

Christianity and its contribution to Integral Yoga

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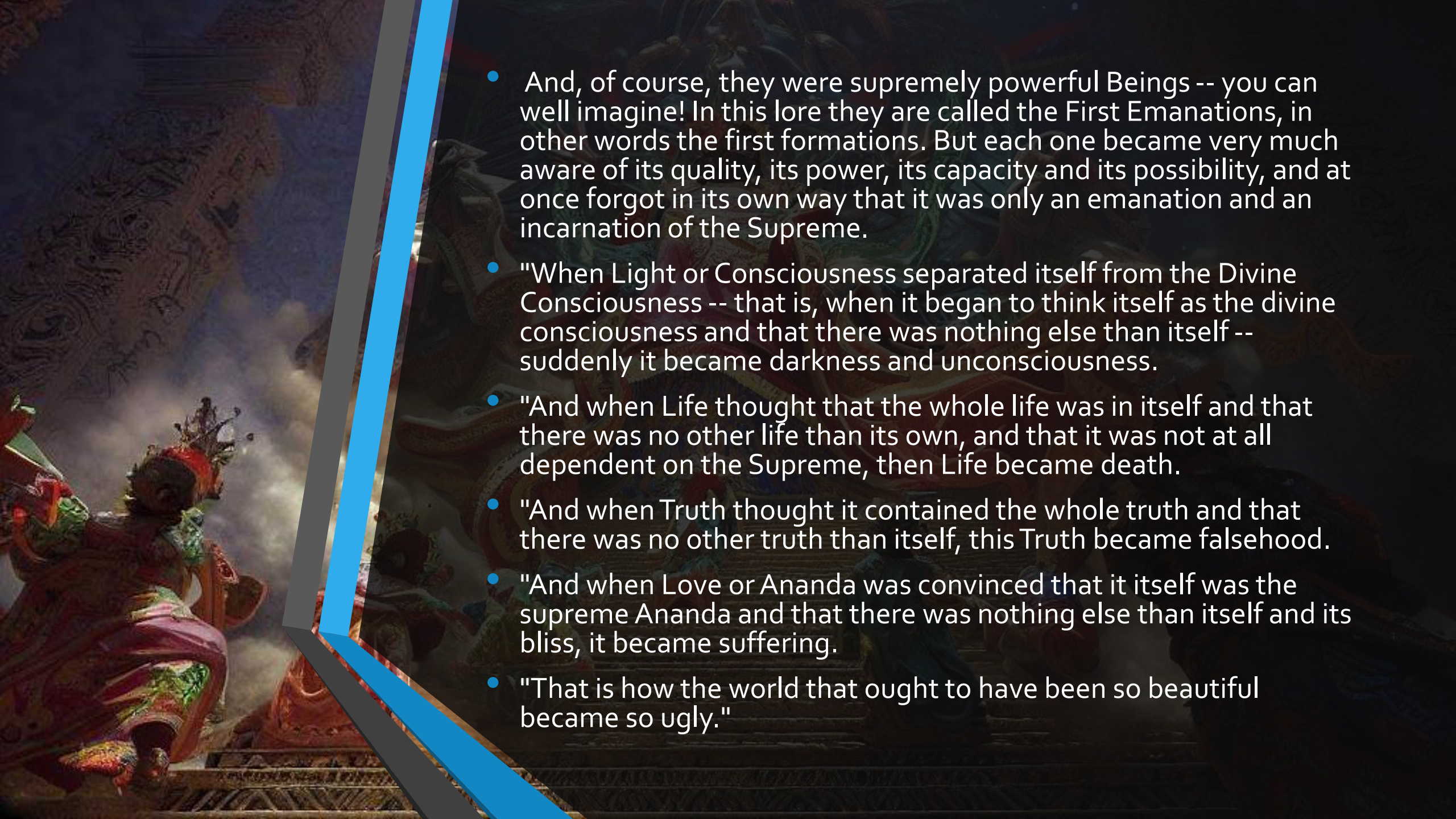
A journey in
Mythos not
Logos



A story by the Mother

- Right in the early fifties, a youngster wanted to know, "Where do gods come from?"
- "There is a very ancient lore which narrates that," Mother readily replied. "I am going to tell it to you as it is told to children. That way you will understand."
- "One day, 'God' decided to put himself forth, to objectify himself, in order to have the joy of knowing himself in detail. So, at first he emanated his Consciousness, instructing it to bring into being a universe. This Consciousness began by emanating four Beings, four individualities who really were wholly superior beings, of the highest Reality. These were: the Being of Consciousness, the Being of Love (or rather of Ananda), the Being of Life, and the Being of Light and Knowledge. But consciousness and light are the same thing. We have: Consciousness, Love and Ananda, Life, and Truth -- that's the right word, Truth.

