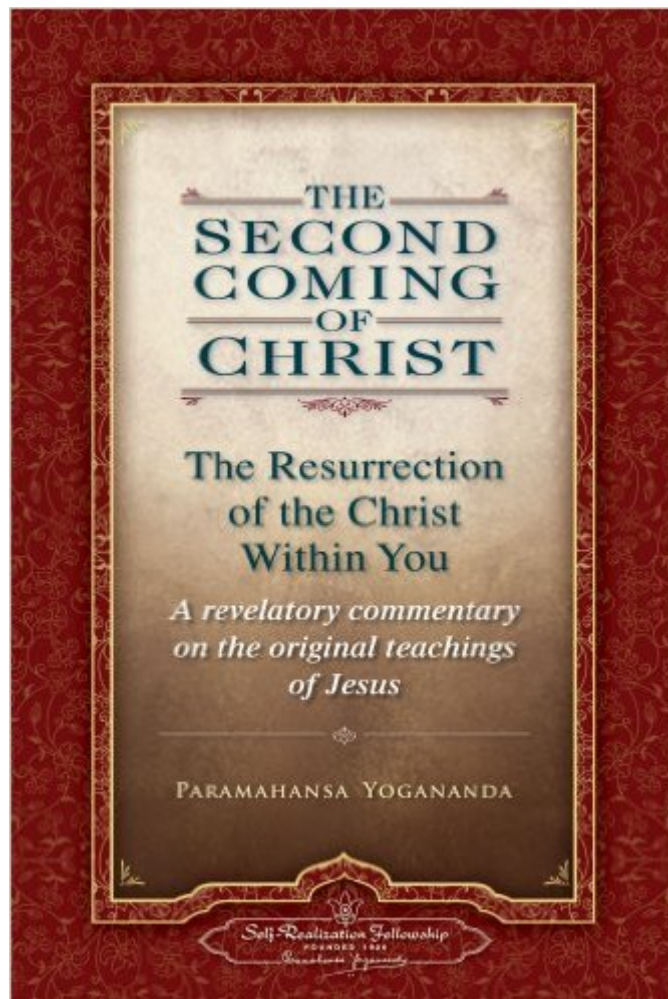


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Synopsis

In this unprecedented masterwork of inspiration, Paramahansa Yogananda takes the reader on a profoundly enriching journey through the four Gospels. Verse by verse, he illumines the universal path to oneness with God taught by Jesus to his immediate disciples but obscured through centuries of misinterpretation: "how to become like Christ, how to resurrect the Eternal Christ within one's self". This landmark work transcends divisive sectarianism to reveal a unifying harmony underlying all true religions. A groundbreaking synthesis of East and West, it imparts the life-transforming realization that each of us can experience for ourselves the promised Second Coming - awakening of the all-fulfilling Divine Consciousness latent within our souls. Yogananda said, "In titling this work *The Second Coming of Christ*, I am not referring to a literal return of Jesus to earth. He came two thousand years ago and, after imparting a universal path to God's kingdom, was crucified and resurrected; his reappearance to the masses now is not necessary for the fulfillment of his teachings. What is necessary is for the cosmic wisdom and divine perception of Jesus to speak again through each one's own experience and understanding of the infinite Christ Consciousness that was incarnate in Jesus. That will be his true Second Coming."

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Reading these other reviewers words, I cannot help but relate to them, as well. When I was in traditional Sunday school as a child, I was always more interested in what Jesus did while he was here than the crucifixion. Everyone seemed to think that this was the main point of his life, but I

really felt that what he did while he was here was the "main thing". Of course, I was steered into a more "acceptable" notion of Jesus...that he was "very God"; that if you didn't believe in him as your savior you would be banished to hell, that you better get all your friend to convert because Jesus is gonna come back and wreak some "Holy Crap" if he sees that things aren't being done his way. I always felt a little saddened by this approach to Jesus the Christ. Most people think that Jesus and Christ are synonymous, but Christ is actually a level of consciousness that Jesus obtained while here upon Earth. "The Christ" is an awareness of the Inner God and the Outer God of being One. Jesus embodied this awareness...lived it out on a moment to moment basis...knew and felt and acted out on Love's Eternal Promises and "became" God. But he also was humble enough to know that not only he was God made manifest, but that each one of us was God in the "seed". The only difference between Jesus and us is that he focused solely upon God and we tend to be scattered in our approach. Because we live in a society where only a few people are allowed to shine at any given time, we "made" Jesus God. We began to formulate rules and laws around his simple teachings. We began to make God in our "Image and Likeness".

These two volumes are written from the perspective and experience of one who himself came from the East. The insights into the life and teachings of Jesus offered by Yogananda go much deeper than what we are accustomed to as Westerners. Indeed, Yogananda's work could just as easily have been titled "Christ Unveiled". This is not merely an intellectual commentary based on scholarship (though fine scholarship abounds throughout). Rather, this work is the realized testimony of someone who himself has plumbed the depths and given his whole life to the subject matter at hand. As Westerners raised on the external moral precepts of the "Good Book" our acquaintance with the internal esoteric aspect of God and His prophets is wholly lacking a "holy" understanding. This book does much to expand our understanding of Jesus, not just as a spiritual personage of highest order... whose entire public ministry consisted of doing good to others, but shows us the deeply spiritual and mystical side of his life, teachings and love of God. Such sayings as "the kingdom of God is within you" and "know ye not that ye are gods?" take on a profound importance in the light of Yogananda's work. Perhaps for the first time in the history of Christianity we are being given the opportunity to understand that the deep care, sincerity, love and urgency of Christ's mission came as a result of seeing in all others (especially the most evil around him) what was fully revealed and uncovered in him. Anyone interested in exploring the deeper aspects of Christianity will find these two volumes invaluable. The footnotes alone contain many fine commentaries on such subjects as the original meanings of various Greek and Aramaic words and

suggest how difficult (as always!) it is to find an accurate equivalent in English.

The Second Coming of Christ This book is so revealing, inspiring and illuminating of Jesus and His teachings, that I would class it as the most profound RESTORATION OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS. Yogananda's newest book "The Second Coming of Christ" will not disappoint those who have waited long for this literary spiritual masterpiece from Self-Realization Fellowship Publishers. [released Sept 2004] Although bible academics will tell you that anything written over 50 years ago may be out of date. You will find that this Gospel commentary is at least equal to if not superior to anything written to date on this subject. There are a number of things that make this work especially qualified to represent the true teachings of Jesus the Christ. (a) The author Himself actually lived the life described in these gospels- Paramahansa Yogananda was a modern Christ in every regard. If one cannot see this in the Second Coming book, this fact can be further verified through a couple of more years study of the Masters life and other teachings. Plus there are still a few living witnesses to His divine stature. (b) Yogananda goes far beyond other academics/clergy and theologians. he not only gives a spiritually potent and convincing explanation of Jesus teachings, but also the full and clearest methodology on how to reach that high state of self-realization. He takes you on the actual journey and explains every step of the way. You would not get more or better instruction even if you were in the presence of another physical teacher. (c) the proof and value of the spiritual instruction in the second coming have already been effectively verified by Yogananda's divine lineage and many successor disciples-it works!

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