

FORERUNNERS FOR THE WORD OF TRUTH ON EARTH

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There are a series of names that have remained as a bright and shining presence in the memory of humanity. The brightest of them are not the names of kings, generals, statesmen or artists. The names belong to those who have ignited new Light from Eternity for man on earth.

Names like Krishna, Moses, Zoroaster, Lao-Tse, Buddha, and Mohammed are still today spoken of with reverence and admiration, even in places where their teaching did not become a recognized religion.

History still reports on the heroic feats of Alexander, of Cesar, on the wisdom of Socrates, of Plato from which we still draw, but who could compare them to those greatest ones who brought a torch down to humanity that still is not quite extinguished?

The guardians of the torch brought down by a light-bringer let that torchlight become dim. They lit their own light and made the original Light impure, which is unable to fend off the Darkness.

Myths and legends have woven wreaths of stories and tales around these figures and with the passing of time, as the actual facts were forgotten, admiration and adoration more and more embellished the lives of these men.

Millions of people still today hold Buddha's teaching to be the only truth, millions are still living according to the traditional teachings of Lao-tse and millions more swear on the green flag of the Prophet as the only true and genuine one.

Who is right? Everyone believes to be on the right path and deems the other to have been taught wrong and to be in error. How can this be decided?

The Bible states: "You shall know them by their works", that is by the nature of their activity; yet, using this standard, a seeker will not find any satisfactory answer.

There is human weakness and imperfection wherever one looks, most often much worse: Lies, craving for power and the like, in all nations and in all religions.

The adherents never speak for the founder of their confession, they have never been able to prevent humanity from sinking ever lower; there never has been a great genuine

and inspiring striving for the heights of the Truth and the Divine Light, except perhaps in the case of a few individuals.

The lives of their adherents thus present us with no evidence of which one is the only true and right religion. Not one of the religions was able to prevent wars and hostilities between peoples or lifted humanity on a level of high spiritual development.

On what should we base an assessment of the many various teachings?

Up until now there have hardly been any attempts made to draw a connection between all the helps from above, the appearance of men claiming to act on higher authority, to liberate mankind from their errors and degeneration and to recognize what all these events had in common.

Let us try to do just that and focus on the series of so-called Forerunners.

Like a golden thread we see the lives of these men run through the history of mankind. They appear now here, now there on earth, bringing knowledge from above, straightening out distorted Truth and trying to convince man that the highest, the real purpose of life is: to seek for God, the Creator and Sustainer, to recognize Him in His works, to serve Him with all one's might in gratitude for the Grace of being able to exist in His wonderful Creation.

Although the name given to the Most High is different in each people it is always The One, The Eternal, Unfathomable One from whom all life originates, who lovingly holds His hand over His work and into His realms of eternal light human spirits must strive, if they follow their inner urge for development and becoming true humans.

While Jews call Him whose name they are reluctant to pronounce, the Eternal, the "God of Israel", Indians speak of the "Lord of the Worlds", the Chinese and the Tibetans of the "High and Exalted One", the Germanic peoples of "All-Father" or "Light Father", the Iranians of "Ahuramazda, the Eternal, the Wise"; it always is one name of the most High who in His perfection and greatness will forever be inexhaustible for human understanding and who reveals Himself to each people from a different side. The side that corresponds to the soul of the particular people

Each time a Forerunner was sent to earth, humanity had reached another low point making its total downfall seem inevitable. Again and again, however, God's unfathomable love took mercy and sent help from the Luminous Realms, from a sphere so pure that messengers from there were able to walk unimpededly through the darkness of the earth.

Each time long periods of preparations were necessary before such a Light

Messenger could incarnate on earth. An environment had to be prepared for him on earth making it possible for him to grow naturally and unrestrained into his task. Moreover, there had to be people available who would absorb his Word and help him disseminate it, for people who would become his instruments in the great up-building that he had to accomplish.