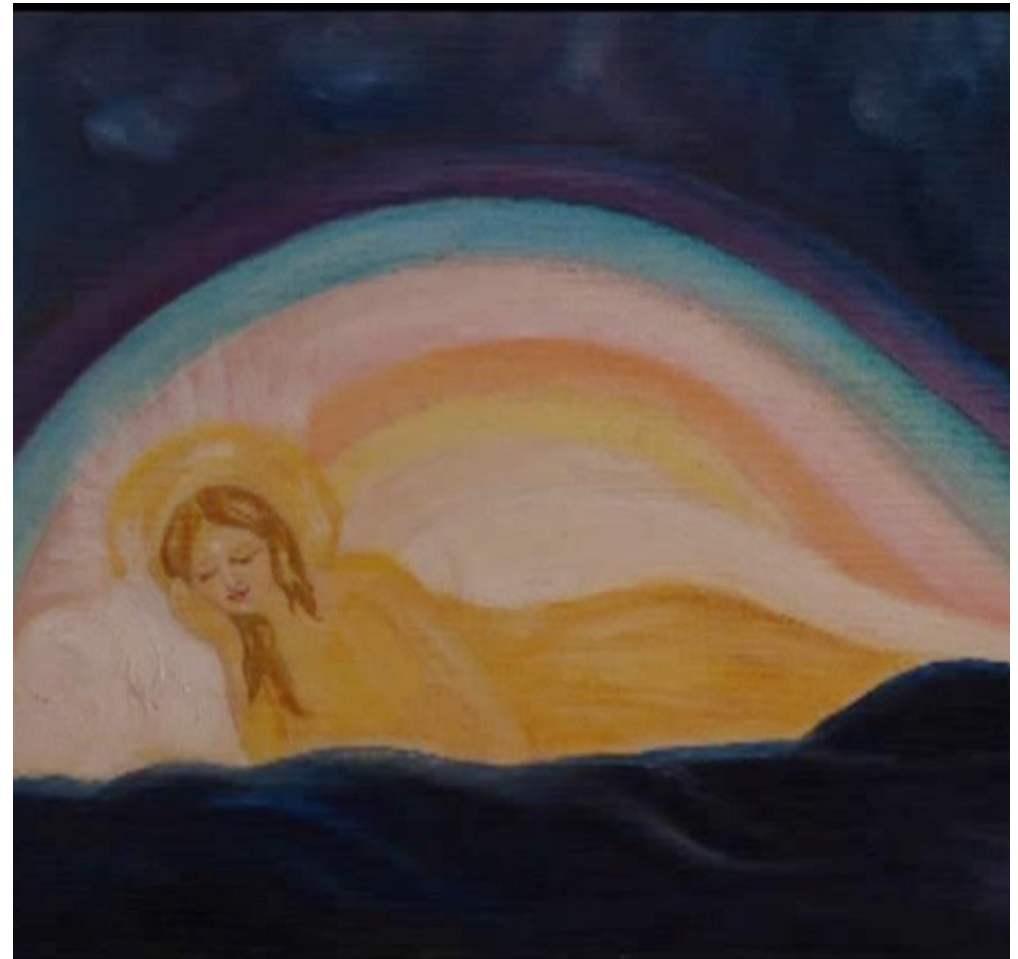




- And, of course, they were supremely powerful Beings -- you can well imagine! In this lore they are called the First Emanations, in other words the first formations. But each one became very much aware of its quality, its power, its capacity and its possibility, and at once forgot in its own way that it was only an emanation and an incarnation of the Supreme.
- "When Light or Consciousness separated itself from the Divine Consciousness -- that is, when it began to think itself as the divine consciousness and that there was nothing else than itself -- suddenly it became darkness and unconsciousness.
- "And when Life thought that the whole life was in itself and that there was no other life than its own, and that it was not at all dependent on the Supreme, then Life became death.
- "And when Truth thought it contained the whole truth and that there was no other truth than itself, this Truth became falsehood.
- "And when Love or Ananda was convinced that it itself was the supreme Ananda and that there was nothing else than itself and its bliss, it became suffering.
- "That is how the world that ought to have been so beautiful became so ugly."

The first Avatar

- “Then from the Divine came an emanation of Love (in the first emanation it wasn’t Love, it was Ananda, Bliss, the Delight of being which became Suffering), and from the Supreme came Love; and Love descended into this domain of Inconscience...Simultaneously with the creation of the gods, then, came this direct Descent of Love into Matter, without passing through all the intermediate worlds. That’s the story of the first Descent...the divine Love descended straight from the Lord into Matter and began to awaken what was involved there.”



