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PREFACE

Since the publication of *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom* in 1980, I have been asked continually when I would be writing a sequel. My answer was always that I had no intention of writing another such book. What more could I say than I had said?

As my contribution to *Share International* magazine (apart from that of Editor) has evolved to include not only articles but a regular section of 'Questions and Answers', a large body of material has gradually been formed which, we believe, supplies the long-awaited sequel to the *Reappearance* book. Since many other people simultaneously had the same idea, it would appear to answer a genuine need. This book, then, is a compilation of my articles, and questions and answers published in *Share International* up to now (September 1986).

Certainly, in inspiring me to answer the many questions sent to *Share International*, my Master has illumined large areas of esoteric knowledge, some for the first time, others more deeply than was hitherto the case. This is particularly so in connection with the Seven Rays. A large body of information is presented, much of it entirely new, which should lead to new insights and deeper study of these energies which so condition our lives.

Transmission Meditation is also dealt with at length, together with reincarnation, karma, the after-life states, initiation, service and other subjects. In the interest of readability, rearranging the material into book form has necessitated a considerable degree of editing to keep the repetitions to a minimum. This is especially the case in the first chapter on the Emergence of Maitreya. During the 'waiting' period from May 1982 until now, I answered so many questions, many rather similar, on 'the state of play' and the media's role, action and non-action, that a decision had to be made between strict historical chronology — with the inevitable lengthy repetition — and readability. I have opted for the latter and have supplied a summary, only, of the

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events since May 1982. The original questions and answers, after all, are still available for their historical interest in back issues of *Share International*. I hope readers will agree with this judgement.

As usual, this has been very much a group endeavour, and my deep gratitude goes to the many people, on different continents, whose co-operative work has made this book possible. In particular I am indebted to Michiko Ishikawa for her help in editing, organizing and arranging the material in the present form.

Benjamin Creme
London 1986

Note to Reader: The articles and questions and answers were published in the monthly magazine *Share International* over the period from January 1982 to September 1986. In the present work, for ease of reading, they have been arranged according to subject with the result that they do not appear in the original order. The original date of publication is given at the end of each question.

For the second edition, 'The List of Initiates' was updated to include all the initiates whose ray structures had been published in *Share International* through December 1990. Ray structures published in *Share International* since December 1990 may be found in *Maitreya's Mission, Volume Three*.

The third edition includes an Index, Introduction and some minor revisions.

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THE NEW AGE AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE WORLD TEACHER

We are moving into a period of climax, leading to events which will fundamentally alter life as we know it. Tremendous changes are taking place in all areas of life, preparatory to the establishment of entirely new modes of social living and relationship, based on co-operation and sharing. Many are aware that a new spiritual age is dawning, hence the growth of 'New Age' groups throughout the world. While many of these groups look backward and resurrect old forms of worship and belief, they have in common an awareness that we are now standing at the beginning of a new era, a new cosmic cycle. This is not a 'New Age' fantasy, nor simply an astrological prognostication, but a scientific, astronomical fact: the result of the precession of the equinoxes or, in laymen's terms, of the movement of our solar system round the heavens in relation to the twelve constellations of the zodiac. Our sun is making a journey in relation to these twelve constellations which takes almost 26,000 years to complete. Approximately every 2,150 years, the sun comes into alignment with each of these constellations in turn. While we are in that alignment, we say we are in the age of the particular constellation and are the recipient of potent cosmic energies streaming from it. The energies of each age are different, and inspire us to create quite different civilizations.

For the last 2,150 years we have been in the Age of Pisces. The energies of Pisces are characterized by the qualities of individuality and idealism — devotion to an ideal — and have led to the creation of forms and institutions which express these qualities. This represents a great step forward for humanity but most often the ideal we have been devoted to has been our own at the expense of every other.

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Piscean energies, as we have handled them, have separated the world. The result is a world divided probably as never before: East and West, North and South, rich and poor nations, the communist world and capitalist world — each group following its own ideal, fanatically convinced that theirs is the only possible way for humanity. This fanaticism is the direct result of the growth of devotion and individuality, created by the energies of Pisces.

These divisions have brought us to the very edge of total annihilation. Since World War II, the threat of nuclear war has hung over the world. Strangely, over the last two or three years, that threat has been removed. It no longer really concerns humanity. How is this possible? Everything that we do in every aspect of our lives is the response to energetic stimulus of one type or another. The threat of nuclear war has diminished in response to new energies.

As the sun moves away from the sphere of influence of Pisces, the energies of Pisces are being withdrawn. More and more, as we enter the field of influence of the new constellation, Aquarius, we become influenced by its energies. These are the energies of synthesis. Just as the energies of Pisces have divided the world, so the energies of Aquarius will bring us into a blended, fused unity, a synthesis with all members of humanity, nature and the lower kingdoms. We are witnessing the beginning of this process.

In every new Age, humanity is the recipient of new teachings which allow us to respond appropriately to the energies of the time. Cyclic law calls forth a Teacher Who comes into the world at the beginning or end of every age. Historically we know them, among others, as Hercules, Hermes, Rama, Mithra, Vyasa, Confucius, Zoroaster, Krishna, Shankaracharya, Buddha, Christ and Mohammed. (The new Age of Aquarius, now dawning, will be no exception to this cyclic law. This age will have its teacher. He is already in the world, ready to reveal Himself openly.)

These teachers come from the same spiritual centre of the planet — the Spiritual or Esoteric Hierarchy of the world. The senior members of the Spiritual Hierarchy are men like us Who

have made the evolutionary journey ahead of us, Who have perfected Themselves, and Whose energies and ideas have been the stimulus behind our evolution. They are known to Their disciples as the Masters of Wisdom and the Lords of Compassion. They have, for the most part, lived in the mountain and desert areas of the world for countless thousands of years. From Their mountain and desert retreats, They have beneficently overseen the evolution of humanity for millennia.

Our evolution, from early animal man up to the point where we now find ourselves today, has proceeded through an expansion of consciousness. This increase of awareness has been accomplished through the guidance and stimulus of the Masters of Wisdom. Much of the work of the Masters is carried out by Their disciples, men and women in the world, for example people like Albert Einstein, Madame Curie, Abraham Lincoln, Mozart and Michelangelo.

The Lord Maitreya, Who embodies the Christ Principle, is the Master of all the Masters, the Head and Leader of that group of enlightened men.

All religions await the coming of a Teacher: Christians, the return of the Christ; Moslems, the Imam Mahdi or Messiah, depending on their sect. Hindus await the return of Krishna, and Jews the Messiah. Buddhists likewise await Maitreya Buddha. These are all different names for one and the same individual, the World Teacher. For 2,500 years, the Lord Maitreya has held the post of World Teacher in the Spiritual Hierarchy.

Two thousand six hundred years ago, Gautama Buddha made a prophecy that at this time, the end of Kali Yuga, would come another great teacher, a Buddha like Himself, named Maitreya Buddha. Maitreya, He said, would lead humanity into the creation of a new golden civilization based on righteousness and truth.

Two thousand years ago Maitreya manifested Himself through His disciple Jesus in Palestine by the process of 'overshadowing', and the Christian era began. He returns now as World Teacher for all groups — religious and non-religious

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alike. Maitreya is, as both Gautama Buddha and St Paul declared, “the teacher alike of angels and of men”. He has lived in the Himalaya for thousands of years, awaiting the cosmic date, the time for His return to the world.

The Masters have known for over 500 years that sooner or later They would have to return openly to the everyday world. The only question was when humanity would be ready for the entry of these advanced, and, from our point of view, perfected men. The signal for this return was given in June 1945, at the end of the war, by Maitreya Himself. He announced to the assembled Masters that He had decided to return to the everyday world at the earliest possible moment, as soon as humanity began to put its house in order, and would bring a large group of His disciples, the Masters, into the world with Him.

He said He would come when a measure of peace had been restored to the world; when the principle of sharing was at least beginning to govern economic affairs; and when the principle of goodwill was active, leading to right human relations. He hoped to come around 1950. It was hoped that the pain and suffering of the war would have chastened humanity and led to a change of direction. But not all the nations had suffered, and soon the powers returned to the old competitive, nationalistic ways of the past.

