain more and more power and they decide from a simple, common vindictiveness to persecute everybody who will not submit to the facts. To strengthen God’s omnipotence this develops into well-known pyres and crusades. Thereby the church demonstrates its great love to mankind as it frees them from the undesired elements according to the spirit of the teachings. Paradise is thus only for people who are loving and pure and tolerant.

All in all we must count ourselves lucky to have Christianity – this clear source of true wisdom and salvation. The

alternative would be us groping around unaware of the real facts of the case. Instead of our own guessing and attempt to live as rational, decent people we here have a couple of solid miracles which we must not try to understand – we just have to believe in them. Thereby our trust in and love of God are strengthened. And woe to those who do not believe. They will soon get it in the neck!

### IF I WERE GOD

Now I will try to suppose for the sake of argument. Imagine if I were God. What would I do? What would I think? Would I change anything? Would I improve anything? Down through the ages, many people have tried to realise this. Many people have without more ado proclaimed to be God. The most famous one of them is probably Jesus but he is not the only one. It is true that he did not say it directly but his descendants had no doubts.

I admit and I say it without a blush: I am not God. But what if I were! I will here describe how I would behave.

If I were God I would for one thing grieve over all the various opinions on who I am. Just ask a Muslim and a Christian: Before you know it, they have sentenced each other to the sulphur island, erected pyres and sung a hymn for my sake. That is frustrating.

And then I would be annoyed at this guy called Satan who always tries to stir things up. I would punish him by putting him in the corner for half an hour without manna and then send him to bed early. If he continued popping down to us to get a glimpse of the party, I would think: Well, what the heck, we have plenty of room. “Come here!”, I would say to him and tickle his tummy until he gave up and begged for mercy.

And then I would be annoyed at the impressions many people have of me, that is if they believe in me. Many people think that I sit at the Throne only surrendered by the twelve cherubim and a lot of praising saints. Honestly: That is simply too boring. If I were God, I would say to those present: “Oh, bother! Can’t any of you tell us a good, old joke? It’s okay if it’s dirty”. If one of them decided to give it a go and told me something really funny, I would reward him or her with an extra blessing and a three-week stay in Paradise.

These are the emotional aspects which would show if I were God. But what if... what would I do? How would I behave?

Firstly, I would give the Earth a wide berth. Meaning that I would not bother being a human being. Then rather sit at the Throne and listen to hymns of thanksgiving although this may feel like being between the devil and the deep blue sea. Because who says that people would recognise me? I predict that many would start palavering with me straight away, trying to convert me, or persecute me just because I say that I am the centre of everything and that they should listen to me.

Secondly, I would let everybody enter Paradise. Otherwise I had to listen to all the weeping and gnashing of teeth forever. It's enough to drive you up the wall! To the worst of my children I would say: “Never mind. But you owe me an apology!” And when they had apologised, I would kill the fatted calf, if I had one, and then throw a party in the most beautiful hall in Paradise.

Thirdly, I would not be so fiery about whether people believe in me or not. I would on the whole not interfere too much in my children’s doings. I would say to them all: “My children, do whatever you want as long as you are home before dark!” And if some of them returned home long before dark, I would bake a cake and offer them a glass of port so we could sit down and have a good time.

But all in all it is probably for the best that I am not God. I miss the necessary overview. I would often get into difficulties if people for instance asked me about the mysteries of life, the ways of love or the square root of 45559673. Besides I am not very good at the creating thing. Planets are not up my street. And I am an absolute disaster in suns. I do not dare to think of universes.

Well, we all have our good, old God and Father. I am sure He does the job better than anybody else. I am sure He does his best. So let us all love Him just the way He is. And if you have a hard time remembering how He is like, then it probably does not matter either. Then you just have to wait until you meet Him. And if He turns out to live

up to his reputation saying that He is the picture of goodness, He will probably forgive our stupidity.

# THE GREEN WING OF THE HEART

or

## SALT OF EARTH

or

## THE VISIONARY POWER OF GOOFY

- about love

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

I have decided to try to write a piece about love. It is not my intension that the text should be filled with severity, written with a turned up nose or with tears in my voice as this in my opinion has very little to do with love. Rather the reverse. I find that love and humour is very kindred as they are hardly separable. Think about the loving feelings, the light the greatest comedians awake, e.g. Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin or John Cleese. They are my heroes.

I have decided to give an extra long introduction and thereby get a chance to flash my intelligence, my wide reading, my control of the situation and to stress the fact that self glory is bad – and let it be illustrated by this.

Therefore: Dostoevsky says...? Marcel Proust states...? Lenin claims...? According to the Koran...? No, let me start with something else.

Love and humour. Love and smile. Love and happiness. Love is the easiest part of it all. And the most difficult as well. Love is humour... and love is very serious. Without love the world would possible be beautiful, however, cold as a diamond in the snow.

Have you ever felt that you had that special contact to another human being - a direct heart to heart contact? Love works irrespective of age, gender, status, and race. You may have this feeling without even expecting it, yes; the nature of it may even be called a miracle. And yet, it is a matter of course. Suddenly, it is here, and there is no doubt.

I personally find the traditional, scientific world view (and here it comes, watch out!) – that the world was created by a giant explosion long ago – rather dramatic. I mean, how can the order we find everywhere in nature in human have its origin in chaos? How can natural and human beauty be explained by way of such a split-up model?