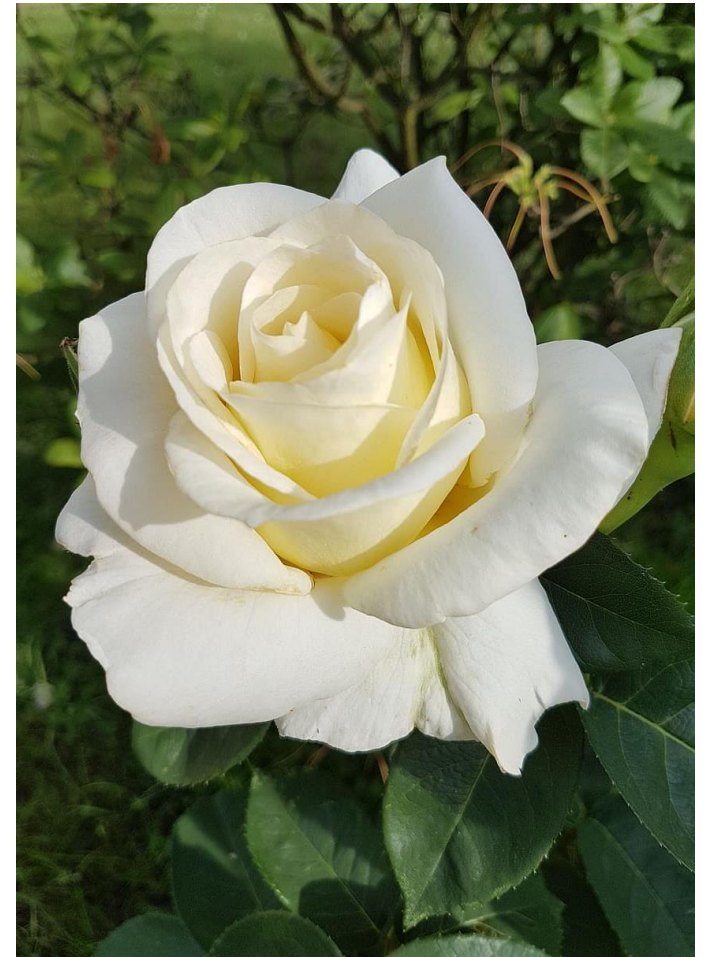


"God is love"

- 1 John 4:8: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."
- John 15:12: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
- John 17:21: "That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Divine love and the psychic love

- "The Divine's love is that which comes from above poured down from the Divine Oneness and its Ananda on the being — psychic love is a form taken by divine love in the human being according to the need and possibilities of the human consciousness." - Letters on Yoga
- [The signs of the psychic's coming forward:] A central love, bhakti, surrender, giving everything, a sight within that sees always clearly what is spiritually right or wrong and automatically rejects the latter — a movement of entire consecration and dedication of all in one to the Mother.
- *The cardinal importance of the highest forms of Love, as exemplified in the person of Jesus, is a central and continuing contribution of Christianity to the spiritual future of the world*



Love and the Body

- Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)
- While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."





Sacred Matter

- *...the divine Love descended straight from the Lord into Matter and began to awaken what was involved there."*



"A new heaven **and** a new earth"

- Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

The Mother



The Descent of the Spirit

- Prefigured by the descent of the Fire onto the tabernacle
- And the Divine Presence falling onto the Temple of Solomon
- A union of faith and sacred works