Maitreya’s coming was delayed therefore until July 1977, when He said He would wait no longer. On 8 July 1977, He descended from His retreat 6,000 metres high in the Himalaya. He spent several days on the plains of Pakistan, acclimatizing Himself. On 19 July 1977, He entered London, England, where He still lives as an apparently ordinary member of the Asian community. There He awaits an invitation from humanity to come forward as the World Teacher.

Changes in the World and Their Causes

Meanwhile, from behind the scenes, He has been transforming our world, dispensing potent cosmic energies in such a way as

to create the momentous changes of recent years. If the threat of world war has receded, it is due to the effect of the energies He has released. The extraordinary events and changes in Eastern Europe, Russia, China and South Africa, the demand for justice, freedom and participation, all have occurred under His stimulus. The unusual climatic conditions of today — earthquakes, hurricanes, floods — are accompanying His return.

These disasters are the result of the wrong thoughts and actions of humanity. They need not occur; they are not ‘acts of God’. They take place under the Law of Cause and Effect, or Karma. As we create in our planetary life conditions of chaos and disequilibrium, so we affect the natural world. All atoms in creation are interconnected. There is no separation anywhere. If, as today, we create conditions in which two-thirds of the world’s population must make do with one-fourth of the world’s food, and therefore starve and die in their millions, then catastrophe is inevitable.

Millions of people in the Third World die of starvation, not because there is inadequate food, but because we in the developed world usurp and greedily waste most of the available supply, and 83 per cent of the energy and other resources. There is actually a surplus of food in the world of 10 per cent per capita, yet millions starve because we in the developed world are greedy, selfish and complacent.

That, more than anything, immediately concerns Maitreya. As He said in one of His messages given through me: “I can no longer stand aside and watch this slaughter, watch My little ones die.” And in another: “The crime of separation must be driven from this Earth. I affirm that as My purpose.”

He has come to teach humanity the need for sharing. “Sharing,” He says, “is divine. When you share you recognize God in your brother.” Without sharing there can never be justice in the world. If there is no justice there can never be peace. If there is no peace then there is no world, because now we can destroy the planet and every life-stream on it.

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Daily we are becoming aware of a world under rapid transformation. The engines of war have been switched off over the last two to three years but humanity faces a new threat. The energy which galvanized the planes and tanks, which drove the soldiers into the battlefield, does not just disappear; it must go somewhere. That destructive energy has been circling round and round the world causing havoc, and has finally settled. It has found what Maitreya calls “a new womb”. That “new womb” is commercialization.

Commercialization, an economy based entirely on market forces and competition, has become the new world creed. Maitreya says it is so destructive it can actually compromise human life. It is today the greatest threat to this planet and will bring this civilization, He says, to the very verge of destruction.

The nations must understand that we are one humanity, and that therefore the food, raw materials, energy, scientific technology and educational facilities of the world belong to all and must be shared. They are not the monopoly of the developed world and if we continue to assume that they are, we will destroy this civilization, based as it is on the blind following of market forces. Market forces are based on greed; Maitreya calls them the forces of evil. The new creed is followed now by all the nations including the Soviet bloc.

Greed is created by the human mind. Only the awareness of the human mind will bring it to a halt, when we see its destructive effect on all nations.

Process of Emergence since 1986

People always ask: “When can we see Him?” The answer is, simply, when we invite Him to come forward to the world. The process of emergence is a gradual one due to Maitreya’s total respect for our free will. As we shift into a greater sense of unity, of concern for all, the climate for Maitreya’s complete emergence improves daily.

Maitreya has been emerging steadily since His appearance in the world in 1977. From 1982 through 1986, He hoped that the media would recognize Him and make His presence in the world known to all, thereby allowing Him to declare Himself and begin His mission openly.

In January 1986, Maitreya contacted media representatives at the highest level in Britain who agreed to make an announcement that a man claiming to be the Christ was indeed living in the Asian community of London. Under pressure from high religious and government officials, however, this statement was withheld.

Over the last two to three years, Maitreya has appeared to, or called to Him in London, various groups of people. He appears to people in three ways. The most common is in dreams, in a form that they will recognize. The second is to present Himself to them in a vision, again in a way that they will recognize — Buddhists see Him as Maitreya Buddha; Jews as the Messiah; Hindus as Krishna; and so on. The third way is to appear physically before them, suddenly, out of the blue. In one or other of these ways, He has made Himself known to thousands of people throughout the world — to some heads of governments, religious leaders, diplomats in all countries, representatives of parliament, to hundreds of journalists and to ordinary people — in prisons, hospitals and in their homes — all over the world.

On 11 June 1988, He appeared suddenly before 6,000 people at a prayer meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. They instantly recognized Him as the Christ. He spoke for some minutes in perfect Swahili and then disappeared as suddenly as He had appeared. This story, with photographs of Him which were taken at the time, was reported in various media around the world.*

He has agreed, when questioned, that “Maitreya” is one of His names but prefers to be known simply as the Teacher. Maitreya is working now with people in every part of the world, irrespective of creed, nationality and race, at all levels of existence. He has miraculously cured AIDS sufferers, and

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has taken people in “lightships” to view world events before they happened; He is creating crosses of light in windows in different parts of the world which are seen by thousands. In these ways He will gradually be known, and the people will realize the link between His presence and recent positive trends in world affairs.

New Mode of Communication by Maitreya

Since April 1988, through one of His close associates, Maitreya has given teachings and forecasts of world events, which one by one are coming to pass. He expressed the wish that this information be made known as widely as possible. Since June 1988 it has been published monthly in the magazine *Share International*, and much of it passed to the media in a series of press releases.

A wealth of information — political, social and spiritual — has been received from Maitreya in this way. Constantly, in His spiritual teaching, Maitreya emphasizes the importance of self-respect, awareness and detachment. “Self-respect is the seed of awareness,” He says. “Without detachment there is no salvation.” His forecasts of world events are based on the Law of Cause and Effect or Karma: “Natural disasters are linked to men’s actions.” “To understand that we live in a world of cause and effect creates Self-awareness. Although certain disasters are inevitable, the new energy of equilibrium will bring peace.”

[This introduction is from a lecture, transcribed and edited, given by Benjamin Creme in Tokyo, Japan, in April 1990.]

Physical Appearances

Since late 1991, Maitreya has been carrying out a series of appearances like the one in Nairobi, Kenya. Throughout the world He has been appearing miraculously to fundamentalist gatherings of approximately 500 to 900 people. He typically speaks to the group in their own language, outlining His plans

and concerns and asking for their help and co-operation, and He then disappears. In some cases, photos of Maitreya have been taken. In each case, the vast majority of those in attendance believe they have seen the Christ (or for Hindus, Krishna, and for Moslems, the Imam Mahdi). As of March 1996, Maitreya has appeared in Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Sicily, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, the United States, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Wales.

Many of Maitreya's appearances have been accompanied by mysterious and miraculous events. At Tlacote, not far from Mexico City (where Maitreya appeared in September 1991 and January 1992), a spring of water surfaced with amazing healing properties. Similar manifestations were discovered near Düsseldorf, Germany; in Bucharest, Romania; New Delhi, India; and Switzerland. Growing numbers of people are visiting these sites. Other healing springs will be found in due course, near the cities at which Maitreya has appeared.

In this way, more and more people receive proof of His presence and, it is hoped, will in due course demand media response.

Day of Declaration

Maitreya expects this approach to lead to the Day of Declaration, when He will leave no doubt that He is the World Teacher. Maitreya will mentally 'overshadow' all of humanity simultaneously. Each of us, not only those watching or listening, will hear His words inwardly, telepathically, in our own language. At the same time, hundreds of thousands of

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miraculous healings will take place throughout the world. Thus, all will know that the World Teacher is now among us. Maitreya's open worldwide mission will have begun.

*These and other pictures, published in *Maitreya's Mission Volume Two*, illustrate the truth of an earlier statement from Maitreya Himself. In November 1977, in one of His messages, He pointed out that His presence would be accompanied by signs: "Those who search for signs will find them..."

