



**Religious Gatheka – Hazrat Inayat Khan**  
**12. The Message of Christ**

**This Month's Concentration:**

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks  
Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: The Message of Christ

**Reflect Daily on the Following Points in Gatheka 12**

1. *The words of Christ in the Bible are: "I am Alpha and Omega", which means 'I am the First and the Last'.*
2. *Now about the question that arises in the enquiring mind: "Who may this Alpha and Omega be?" What he was before Jesus Christ? What would he be like after the time of Jesus Christ?"*
3. *For those of the different creeds who have different forms of worship and dogma's say: "This is the teaching of Christ". Yes it is true, but it is not all the teaching of Christ. It is as true as to say: "This is the Ocean" as if one brought water from the ocean in a pitcher, it is true, but there is an Ocean.*
4. *This shows that a shield called Jesus Christ brought the message. It was the shield that was Jesus. This is the secret of that Alpha and Omega spirit of Christ. If one can only see that spirit hidden behind different shields one would be constantly in the vision of Christ. In the smile of the innocent child, there is a Christ, in the warmth of the mother's heart for her child Christ is hidden. In that unselfish, self-sacrificing love of the father, there Christ shows himself. In the kindly attitude of a friend, you can see the spirit of Christ. What is there which has beauty, tenderness, gentleness, which has not the spirit of Christ?*
5. *From those who keep Christ away from them, He is far, but in reality they have covered their eyes themselves. It is not the fault of Christ, it is their own fault, not that of Christ who speaks in the whisper of the wise people of the centuries, who speaks aloud in the voice of the Prophet, the Warner who comes now and then; the same, coming sometimes, sometimes hiding himself, the same always. Man's doubt and scepticism prevent his seeing him.*

6. *Another side to consider is that the idea of miracles is attached to the person of Christ. In reality the greatest miracle of Christ that any wise man can see is the miracle of Christ's living heart; not wonderworking but the living God presented to the world. It was the lighted faith which*

How beautifully synchronistic this teaching is at this time of year. May we deeply reflect on the meaning of this teaching in relationship to our own lives.

With loving regards,  
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