I personally believe that the Universe is created in peace and quiet –a creation full of order, from the greatest creature of order – God – created through eons. Quietly and peacefully. As a star slowly rising over a dark ocean. As a woman carrying her child during the quiet expectations of pregnancy. Slowly she creates her child, gives birth to it and loves it. As a piece of coal which is squeezed under the heavy mountain's infinite tonnes during uncounted time and drawn upwards and shines in the night.

I believe that we as human beings move and wander towards a great light. I believe that we are all in the same boat, that nobody shall be wasted, that the eternal blessedness is for all. However, I will not dwell too long on these thoughts. My objective is to write a distinct this-sided piece and let the very great questions rest. As we are right here; here on this fertile, green, fantastic globe; here in this garden where our duty is to make it blossom.

My experience tells me that any human being is fundamentally looking for meaning of life. And my experience tells me that even behind the most primitive, violent, barbaric actions lie a wish and an effort to live a meaningful life. I wish to talk to this

point in humans. I wish to talk to the point in humans which longs for love. I believe that we all share this longing.

I hope that I will succeed practising it with a touch of humour (the piece will soon be over). I do not pretend that I reach Charlie Chaplin's level when it comes to divine comedy. But I will strive to reach a note where the smile is nearby. As I believe in the light in human; believe that you get farther with a smile than thousand pages filled with severe indifferences. I believe that God has humour to the maximum extent. I imagine that a lot of laughing takes place in Paradise. And I believe that God possesses self-irony. If I am wrong, I hereby ask God to forgive me and hope that he as a consequence will not surrender me and this piece with a kind intension to the flames.

### ABRA EXCORSISMUS CATEKISMUS DABRA

When a magician let his magic wand make magical swings over his top hat (why a top hat? Why not use a cap or another type of hat?) and afterwards (great applause from the audience) pulls out a white rabbit (why a white rabbit and not a black or a can of skinned tomatoes?), he gives food for thoughts.

When an author starts writing a seemingly serious piece in this way, it will give food for the reader's thoughts (well, the water is boiling (duty calls) but my nose itches, is it free? (A sting of panic) I wonder what's in the telly? etc.). However, there is an explanation to this. The central message of this piece will be a quick course in white magic. It is easy to explain what white magic is. It is for all. Opposite of black magic. It is only for the consecrated. It is surrounded by numerous rituals and silence and leads nowhere.

So, white magic it is. White magic is what you use when you send a smile to a stranger or a friend. White magic is when you pray for your mother or father and they will live a long and happy life. White magic is when you kindly inform the checkout operator that she has given you too much in change

White magic is when you pray for peace in the world or when you grieve for the miserable conditions of the children at the Chinese children's homes and decide to do something about it or when you go to a war-ravaged area on a peace mission.

Please note that the emphasis is on what *you* do. White magic is about what you do to other human beings. It goes from you, from what you do to other human beings. Exactly from you. Exactly you. As love. White magic is practised love. In big and small.

Many human beings long for love. Many human beings suffer from the curse of loneliness. You think: I wish that someone came to set me on fire. But you are always loved. There will always be at least one or two who love us. The problem with the love longing is serious; however, it is an apparent problem. Or more correctly: to long for love is to get love wrong. Because love starts in ourselves. Exactly you and exactly me. Precisely you and precisely me. Love is what *you* give. Love goes outwards; from *you* to other human beings.

Love is light, it is pure, it is unconditional (when the conditions arise, love fails), it can be between all human beings, it is uncomplicated (but will be complicated when being subject to reservations, limitations), it is a matter of course and it is the strongest power of the universe.

But we are restricted human beings living in a restricted world (maybe). However, the one who loves is great. Even the smallest is big when it comes to love and the largest is small when it comes to hate. So here you find an assignment: Make your love as unconditional as possible. Look at your fellow human beings as good as you possible can. Watch were they are, who they are, what they are looking for and what they need and act on the basis of what you see. That is how you find love. It is approx. 30cm from the tip of your nose: in your own heart. You see...that's magic!

### DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

Now I have talked a bit about love. The question is: do you, dear reader, understand what I have been talking about? Or will you when you have finished reading grab the machine gun and mow down all the Greenlandic communists (they are scumbags), or pull your girlfriend's hair or shout 'damn' after the neighbour's cat? Do we have a deal?

Good. I take it as yes. The deal is as follows (I write, and you simply have to nod):

First point: I will love my neighbour as I love myself.

Second point: I will never use violence when fighting for my conviction.

Third point: I will always remember to say the Lord's Prayer *before* I go to sleep.

Fourth point: I will never swear except in emergency situations.

Fifth point: I will always say I am sorry when I have done something stupid.

Sixth point: I will never *ever* pick my nose (when others are looking).

Seventh point: Carsten Ploug Olsen is the most brilliant and beautiful man on Earth. He is always right and I will hereby bequeath all my possessions to his memory.

Eighth point: Goofy is the greatest prophet who has ever lived on Earth. We will surrender all who disagree to this to laughter.

Is that a deal? Good. And I will keep an eye on you. And if I catch just once in doing....then I will come and tickle, tickle, tickle you, no mercy, until you adjust. Understood?

Yours truly

Carsten