CHAPTER 1

MAITREYA AND THE PROCESS OF EMERGENCE

THE MEDIA AND THE EMERGENCE

Maitreya, the Christ, has been in London since July 1977. He lives as an ordinary man concerned with modern problems — political, economic and social. Since March 1978 He has been emerging as a spokesman for the Pakistani/Indian communities there. He is not a religious leader but an educator in the broadest sense, pointing the way out of the present world crisis.

He comes as the head of that group of enlightened men known as the Spiritual Hierarchy of Masters. The existence of such a group was first made public in the writings of H.P.Blavatsky and later Alice A. Bailey, whose book *The Reappearance of the Christ* describes the events which are now unfolding.

In every age great teachers have emerged from the Spiritual Hierarchy to guide humanity through its next evolutionary step. We know Them historically as (among others) Shankaracharya, Krishna, the Buddha, the Christ and, later, Mohammed.

All the great religions posit the idea of a further revelation to be given by a future Teacher. Christians hope for the return of the Christ, the Buddhists look for the coming of another Buddha (the Lord Maitreya), while Moslems await the appearance of the Imam Mahdi, the Hindus a reincarnation of Krishna, and the Jews the Messiah. Students of the esoteric tradition know these as different names for one and the same individual, the World Teacher, the head of the Spiritual

Hierarchy of Masters, and they look for His imminent return now.

According to esoteric teaching, the Christ manifested Himself 2,000 years ago in Palestine by ‘overshadowing’ His disciple Jesus, now the Master Jesus. This time Maitreya (the personal name of the Christ) comes Himself, as World Teacher for the Aquarian Age. From an astronomical viewpoint, we are now in the transitional phase between the Age of Pisces and that of Aquarius. To guide us safely through this difficult period, Maitreya has taken the extraordinary step of entering the modern world.

In July 1977 He emerged from His centre, a valley in the Himalaya, when least expected. As He foretold, He came “like a thief in the night” to take up His role as the World Teacher to help us transform our world. Maitreya took up residence in the East End of London, in a large, poor community of Pakistani and Indian immigrants.

Hierarchy had hoped that Maitreya, emerging as a community leader, would become first nationally, and then internationally, known. The British media, however, take little interest in the activities of the minority communities. The result was that public knowledge of Maitreya’s activities remained confined to the immigrant community.

Because of this situation, as part of a contingency plan, I publicly disclosed the whereabouts of the Christ at a well-attended press conference in Los Angeles, USA, on 14 May 1982. This conference was intended not only to focus attention on London but also to galvanize the press into action. It was their responsibility, as representatives of the public, to search for the Christ and invite Him to speak to the world. It was hoped that the media would respond to my information at a level which would allow Him to come forward to them.

This hope, however, was not fulfilled. While the media did show an interest in the Reappearance story, they did not go so far as to actually get involved in searching for Maitreya. The lack of interest shown by the British media after the press conference was partly explained by the Falkland crisis, which

at the time was commanding the almost exclusive attention of the British public. Only by the end of June 1982 did a few journalists, working independently, make any effort to find Maitreya.

The search did not prove easy. The community Maitreya was living in did not welcome the enquiries of curious Americans and Europeans. For fundamentalist Moslems, the idea of the coming of the Mahdi in this way was as much a heresy as the Reappearance story is to the fundamentalist Christians.

For three years my colleagues and I sought to inspire the media to take this information sufficiently seriously to become involved, thus enabling Maitreya to emerge into public life without the infringement of our free will — a major law governing His emergence. An invitation to Him from the world's media networks, representing humanity, to come forward and prove His true status, was not only necessary, but a sign that humanity was ready for His guidance.

In the meantime, I was told that Maitreya intended to make His presence rather more obvious. He did so, to a South American woman journalist who co-ordinated the 'search' for Him. Dining with another journalist in the Indian community one evening, and sitting with her back to the window of the restaurant, she suddenly felt that someone was watching her. Turning round, she saw looking at her a tall Asian figure, dressed in white from head to toe. She knew it was Maitreya, not only from His authority, dignity, loving smile and the waves of energy which overwhelmed her, but also because she recognized Him. She had seen His face before — superimposed on my face and radiating brilliant light — during His overshadowing of myself while giving His Message at one of my lectures in January 1982. (This is an often-seen phenomenon at these lectures.) Her impulse was to run after Him when He moved away from the window but she was too moved by the event to think clearly — and no doubt He would not wish to be followed. *The Sunday Times* of 2 December

1984 carried an article on this story illustrating it with a drawing made under her direction by an artist friend.

At long last, in the summer of 1985, mainly through the persistent efforts of this freelance journalist, an internationally representative group of 22 journalists from America, Europe and Japan gathered together at a rendezvous point — the same restaurant — in Brick Lane, East London, at 8pm on 31 July 1985. They met in the hope of being contacted by an envoy of Maitreya or even by Maitreya Himself. The date of the meeting was chosen by the journalists on purely practical considerations: the availability at the venue of a long-awaited American network owner assigned by NBC and of various British journalists returning from, or about to go on, holiday.

Despite the lack of media involvement since 1982, the passing of time allowed Maitreya to take steps towards discovery. The equation — Law of Free Will in relation to energy expended — was gradually fulfilled by the lapse of time and the presence of media representatives. For several months in 1984, the above-mentioned freelance journalist organized such gatherings of media representatives. In this way, the needed expenditure of energy in ‘searching’ was gradually made. This large gathering of influential and representative members of the media led to high hopes that a contact would be made. The contact was planned but in the event had to be postponed. The following explanation was given by my Master:

The advent of a Being of the stature of the Christ is an event of planetary and even cosmic importance and is governed by certain laws. Inevitably, it also inspires the opposition of those materialistic forces, seen and unseen, planetary and cosmic, who stand to lose the power which has kept humanity in thrall for untold ages. On 31 July, beginning about 12 noon, an initiative was launched by these forces which took the total attention of Maitreya and His Brotherhood of Light to contain. This containment was not achieved until about 3am. The unanimous advice of the Masters was to postpone the contact. This decision was finally made about

9pm. It was decided that the reception through the news media channels would not be of the best, evoking more disbelief, opposition and fear than was desirable.

In relation to Maitreya's advent, all influences and energies have to be at their most beneficial, and according to my Master the timing was not right. Even the fact that 31 July was a full moon (which we had thought auspicious) was, in the event, counterproductive.

Of course, all of us who had worked so hard to bring this gathering of journalists about were disappointed. From the viewpoint of the Christ, however, the evening was a great success. For the first time, a truly representative group of the world's media, East and West, made themselves available to be contacted. This represented a symbolic invitation from humanity to come forward, and immeasurably freed Maitreya's hand to act directly Himself. In the long run, the media still have to make Maitreya known to the world but the work of getting them involved had now been done.

This symbolic action allowed Him to make His own approach to the media without infringing our free will. He had to wait until all signs and influences were at their most favourable for the communication of His presence and His message. This favourable period began about 8 December 1985. Maitreya took advantage of this and made His approach to major media in England and through them, in the world. As I understand it, the media contacted had little difficulty in seeing Him as a most remarkable, probably very holy teacher from the East, but found an initial difficulty in seeing Him as the Christ, and had an understandable reluctance to 'promote' Him as such. This was resolved, at least to a degree, and a *modus operandi* evolved by which to present Him to the world without actually claiming Him as the Christ.

They (the media) agreed to issue a statement to the effect that a man claiming to be the Christ lives in London; that he is a member of the Pakistani community but presents himself as a World Teacher for all groups, religious and otherwise; that he wishes an opportunity to meet members of the press and media

from all lands and peoples in order to establish his credentials; that if invited to do so he would welcome an opportunity to address all mankind through the linked TV channels in a way that will convince the world of his true status. This announcement will lead, through such an international press conference, to the Day of Declaration.

I don't understand how the TV controllers would come to decide to broadcast Maitreya on Declaration Day. Would they not have to have received a profound experience first? (March 1986)

Yes. They would have to be very sure that Maitreya was indeed the World Teacher, Christ or Messiah before they would invite Him to address the world. This would require some profound experience of His stature first. We can assume that Maitreya is able to provide such an experience.

If these media people announce that Maitreya merely claims to be the Christ, won't the other media think He is another of the false Christs? (April 1986)

Some may be very sceptical but the fact that the announcement will come from such high media sources will lend weight to the probable authenticity of the claim.

