



Christ the Yogi:

A Hindu Reflection on the Gospel of John
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About the Book

An unusual and rewarding exploration of the Gospel of John from an Indian perspective, offering a meditation on our need to draw inspiration from all spiritual sources as we search for the paths toward personal transformation

- Eloquently and convincingly reveals the interconnectedness of all faiths and the growing need in today's world for interfaith dialogue

The Gospel of John differs from the other gospels of the New Testament in both its cosmological scale and mystical nature. Through thoughtful comparisons of its teachings with Hindu and other religious traditions, *Christ the Yogi* eloquently and convincingly reveals the interconnectedness of all faiths and the growing need in today's world for interfaith dialogue. For those concerned with the emergence of a universal spirituality, *Christ the Yogi* is a source of light, a translucent pool of wisdom that offers from its depths an immense and lasting spiritual vision.

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Reviews

"Looking at Christ through Hindu eyes, Ravindra's 'external' view of Christ is in ways more faithful to Christian history than much Western Christology now manages to be. This makes *Christ the Yogi* something of a landmark in interfaith dialogue."

Huston Smith, author of *The World's Religions*

"The book's real value lies in bringing readers into contact with the Gospel itself, highlighting its yogic nature, connecting us to the mystery that leads to rebirth in the Spirit."

Yoga International

"The main qualification for an interpreter of a religious text is the ability to discern true wisdom--something Ravindra certainly can do. . . . *Christ the Yogi* is one of the best studies on a book of the Bibles that I have read . It has opened aspects of John's Gospel that were previously closed to me."

Gnosis, 1998

"A loving pondering over one of the most beautiful and probably most esoteric of the Four Gospels of the Christian tradition."

The Theosophical Society

"This nonsectarian evaluation of Jesus and the Gospel of John is another good example of the fruits of interfaith dialogue."

Frederic Brussat, Cultural Information Service

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Christ was his title. "Christ" refers to the "Christ Consciousness," the highest state of consciousness that one can attain spiritually, wherein one is completely immersed in God's presence within and all around, or as the Bible says, lives in the "Kingdom of God [that] is within you" (Luke 17:21). Do we believe he was the only Son of God? Jesus Christ is spoken of in the Bible as "the only begotten son of God" (John 3:16). This description carries a subtle meaning. The Second Coming of Christ: The Resurrection of the Christ Within You 2 Volume Set by Paramahansa Yogananda Paperback \$15.05. Ships from and sold by Amazon.com. Chapter two, "Jesus the Yogi." relays Yogananda's understanding of ancient manuscripts and his belief that Jesus went to India and lived and ruminated among the yogis, gurus, and wise ones of that time. Chapter six helps to untangle the confusion many people have about doctrinaire religious practices and the metaphysics of Christ consciousness. A lot of yogis talk about how the universe, and everything within it, is in fact musical, vibratory, and relates to frequency. For example, saying a mantra gets you in touch with some beings, a guru, a god or goddess, on one frequency, in one dimension. He is the Incarnate Logos, the Christ the God-Man. Other Articles by Subdeacon Joseph: The Impossibility of Aloneness: When Christ Found Me in the Himalayas Hidden Fire: Orthodox Perspectives on Yoga. 26. Tags: false spirits hindu India Slider Spirituality Truth yoga.