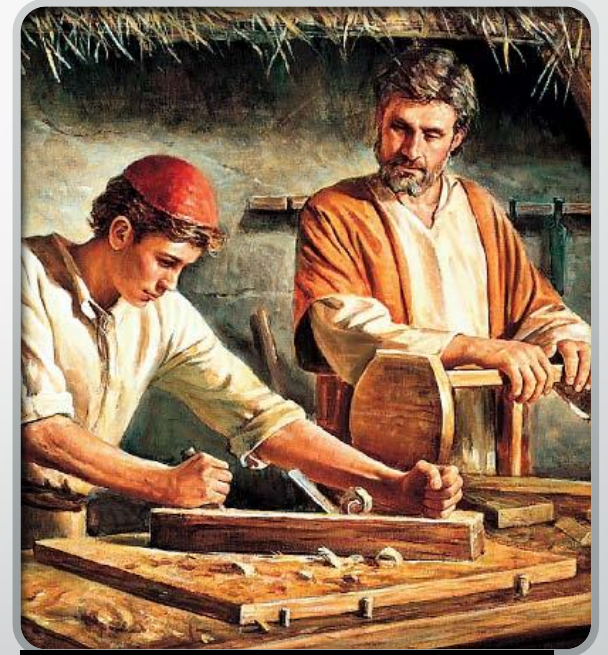




The Temple of Solomon and the Ark of the Covenant

Sacred Craftsmanship

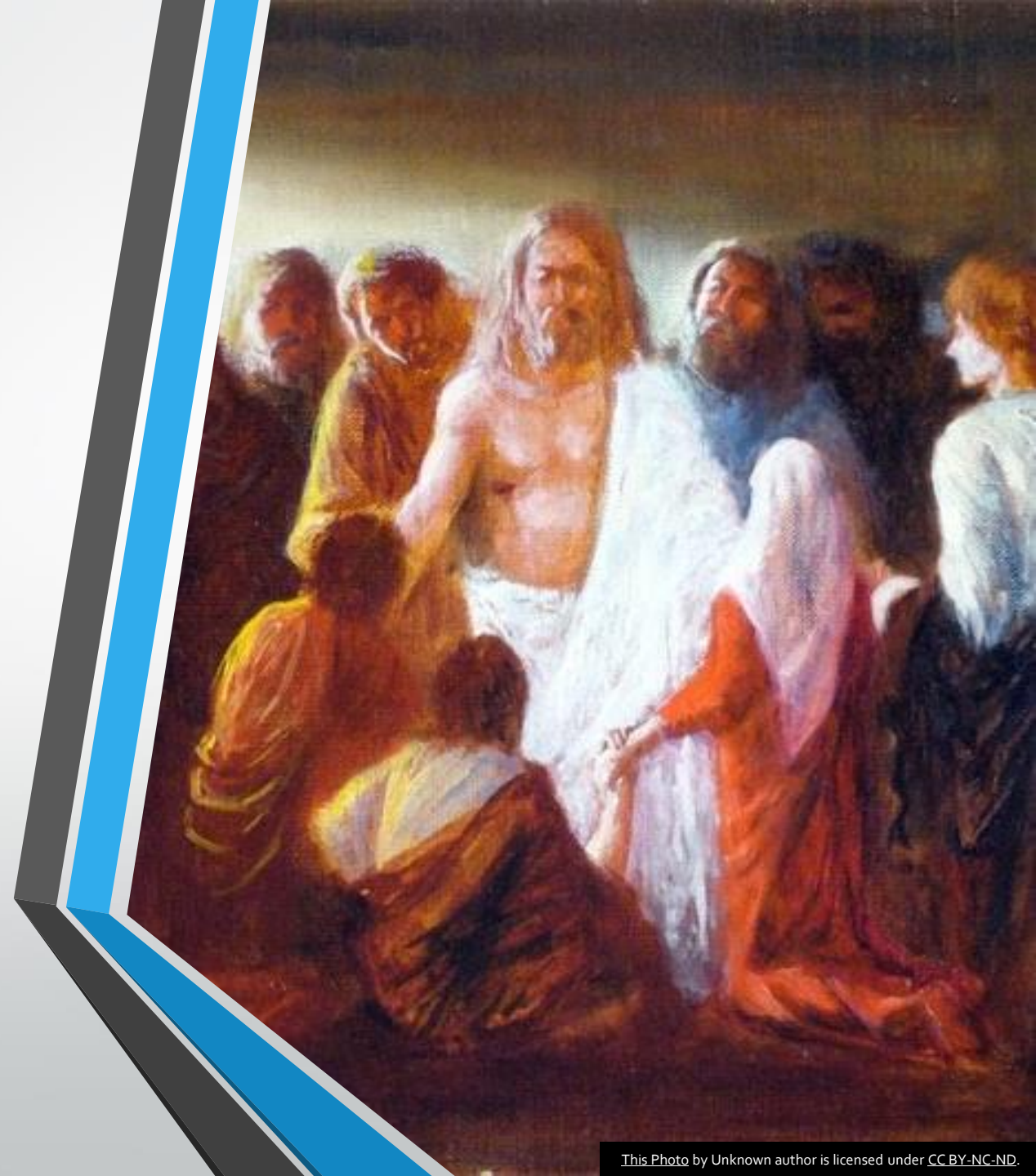
- 'Then the LORD said to Moses, ² “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵ to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. ⁶ Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you:'
- Exodus 31:1-6



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The divine Body

- *and the collective realisation*



Future directions

- This intense focus on love, matter and social transformation
- Coming age of mental subjectivism – of science/tech breaching matter and the subtle realms
- The development of AI – of artificial intelligence preparing the receptivity of matter – of also the 'age of spiritual machines'