If Maitreya or any of the other Masters were not able to make contact in Brick Lane in July, could they not have sent an envoy either to explain or arrange another day? (October 1985)

The plan was that Maitreya Himself would make the contact, hence the weight of the initiative against its happening. It was not simply a physical contact being prevented, but an interference in the reception that such a contact would have had in the world. More opposition, fear and distortion, it was calculated, would have occurred than was acceptable to Maitreya and His plans for emergence. Any kind of contact would have undergone the same distortion. The really

important result is that Maitreya is now able to act directly in a way not possible before.

You have said that Maitreya could not walk into the BBC, say, and announce Himself, because they would tell Him “to go and see a doctor”. Now you say He can do so because after the journalists’ meeting (on 31 July) He would not be infringing our free will. But why do you think the reaction would be different now? (October 1985)

I have not said the reaction would be different now, but that He is free to make a more direct approach. Also, I have not said that He will approach the BBC but that that is one of His options. Nor would He simply go to the reception desk and announce Himself. If He were to approach the BBC, for instance, it would be to the highest level, where decisions can be taken in relation to His general announcement. This is now possible to Him for the first time because of the action of the media on 31 July.

There have been many reports from Ireland that the figure of the Christ appeared on television during a report on the moving statue of Ballinspittle. Have you any information on this? (October 1985)

It is interesting to note that this image of the Christ appeared on Irish television during a report on the moving statue of Mary at Ballinspittle on the 9pm news on 31 July. It was at 9pm on that evening that the planned contact with the media was abandoned, for reasons previously given. The image seen was, in fact, of the Master Jesus (much closer to the thoughtform of the Christ held by all Christians than the figure of Maitreya would be).

It has been five months since Maitreya made His approach to the British media, but they have not yet announced His presence. Why? (June 1986)

It has been difficult for the media to make the full connection between Him and their concept of the Christ. This has proved an ongoing source of worry for them and has delayed their taking action. (They would have no interest in giving publicity to yet another Eastern 'guru'. He has to be the Christ.) Maitreya had further meetings with them in an attempt to encourage them to go ahead with their announcement as planned. They are, apparently, divided between those who are prepared to make a statement now and those who counsel caution (perhaps in the hope that somehow, as time goes by, they will know better what to do).

There is another factor which has recently arisen. The media in London have informed the authorities and certain representatives of religious and governmental bodies, with a view to ascertaining their reactions to an announcement of Maitreya's presence. In each case the response has been rather negative, and in some cases hostile. In this way, an atmosphere not conducive to bold action has been generated and a policy of 'wait and see' has developed. How long this can be maintained is difficult to say. It depends very much on which faction within the media involved has its way. Maitreya has not set a time-limit but has strongly impressed on the individuals contacted the need for immediate action to tackle the many and formidable problems which call for His attention and aid.

The media for their part have assured Him of their readiness to co-operate. The Masters are in no doubt about the eventual successful outcome of this delicate situation, and counsel a positive and hopeful attitude as we await events.

The major media contacted by Maitreya seem to be in no hurry to make His presence known. If they continue to be silent has Maitreya other plans? (July/August 1986)

Yes. As readers will know from the June issue of *Share International*, the media contacted are divided over whether to make an announcement now about Maitreya (despite their

assurances of co-operation). It is certainly a difficult decision for them, for even the most guarded announcement from such a highly influential source and level is tantamount to a statement that the Christ is indeed in London.

Unless they are absolutely sure that Maitreya is ‘the Christ’ in their meaning of the term (and without an esoteric background this is difficult), their reluctance to speak out is understandable. However, if they take too long to act, Maitreya will seek again to ‘chivvy’ (nudge) them. Should this continue to fail, He will put into effect plans for a discreet emergence on His own, thus engaging normal media attention. He has been reluctant to do this as it means a degree of infringement of humanity’s free will.

In what way would Maitreya’s activity be limited if He were to come forward uninvited by the world’s media?

Maitreya appears now, actually ahead of schedule, as the Agent of Divine Intervention, to mitigate the effects of earthquakes which have been mounting in frequency and intensity throughout the world over the past 150 years. If He were to come before the world, uninvited, He would infringe, to some degree, human free will. This He is reluctant to do (and would do only as a last resort) because it would limit, to some extent, His ability to act as the Agent of Divine Intervention. The result would be greater human suffering from earthquake activities. The energy He may use on our behalf is related to the invocative appeal we make to Him: the more energy used by humanity to invoke Him, the more energy He may use on our behalf.

You have said in the past that humanity is on an “upward wave of response to the outflow of energies” — does this still hold? (November 1982)

Yes, this still holds. We are on that upward wave of response which the Christ utilized in His emergence in 1977. He took advantage of the fact that humanity’s response to the spiritual outflow from Hierarchy is, as it is to everything, cyclic in

nature, and luckily we are still within that upward flow. I believe this will last several more years. ([1986 update] Although time is obviously shortening we still have a few more years in hand.)

DELAY OF MAITREYA'S EMERGENCE

Since Maitreya has been working in London for five years now, haven't many people recognized Him? (July 1982)

He Himself has said that while there are those in the group in which He dwells who do know His true status, He is withholding His identity for the time being so that He can appeal to us simply as an ordinary man. He did say very pointedly in Message No. 61: "Nothing which I do will seem extraordinary, nothing which I say will be bizarre or strange, simple indeed will be My approach."

So He will not do miracles, except on the Day of Declaration, when obviously the ability to speak telepathically to the whole of humanity at one time and to perform hundreds of thousands of instantaneous cures throughout the world, is a major miracle. But it is clear that He will do nothing which will set Him apart, and that is what makes locating Him rather difficult.

Does the delay in the Day of Declaration mean that humanity is not really ready for the transformations Maitreya is advocating? (July 1982)

Humanity has invoked Maitreya into the world in a broad sense; His decision to reappear was made between 1936 and 1945. But He still has to be invoked into the general arena of the world. The fact that the media, who represent the people, are not really responding to the hypothesis of His presence means that neither is humanity. This is governing His emergence. He must see the non-response of the media as a sign of the non-responsiveness of humanity to His presence.

Whether this means that humanity is not ready for the transformations when He does come before them is another

matter. I would think humanity is ready. Obviously in my work I have tended to create the most hopeful picture which could galvanize human response and hope and expectancy. It may well be that His problems are greater than I envisage, but I do not think any delay in His declaration to the world will affect the speed of our response. Maitreya Himself said: “All else failing I shall emerge into a world ready, but unprepared, a world which knows not yet that I am among you. Far better would it be for Me to come before you as the expected one.”

So Maitreya knows that humanity is ready.

Could not your Master, in his beautiful and inspiring articles, give us some specific information about the Emergence? (May 1983)

The request has been passed on — but it is my belief that the Master, and Maitreya Himself, do not know exactly when He will be discovered and therefore when the Declaration can take place. As far as They are concerned, the Day of Declaration will occur when humanity, through its representatives the media, invites Him to speak to mankind.

(This question makes reference to the articles written by my Master for *Share International* and published in book form as *A Master Speaks*.)

In 1982, near the original time for the Day of Declaration, the Falklands war broke out. Now that Maitreya’s emergence is again imminent, the business with Libya, America and terrorism intensifies. Is there any connection?

Yes. Those with most to lose by Maitreya’s emergence, that is the forces of materiality, the forces of evil, do everything in their power to prevent it. War, terrorism, tension, fear, chaos are their main weapons. Many world leaders play right into their hands, not because they are evil, but because they are often ignorant, dogmatic and chauvinistic, lacking in a world view.

EVENTS REGARDING THE DAY OF DECLARATION

What exactly will happen on Declaration Day? (May 1986)

The Christ will come on the world's television channels, linked together by satellite. All those with access to television will see Him but He will not speak. He will establish a telepathic rapport with all humanity simultaneously. This rapport will take place on three levels: (1) mentally, as an overshadowing of the minds of all peoples, so that they will hear His words inwardly in their own language; (2) as an outflow of the Christ Principle (the energy which He embodies) through the hearts of all humanity, invoking their intuitive and heartfelt response; and (3) as a mass healing — many hundreds of thousands of spontaneous 'miracle' cures will take place simultaneously.

