

Daily Meditation 12/30/2022

The Transfiguration and Birthing of the Cosmic Christ

Good morning.

To speak of the Cosmic Christ is to speak of the Transfiguration experience, as all three of the Synoptic Gospels present this experience in their own way.

The Gospel of Mark, for example, tells it like this. Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, three of his closest friends, and led them up a high mountain, where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence, he was transfigured. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses, they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: Rabbi, he said, it is wonderful for us to be here. So let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. Then a cloud came, covering them in a shadow. And there came a voice from the cloud: This is my son, the beloved, listen to him. Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Now, this story contains a lot of images; a lot is going on. Part of it is the hint of death. That really ends, two verses later, when it says that Jesus was talking: the Son of Man is to suffer grievously and be treated with contempt.

So hints of death are in the room, but also the glory. So the Cosmic Christ is an archetype not only of the glory in all things, but also the suffering and the wounds in all things. That's at the heart of the story.

And I think it's very significant that in the Eastern Orthodox tradition of Christianity, this feast day, the Feast of the Transfiguration, is the most important feast day of the year. It's bigger than Christmas, it's bigger than Easter. Because it is so thoroughly an experience of the Cosmic Christ, of that kind of radiance that was in Jesus and that broke through in the presence of his three friends and visitors from their ancestral lineage, important visitors, Elijah and Moses, both of whom had experienced divinity on Earth, which was, of course the burning bush. Right?

There's that light again, there's that cosmic energy and radiance. Both of them had experienced divinity on this planet. And they showed up if you will, in this amazing happening, where the radiance of the Cosmic Christ beamed from Jesus, as indeed it beams from all beings, but we don't often see it.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.