

## Daily Meditation 02-14-23

### The Light in all Things: Buddhism, Christianity, Science, continued

Good morning.

We continue our meditations on science, Buddhism, and Christianity around the theme of light. And I point out that science wrestled with the whole tradition and question of light: is it a particle? is it a wave? A lot of fighting going on. And they finally concluded both/and: at times light is a particle and at times light is a wave.

And I find that a marvelous template for understanding the Cosmic Christ, or the Buddha nature, or even the image of God. To me, it implies both microcosm and macrocosm, and of course, individuality and community, and the individual and the whole.

So as I point out, I see Jesus as a particle, an individual being, who lived to be about 30 years old, 2,000 years ago or so. And I see the historical Buddha as an individual being, who lived to be about 84 years old, roughly 2,500 years ago. And each of them taught and stirred people's souls and imagination and healed. But at the same time, they're both alive today in their own way.

So in the Christian tradition, we hear about resurrection. And we hear about God sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to teach us new truths and old truths. And in Buddhism, we hear about the living Buddha, who is teaching today, where humans gather to learn about the Buddha. The Dharma, the teaching goes on, in a sangha, the community and the name of the Buddha, so forth.

And same with Christianity, the community that calls itself the Mystical Body of Christ, calls itself the church, as one way of Christ being carried on.

But of course, there are other ways as well. And, of course, the writings, the scriptures of both traditions.

And then, of course, the question of the wave; you see, the wave is this latter incarnation, if you will, of both the Christ and the Buddha. I just think that that image of the wave, like the image of a field, the naming of a field or a wave, has a lot of imagination to it. It's about flow. It's about not being nailed down to one individual; it's more encompassing of spirit, I think.

And a revolution, because it flows, it's not sealed down and delivered. In fact, a lot like what Père Chenu calls "continuous incarnation"... continuous incarnation. That's how Christ is, and that so matches the idea of evolution, that the Divine is always returning, it's always being born.

And Meister Eckhart said that: that God is always needing to be born, so that needing to be born is evolution, it is process, it is a continuous birthing, a continuous incarnation.

Even while creation itself is continuous, it's not something that happened in the past; it's still going on, obviously, and especially given today's science, where we're told that a star is being born every 15 seconds and so forth.

So I think this melding of ancient religious archetypes both in Buddhism and Christianity, but also found in Hinduism and Judaism in their own way, that this sheds new light and it gives us names, naming, such as flow, and such as particle, such as wave, new naming, by which to plummet deeper into these mysteries of the universe and mysteries of the spiritual world.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.