These are the ways, on Declaration Day, in which Maitreya will convince the world of His true status as the Christ, Maitreya Buddha, Imam Mahdi, Krishna, Messiah, Miroku Bosatsu, Messenger and Representative of God, World Teacher and Avatar for the Aquarian Age. This will be a repetition, only now on a world scale, of the true happenings of Pentecost, 2,000 years ago. It will also foreshadow our future ability to communicate telepathically, at will, over any distance. In celebration of this event, Pentecost will become one of the major festivals of the New World Religion which, eventually, Maitreya will inaugurate.

What criteria will be used to determine who will be healed or cured on Declaration Day?

Karma and faith. Those whose karma permits and whose faith opens them to the energy of the Christ Principle as it flows from Maitreya will be healed.

You have said that the communications satellites are there so that the Christ may speak to the world. Could you elaborate on this please? Are any of the people at the top of the process of putting them into orbit aware of this? (July/August 1984)

Until now, every Teacher Who has come to the world has given His teaching to a small group. It has then taken centuries for the Teaching to be disseminated — and in the process distortions and discolourations of the original teaching have crept in. For the first time in our history the Teacher can speak directly to all through the linked media networks — and can be seen by all simultaneously on Declaration Day. The communications technology is inspired by Hierarchy for this purpose. (It is not really so that we can all watch World Cup soccer.) The people involved in this process, “top” or otherwise, are not aware of this.

How is it possible for the Christ to connect with us telepathically (on the Day of Declaration) when most of us are restless and have ‘broken’ mental microphones? Is not this chronic condition only cured by regular and deep meditation? (October 1984)

Yes, I agree that most of us do not have the inner mental focus or magnetic aura that makes conscious telepathy possible, but the Day of Declaration must be seen as a unique event and situation for the Christ. For Him, there is no separation. He is omniscient and omnipresent. He will overshadow the minds of humanity in such a way as to make us — temporarily — open to His message.

On the Day of Declaration will the one-third of the world who will be sleeping hear the Christ and experience the overshadowing? (October 1982)

Not unless they wake up! Everyone will know beforehand the date and time arranged for the Christ’s ‘broadcast’, so, if they have any sense, whatever the time of day or night in any particular country, they would be well advised to miss some sleep for that unique event!

On Declaration Day you say we will hear Him (the Christ) telepathically while we see His face on TV. Is He going to

speak into a microphone for those with only radio? (March 1986)

No. It will be the same telepathic rapport which he will establish with all humanity. The radios will alert people to the timing of the event.

What do you think would happen if the people of the world fail to recognize the Christ or if they reject Him? (July/August 1984)

If that were to happen then I believe we would destroy ourselves — and all life on this planet. However, the Christ Himself has said: “... have no fear that mankind will reject Me. My plans are safe in your hands.” (Message No. 65)

Doesn't a worldwide telepathic overshadowing imply that a large part of humanity forcibly has to accept the occurrence of “miracles”? Would this change of world concept not be too quick? Can we conclude from this that Declaration Day will not take place? (March 1984)

For nearly nine years I have stated as strongly as I know how that Declaration Day will take place, and through a telepathic rapport established between Maitreya and humanity. I have learned nothing to make me change that information given to me by my Master, a Master of the Wisdom and a close disciple of Maitreya. The question implies an understanding of the need for preparation of humanity before ‘D-Day’. That preparation — the creation of the climate of expectancy and an awareness of the mode of appearance — is precisely what I and all those working with me have been engaged in all these years. I really do not see that the overshadowing of humanity on ‘D-Day’ forces “a large part of humanity to accept miracles.” People can accept it or reject it, just as today many reject the evidence of their eyes and mind experience, for example, in questions of survival after death, or ESP, etc. The really important thing is whether people accept and act on the appeal of Maitreya made in this extraordinary way. I believe the majority will.

Could you not have got it slightly wrong and the real Declaration Day occurred with the Live Aid Concert showing human unity? (September 1985)

The Live Aid Concert was a fine manifestation of the aspiration for human solidarity and unity shared by millions around the planet. But let us not exaggerate its importance or effect. It cannot be said to have galvanized the world into accepting the principle of sharing. The aim of Maitreya on the Day of Declaration will be to do just that.

How are efforts such as Band-Aid, Live-Aid, USA for Africa affecting the reappearance of the Christ? (May 1986)

Not at all. His reappearance takes place according to its own laws. These Aid manifestations, however, are a direct result of His energy which pours daily into the world, and are a sign that His teaching (about the need for sharing) is finding response.

Why was there not telepathic communication with all of mankind at the last coming of Christ? (October 1984)

The world was too fragmented until now for telepathic contact to take place in such a way as to avoid infringing human free will — by preparation in advance. Every Teacher Who has come up until now, including the Christ in Palestine, has given His teaching to one small group in one country, and it has taken centuries for the Teaching to be disseminated, leading to its distortion. Because of worldwide communications, today is the first time that the Teacher can speak simultaneously and directly to the whole world.

MAITREYA'S LIFE IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY

Why did Maitreya choose to emerge in London? (July 1982)

Many people have asked me “why London?”, with a certain degree of envy; I mean what is wrong with New York for instance? Yes, quite so; as I said in Los Angeles, if I had been

Maitreya I would have picked Laguna Beach or the Côte d'Azur. It is a question of the work of the disciples in preparing the way for Him. He would come into that arena in which the disciples, along the line of His work, mainly in the economic/political field, have been most successful. The disciples working in the United Kingdom have been rather more successful in their work than in other parts of the world. That is His major reason for coming to London. Of course the more obvious reason is that, coming from the Himalaya as He does, and descending as He did into Pakistan, He can come as a visitor into this country for a few years and lose Himself in the Pakistani/Indian community — which He has been able to do rather well, in fact rather too successfully for our liking.

Was it of astrological importance that the Christ chose to come to London? (October 1985)

No. That had no significance.

Would it not have been more suitable if He had appeared in the Eastern world, where He would have been more easily recognized? (October 1985)

I do not think we can be sure that He would be more easily recognized in the East. Nor do many Eastern countries have the media facilities and influence which He needs to be accepted. Is there any media network in the world which has the reputation for sober judgement and truth of the BBC, for example? Besides that, there are other reasons (with which I have dealt in previous questions) for His choice of London.

After Declaration Day, or even before, will Maitreya immediately relinquish all affiliation with the British Asian community? (January 1982)

After Declaration Day He will immediately belong to all humanity. No one nation or people will be able to claim Him as theirs alone. That He will continue to identify Himself with persecuted and impoverished minorities I have no doubt, but I

imagine that no formal affiliation with the London Asian community will be kept.

Is it possible that Maitreya is no longer in London? (August 1982)

Maitreya is still in London. He has not left. However, it may be useful to point out that His public meetings are not limited to the Brick Lane area. He speaks publicly in various parts of London, but always in areas where it is most natural for Him to be — in Asian communities.

Has Maitreya appeared in any way outside the UK? If so, when and where? (June 1986)

No. So far, He has confined His public activities to the Asian community in Britain.

While in India this February we heard a rumour that Maitreya had returned to Pakistan. Can you comment on this? (September 1983)

I wonder who starts these rumours off on their journey. Some wish-fulfilling fundamentalist or reactionary politician perhaps? Or even some old-ager in New-Age clothing who does not want Him around? Or simply a pessimist? Needless to say, there is no truth at all in this rumour. Maitreya has taken a one-way ticket into the modern world.

If I went to London would I have a chance to meet the man who calls himself the Christ? (October 1984)

No. He does not call Himself the Christ or Maitreya, but is living for the time being as an ordinary member of the Asian community using a common Moslem name.

What are his daily activities? Does Maitreya ever attend, for example, morning prayers at the local mosque? (July/August 1983)

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He has occasionally done so in order to become known and seen as one of the community — an ordinary man.

Does He meet and discuss community issues and problems with local community leaders? (July/August 1983)

He has met with people of the community and does discuss issues with them. But none of this takes place on a formal basis or 'officially'. He takes part in discussions and meetings, and puts forward His opinions and suggestions just as anyone might do, simply as a matter of His personal judgement.

Does He ever, for instance, advise the community on racial issues? (July/August 1983)

As a member of that community how could He avoid discussing racial issues? However He would be unlikely to make that a separate or sectarian focus of His work. He helps all who ask His help. He is a wise guide, friend and counsellor to all in need. He makes Himself available to the people. He serves them. He helps in ways they request and know about, and He works in ways of which they are quite unaware.

We are told that the Christ is visiting His community. Is this only the Asian community in London or does it include New Age communities all over the world? Has He personally visited communities in the USA? (October 1984)

His contacts have been restricted to the Asian community in London. After the Day of Declaration He will make an itinerary around the world, visiting most countries.

Is the Christ necessarily confining Himself to personal contacts within the Asian community only, since London contains so many other opportunities for contact, perhaps influence, both individually and socially? (July/August 1983)

So far, yes. He is at pains to emerge as a spokesman of the Asian community, identified with them and their problems, which are symptomatic of underprivileged humanity

everywhere. He is therefore reluctant to spread the area of His activity beyond the group of which He is now a part. In this way, He can emerge as “a man among men”, one of the people, emerging from their midst.

If the Christ is here, where may a devotee go to see and be with Him? (January 1986)

The last thing the Christ wants is a group of devotees around Him. Those who see Him in that kind of guru relationship are, I believe, mistaken. He is a teacher, an educator, an executive, and comes to help humanity right the wrongs of society rather than to have people sit devotedly at His lotus feet.

Does Maitreya ever allow people to visit Him? (April 1984)

Apparently, yes, but only those who would have good reason to do so — that is, His co-workers and intimates. I have known His address and the name He uses for a long time but have not been allowed to visit Him. It would appear that it is better for me, from the karmic point of view, that I continue my work of preparation without the final, absolute confirmation and proof which a physical meeting would bring. In this way, despite the many subjective experiences which make me convinced of His presence, I still work with a small degree of faith.

Presumably He does not need sleep — surely, those with whom He lives must realize that while in one way He truly is a man of the people, He is in no way ordinary? Do they know that He is the Christ, or the Mahdi? Are they sworn to secrecy, for the present? (July/August 1983)

Those with whom He lives know Who He is and are sworn to secrecy. They are close disciples.

Does Maitreya eat food? Is He vegetarian? If so, what is His diet? Does He consume any alcohol? (January 1986)

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Maitreya does not need to eat but can do so if required to for social purposes. In that case he would eat only vegetarian food in small amounts. He never drinks alcohol.

Does He heal? Has He gained a reputation as a healer?
(July/August 1983)

He performs healing all the time, but He is not known as a healer. None of the healing He carries out would call any attention to Him. It is as unsensational as possible. The people healed do not even realize, necessarily, that they are receiving healing from Him. He visits the sick in the hospital. While there, He heals others in the hospital without anyone being aware of it at all.

Is Maitreya 'employed' in some capacity by the local community? (July/August 1983)

No, He is not employed. But that does not mean He is ever idle. He never ceases His work.

Does Maitreya always wear the little Moslem crochet cap which the journalist described? What clothes does He wear?
(July/August 1985)

No. He varies His headgear and clothes to suit the occasion, sometimes Moslem, sometimes Western. I understand He frequently wears 'local' Moslem costume.

Does Maitreya have another 'standard' name by which He is known by close associates, or does He go by the name "Lord Maitreya" exclusively? (December 1985)

He is known by the Masters and higher initiates of the Hierarchy as Maitreya. In the Asian community of London, however, as I have said earlier, He uses a common Moslem name.

Did Maitreya choose His own name? (April 1984)

No. It was given to Him by His Master long, long ago, in mid-Atlantean times, when He took the second initiation. It means The Happy One, The One Who Brings Joy Or Gladness.

You have said that He has played various musical instruments at Asian concerts and meetings. Which instruments does He play? (July/August 1985)

He occasionally plays at gatherings but is not a professional musician. He plays the flute, tabla, vina and several other instruments.

How does the Christ get to the various venues at which He presently speaks? Public transport or car? Could He materialize and dematerialize without being found out? (February 1983)

He could, no doubt, materialize and dematerialize at will without being found out, but I understand He does not employ these magical methods. He is living very much as an ordinary man, one of us. My information is that He travels to the meetings occasionally by car but usually by public transport.

When Maitreya entered London did He pass through customs? (November 1983)

Yes, in the usual way. (I do not know what He answered when asked: "Have you anything to declare?")

What occupation was listed on His passport? (November 1983)

Teacher.

Did He enter as an individual or as part of a group or family? (November 1983)

As an individual.

Are the close disciples He lives with known to those who have studied the teachings? (February 1983)

No.

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Why is the Christ in an Indian body? (November 1985)

He is not in an Indian body. He has lived in the Himalaya for thousands of years and has really no nationality. The body in which He now appears is self-created — as a thoughtform of Himself — and is not specifically Indian, although he does live in the Asian community in London, and came through Pakistan to London.

Does the Christ ever record His instructions by His own handwriting or His own voice ? (October 1984)

No. His “instructions” go only to the higher initiates and the normal mode of contact between Them is telepathy.

Has the group around Maitreya published anything in English? (February 1984)

No. So far the only articles presented by those around Maitreya have been in the Indian languages. That group consists of those close to Maitreya and also those who are simply responding to His ideas. ([1986 update] There have now been several pamphlets issued in English by Pakistanis responding to His teaching.)

Would it generally be possible to recognize the Christ’s voice on radio or TV, for example, purely by the similarity between that voice and your (Creme’s) recorded voice during the mental overshadowing in the Messages from Maitreya? (February 1983)

No. The voice on the tapes of Messages, however changed in timbre and pitch by the overshadowing energy, is mine. There is no reason to suppose that Maitreya’s voice is remotely like this.

Does Maitreya need to be in seclusion or undisturbed meditation when sending His blessing through you? If so, do His close co-workers or disciples co-operate in ensuring this? (September 1984)

No, absolutely not. He can divide His consciousness into thousands of separate areas of attention and probably only a minuscule part of His consciousness is used to overshadow me.

Have you ever attended any of Maitreya's lectures? Are you allowed to attend them? (August 1982)

I have never attended any of His lectures. Since most of the meeting is in Bengali or Urdu, I would not have understood much, either. I might add I have been asked not to attend even if I know the venue in advance.

The Christ mentions several times (in the Messages) that His face is becoming widely known among His brothers — is that the inner group at His Centre who know Who He really is? (May 1984)

Not necessarily. I believe He means that He is becoming more widely known in various parts of the Asian community as He visits their different community meetings every week.

*Does the drawing of the Lord Maitreya by David Anrias in his book **Through the Eyes of the Masters** correspond to the physical form which the World Teacher has adopted in His return? If so, would this be a help in trying to locate Him?* (July/August 1983)

To my eyes, the drawing bears no resemblance to the Lord Maitreya and would therefore be of no help in discovering Him. It cannot have escaped people's notice that all the drawings are very alike, whereas the Masters are as individual and distinct as we are.

Is Maitreya still giving talks in the Asian community on a regular basis? (December 1985)

Yes indeed. The normal thing is for Him to turn up — as an ordinary member of the community — at one or other of the community gatherings which take place, all over London, each weekend. During the course of the meeting — He may stay for

the whole evening or only for a short time — He will speak on His concerns, the need for justice, sharing, co-operation. These talks may last for five, 10, 20, 30, sometimes 45 minutes, but in a quite informal manner, not as a “lecture”. The gatherings, too, may be small or of several hundred people, in halls or private houses.

Very recently, an Asian gentleman who has attended my London lectures several times was taken by friends to such a meeting in a large house in east London. The meeting was held in a very large room which was not completely filled. There they listened to a man who spoke for about five minutes or so. “He spoke very quietly and simply, in perfect English, never repeating a phrase or sentence,” said my informant. “And his words seemed to penetrate your mind, your whole body, so that you believed them, you knew he was speaking the truth — you didn’t have to ask any questions. He talked about just what you talk about at your lectures: the need to change our direction, our ways of living, the need for co-operation, justice. And the Masters — He talked about the Masters and how they bring enlightenment to humanity. He said that soon the world’s leaders would be saying what he was saying.

“There was a group around him who tried to keep people away from him. When we asked them who this man was, where he came from, where he lived, they would tell us nothing. We asked when we could hear him again and they said: ‘Look in your local papers, it will be advertised.’ I managed to get near him and asked him if he knew anything about Maitreya. He answered: ‘Ask yourself.’ (BC: In other words, use your intuition.) Then the group around him bundled him out into a motor car. He was extraordinary, like us and yet not like anyone I have ever seen. He had an extraordinary calm about him. We all agreed that he was most remarkable; he had the same effect on my friends.”

A week later my informant went again to the house in east London and there met one of the group around this man. “‘Who is the man who spoke last week?’, I asked. ‘We believe he is the one they are looking for.’ ‘There is a whole

movement which grows all the time,' he replied. 'I am new to it, only this year, so I don't know too much, but some have been in it for some years now. We try to carry out his teaching, to change society. Some who have been in this for a long time have had extraordinary experiences. They have seen many strange things but when they try to talk about them they forget, their minds go blank. We write letters and pamphlets and send them to institutions, showing what changes are needed. He talks not only in London, but also in other cities like Leicester and Birmingham.'"

The Asian gentleman who gave me this information described 'the man' in very similar terms to the journalist who saw Maitreya at a Brick Lane restaurant last year: tall, slim, dressed in white Pakistani clothes, broad-shouldered, long face, long nose, high cheekbones. There was one striking difference — the eyes. Whereas the journalist saw his eyes as "large, dark, very luminous", this man's eyes were curiously dull, hollow, empty. When he smiled, they did not twinkle. My experience of Maitreya is that His eyes are extraordinarily bright. Does this prove that 'the man' cannot be Maitreya? Not at all. The simple explanation would be that, assuming he was Maitreya (my informant is convinced he was — and so am I) He was 'out of the body' while talking at the meeting; really only a shadow of Himself was present while He was engaged on a thousand other tasks and levels. (Apparently this dull-eyed phenomenon is frequently seen in Sai Baba Whose eyes are usually very luminous.) The information that He talks in cities other than London is new to me. Checking this with my Master, it seems that a 'counterpart' body does visit these places, while He remains in His centre, London.

MAKING KNOWN THE STORY OF THE REAPPEARANCE

Why are you looking for another spiritual teacher to appear? Do we not already know from the great teachers who have already demonstrated that we are spiritual beings and have all (God) the Father within us? But when we are not consciously

aware of it we live like a branch cut off from the vine. (January 1986)

I am not looking for another spiritual teacher. I am simply making known the fact that, according to cyclic law, another Great One has come. The great teachers of the past may well have demonstrated in themselves that we are spiritual beings and have innate divinity, but where is the expression of that divinity in humanity — when millions starve in a world of plenty; when the world stands on a knife-edge of peace or war; when the poor get poorer and the rich richer? It obviously takes a great spiritual teacher to inspire humanity to reveal the divinity we so glibly claim to have within.

According to the Master DK, Maitreya cannot return before 2025. Can you give an explanation or can Maitreya? (May 1982)

First of all, with respect, the Master DK (Djwhal Khul) did not write that the Christ cannot return until 2025. In His very first book, *Initiation Human and Solar*, given through Alice A. Bailey and published in 1922, He said (on p61) that we could look for the return of the Christ sometime towards the middle or close of this present century. In *The Reappearance of the Christ*, published in 1948, He said that the time is known only to the few, but that They “are ready to move at any time”. He also revealed in *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* that it was hoped that the Christ might return around 1950. This was not to be. The experience of the war, however harrowing, had not been sufficient to change mankind’s attitudes. The world quickly returned to the old ways. Barriers were thrown up again and the Cold War began. The date of the Christ’s return was put back until later. If it was thought that 1950 was a possible date, how much more possible is His return now?

Nowhere in all the works of the Master DK does He say that the Christ cannot return until 2025, but it was thought in the early days that the preparation of humanity and of the Masters Themselves would probably take that time. Many groups believe that it is impossible for the Christ to return

before 2025 because the necessary changes as outlined by the Master DK do not appear to have taken place. But as far as Hierarchy is concerned mankind is inwardly — mentally and emotionally — ready. Humanity has accepted the principles necessary to bring the Christ into the everyday world. What is now required is the outer manifestation of this inner reality.

The Christ is in the world now, actually ahead of the planned date (which is not 2025) for three main reasons. One is to speed up the process of change and so save from certain death and starvation countless millions. He also mitigates, by His physical presence in the everyday world, the effects of disasters in the form of earthquakes. Another important reason for His return now is that humanity is at present on an upward wave of response to the energies pouring into the planet and directed by the Hierarchy. The Christ is here now to take advantage of this fact while it lasts.

In the news articles which came out several years ago it was stated that “soon the Christ will acknowledge His identity and within the next two months will speak to humanity through a worldwide television and radio broadcast. His message will be heard inwardly, telepathically, by all the people in their own language.” Well, two months (and more) have gone by, and I’ve yet to see anything which would suggest that this prophecy has been fulfilled. Should I consider this a false prophecy or a ‘postponed’ one? There were about 333 prophecies in the Old Testament which predicted the arrival of ‘the Christ’ 2,000 years ago, all fulfilled perfectly. If Maitreya is the Christ shouldn’t the same hold true today? (December 1985)

The full-page advertisements of April 1982 referred to in the question were placed by myself and my colleagues as a last major attempt to alert the world to the Christ’s presence before 30 May 1982 (the date chosen by Maitreya as the earliest possible time by which humanity would be ready to respond to His appeal. The precise date of 30 May — the festival of Pentecost — was chosen for symbolic reasons). The statement in the full-page advertisements was not, therefore, a mystical

or psychical ‘prophecy’ but the release of information about a plan to prepare humanity for the event. The non-response of the media to my announcement — at a press conference in Los Angeles on 14 May 1982 — that Maitreya was in London, and that the media were invited to approach Him in the Asian community there, led to the postponement of the Day of Declaration.

Many people have a rather naive view of events like the appearance of an Avatar or World Teacher, believing — through prophecies often centuries old — that they are scheduled for some exact day in some particular year and in some particular manner. (Some people believe the date of the Christ’s reappearance is to be found in the mathematics of the Great Pyramid, for example.) This is not so. Of course, there is a general time period, cosmically determined, but the exact timing of such events depends on humanity’s readiness and ability to respond. I do not know how many prophecies there are in the Old Testament concerning the coming of the Christ in Palestine, but even had there been 3,333 the facts are that the timing of His appearance through Jesus was not involved in them — nor did the people of the time respond to Him; only the few recognized Him. The others, interpreting the prophecies through their religious and nationalistic hopes, fears and prejudices, rejected Him. It has been my work these last 11 years, therefore, to prepare the way for Him by creating the climate of hope and expectancy — and by presenting His return and concerns in such a way as to ensure His recognition.

Humans relate to actions! Defending the existence of the Christ seems to be counterproductive action. Wouldn’t humankind be better served by showing that the Christ is here and ready to be accepted? (May 1986)

(1) I am not ‘defending’ the existence of the Christ but making it known, releasing the information. (2) I do not believe this activity to be counterproductive. On the contrary, the number of people alerted to this event grows daily — thus my work

gets done. (3) If I had Him in my pocket I would most certainly show Him.

How are we to know for certain that Lord Maitreya is not the false Christ? (October 1982)

There is not only one 'false Christ'. There are several well-known teachers who believe themselves, or are believed by their followers, to be the Christ, and from my personal experience alone I know scores of deluded people who are convinced that they are the Christ. Discrimination and Spiritual Recognition are the key. I suggest that on the Day of Declaration, by the overshadowing and telepathic rapport which He will establish with all humanity simultaneously, you will have no doubts about His true status. A tree is known by its fruit, and it is by His love, wisdom, spiritual potency and work for humanity that you will recognize Maitreya and know Him for what He is.

Why is there no other messenger in public to tell the story of the Christ's return? Is one messenger not too little for such a large-scale plan? (July/August 1984)

In my book *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*, and frequently at lectures, I have said that five disciples, one in each of the five major Spiritual Centres — New York, London, Geneva, Darjeeling and Tokyo — were given the task of making the initial approach to the public about the Reappearance, so creating a climate of hope and expectancy. I am the only one of these five to work publicly, openly. Had the other four also done so I have no doubt that the media response to this information would have been altogether more open-minded and dynamic. It would appear that these four do not have the close moment-to-moment contact with their Masters which I enjoy, so perhaps lack the conviction (and therefore the confidence) to take a public stand in affirming the Christ's presence.

Do you know if any of the four disciples have now started to speak openly? (April 1986)

It appears that some of them at least are a little more active, albeit still with their own interpretation of what is meant by 'the return of the Christ'. For example, the one in New York (who apparently has attended my lectures but does not believe my information) is somewhat more open than before, but still sees the 'return' in terms of the Christ Principle in humanity. The one in Geneva is a little more active but still along 'Christ Principle' lines. The one in Darjeeling is still asleep, while the one in Tokyo, though active, can hardly be recognized as talking about the Christ or World Teacher at all.

Has the method of relaying communications or messages through a disciple before the advent of the Avatar, such as in your case, ever been employed by previous avatars? If so can you name the individuals? (July/August 1983)

I understand that this is a method which has often been used in the past. The only one we know of historically is John the Baptist, although many of the prophets performed a similar function.

I don't understand the hostility you have encountered. The things you have said are sensible and loving. But I can understand why the Christ has not revealed Himself yet. Given the hostile environment, He would not live two minutes. Don't you agree? (May 1986)

Any hostility I have encountered has come from two sources: the Christian fundamentalist groups and certain esoteric groups — and for the same reason: they are both defending territory. They are, both of them, the prisoners of their own dogmas.

It is not a hostile environment, however, which has delayed Maitreya's emergence but the non-response of humanity — through its representatives, the media, to the information that He has awaited discovery in London since

May 1982. As for His safety, that is assured. He is invulnerable.

Are you discouraged by the fundamentalist resistance to your message? (May 1986)

No, not at all. Nor am I surprised by it, since my information shakes their dogmas to the core.

What might become of the fundamentalist leaders of all religions once Maitreya has established Himself openly?

I am sure there are some who will never change, but many, I believe, will be offering their services — perhaps for a small love-offering!

What was the reason for Him to give the last Message in May 1982 — was it because it had been hoped that the Day of Declaration would be in June that year? And why, when that was not possible, do you suppose that there have been no more Messages from the Christ? (May 1984)

The Day of Declaration was planned to take place on 30 May 1982. I suppose that the last Message was given in May 1982 because Hierarchy expected that He would soon be discovered and revealed to the world. They could be given again at any time — the overshadowing of myself by Maitreya continues at every meeting — but presumably it is thought that the 140 already given are sufficient to evoke a response from any open-minded person. They contain the essence of His concerns.

Why does Maitreya refer only to brothers in His Messages? (October 1982)

The fact is, if you read the Messages as a whole, that He does not refer only to “brothers”, but quite often to “brothers and sisters”. Every Message has a very definite rhythm and mantric effect and is therefore pruned of all unnecessary words. One of the striking things about the Messages, to my mind, is

precisely their economy of means, the sheerness and austerity of the language and yet density of meaning conveyed so simply.

Do you think that the delay in the 'discovery' of the Christ has caused people to lose interest? (August 1982)

Everyone is, naturally, disappointed that the media have not yet revealed the Christ to the world, and no doubt the delay has disheartened some people. On the other hand, there continues to be persistent hope and conviction on the part of many individuals that they will shortly see the Christ. What I believe the delay has done is to allow enough time for the idea and the possibility of the Christ's presence to 'filter through' to more people. It is extraordinary, but we are still receiving requests for information prompted by the full-page statements placed in approximately 20 newspapers around the world in April. So people are still responding to the information and interest is actually growing. [This continues to be the case in 1986.]

How far can we go in telling people about the Christ? We don't know how evolved people are so we don't know how much information they can take. For how long can we insist? (April 1983)

The point in evolution is not important. People are hungry for information at all levels. It is important not to be dogmatic. This turns people away. Simply tell people about the Christ's return for as long as they want to hear. If the soil is fertile the seeds you plant will grow.

If we have lost faith, lost the previous enthusiasm about the Reappearance, what can we do? (September 1984)

It is perfectly natural that in this waiting period — for Maitreya's emergence — many have lost their early enthusiasm — especially if their belief has an emotional rather than a mental or intuitive basis. The best thing is to continue to act as if it is true and spread the word nevertheless. This helps

to uphold the spirit and hope of a despairing humanity and speeds the process of transformation.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

1875 Formation of Theosophical Society by H.P.Blavatsky and colleagues under stimulus of Masters Morya and Koot Hoomi.

1875-1890 Publication of *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.Blavatsky.

1919-1949 Publication of Alice Bailey Teachings given through her by the Master DK.

1924-1939 Publication of Agni Yoga Teachings, by Helena Roerich, given through her mainly by the Master Morya.

1945 Announcement of Maitreya's decision to return to the world with the Hierarchy of Masters.

The Emergence of Maitreya

1977

8 July: Maitreya leaves His centre in the Himalaya.

19 July: Arrival by aeroplane in His 'centre' somewhere in a modern country.

22 July: The actual beginning of Maitreya's mission.

6 September: First Message from Maitreya during a public lecture given by Benjamin Creme in London via a process of mental overshadowing.

1978

3 April: Beginning of the gradual emergence of Maitreya into the open. During the course of 1978 a television film is made of Maitreya and the Asian community of the Brick Lane area of London, but is never shown.

1979

16 January: In Message No. 57 Maitreya announces a new phase in His work.

In 1979 Maitreya gave four public talks, in March, in July, on 21 September and 8 December, all within the Asian community.

1980

14 February: Maitreya announces in Message No. 95 that the first phase of His emergence is almost over.

16 February: Maitreya's fifth public talk to an audience of 1,000 people.

19 April: sixth public talk to an audience of approximately 800. For the first time a representative of the local press is present. At subsequent public meetings (31 May, 5 July, 10 August and 13 September) there is evidence of increasing interest from the local press.

26 November: In Message No. 113 Maitreya announces that His "phase of approach" is nearly completed and that the "phase of broader sight" will begin in 1981.

1981

7 February: Second public lecture in 1981 (1 January was the first). Maitreya is interviewed (as an ordinary member of the Asian community) for radio for the first time.

19 July: Creme announces that a television programme featuring Maitreya (of course, incognito) has been broadcast. The tempo of Maitreya's public meetings has increased to one in every two weeks.

21 October: Broadcast of a radio interview with Maitreya (incognito).

7 November: Maitreya's public talks are now once a week, that is, 7, 14, 21, 28 November, etc.

November 1981-April 1982

The plan was that through media coverage of Maitreya's participation in the (by then) weekly meetings, He would become known first nationally and later internationally.

April 1982

Creme and colleagues mount a worldwide publicity campaign with full-page advertisements in 19 of the world's major newspapers, announcing the Christ's presence.

14 May 1982

Creme holds a press conference in Los Angeles and is allowed to disclose for the first time that the Christ has been living and working within the Asian community of London since 1977. The media is called upon to find the Christ and invite Him to address the world.

1982-1985

Various journalists and people connected with the media join for brief periods in efforts to 'find' the Christ.

1984

A freelance journalist begins contacting other journalists in an effort to bring together a group which might be such as to evoke contact with the Christ.

1985

31 July: Twenty-two influential journalists representing media in East and West meet in the East End of London hoping for contact with Maitreya or envoy. This belated interest from the media makes it possible for Maitreya to take the steps that will finally culminate in His Declaration.

1986

Maitreya contacts media representatives at the highest level in Britain who agree to make an announcement that a man claiming to be the Christ is indeed living in the Asian

community of London. Under pressure from high religious and government officials, however, this statement was withheld.

1988

Maitreya begins to appear, both in person and in dreams, to well-known leaders in various countries, and to many ordinary citizens.

April: Maitreya, through one of His close associates, begins to outline his teachings and provide forecasts and commentary on world events. This information is published in *Share International* magazine and distributed worldwide.

1990

April: Maitreya initiates a large gathering of world dignitaries in London. He speaks of His mission, teachings and plans. Participants are invited to return to their respective countries and speak openly about their experience.

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