Many were needed for this task, for, each time, entire peoples were to be torn out of swamp and chaos. These helpers of the Forerunners could not receive their home on earth randomly and arbitrarily either - the strict Creation Laws do not permit such a thing – the place and environment needed for their maturing had to be carefully prepared for them as well.

From the Light above, the danger had been recognized long before human eyes were aware of them and preparations of various kinds were begun already then without humans perceiving them.

Then, when the hour had come, the Forerunner came to earth with a bandage before his inner spiritual eyes, which was only gradually loosened so as to bring him the recognition of his mission.

First, however, each one of these chosen ones had to adjust to life on earth, had to get to know it thoroughly, to experience first-hand man's thoughts and actions. Mostly they suffered great pains and torments since their pure souls could not comprehend man's lies, deceit and their hatred and misery.

Only when he became knowing through suffering did the Forerunner begin his work. He had to know the source of the faults and failures of men, their inner orientation, before he was able to help them.

Often these helpers were separated from their home and family early on so that they could develop freely. Others were then led to them who would bring them up and were able to provide them with what they needed.

Everyone knows the story of little Moses who was rescued from the persecution by the Pharaoh and led to the Pharaoh's daughter so that she could teach him what he needed to know about Egypt. Moses had to be a Jew so as to be able to help his people, but he had to be raised as an Egyptian in order to confront the hostility of that people.

As a small child already, Lao-tse is led to the teacher who can impart to him the knowledge he needs for his work later on, who lives with him and journeys with him for years in order to show him the people whom he was to help. To our modern fast-paced concepts, the time of preparation for the mission of the Forerunners is long. Each one of them retreated to solitude for years in order there to attain the strong connection to God, to the Light of Life, without which he could not complete his mission.

Deprivations meant nothing to them. Under the most basic of circumstances, under conditions that seem hardly bearable to us spoiled modern people, these men spent many years in the desert or in isolated, lonely spots.

For ten years, Mohammed lived as a sheep herder with a poor shepherd, unrecognized, hardly speaking to a single soul. Zoroaster spent ten years in an isolated hut, but to him they seemed to fly by. During these times these men, who were destined for high purposes, sought for and found inner contemplation, recognition of the Most High, and ultimate wisdom.

Then they stepped before their people. When they started out, they did not know what to do or say. They put their unshakable trust into their Light guidance and everything happened as it was meant to. The opportunity to go into action ignited their inner flame for those people whose lives they had to intervene in order to move them to leave their erroneous paths.

And their guidance took them ever further and deeper into the misery of their people and ever deeper into their glorious mission. Thus, Lao-Tse liberated his people from the horrible fear of demons, which were of their own making, and also from their equally horrible lack of cleanliness. Then he let the Light of Eternity fall into their now receptive souls.

Thus, Zoroaster put the picture of the Coming One, the Saoshyant, before the eyes of his people and showed them the way to the future Helper who would come in time, and lead them all the way toward God. Thus, Moses liberated his people from bondage, from outer bondage and worse yet, from their inner bondage by the darkness. Thus, Buddha helped the people of India, who tended to be lethargic, to pull themselves together and lead diligent, productive working lives in the service of the Most High.

It's the same picture everywhere: after a long period of preparation, the God-ordained Forerunner steps out before his people, tears the bandage of spiritual darkness from their eyes, and lets the light of Truth shine for them, which leads them back to God.

Let us survey once more the whole series of luminous figures and we will recognize the uniform working of the Light for humanity. Many ways lead to God and every people must find their own way to the heights, on the basis of their own specific character.

The nature of someone different from them would always be alien to them and would not be able to help them. That is why the helper must always be born into the people whom he is to help. Moreover, he must be of the same nature, of the same spiritual nature. He can raise them up because he understands them.

The indescribable greatness and Love contained in all this causes us to feel deep admiration and gratitude.

Even today, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the help given to us from above again and again.

For it is not only these men who are known to us all who came down to help. Every people at one time or another had such a helper who was of their own kind. The conscious or unconscious memory of, and deep longing for his return lives on in each people.

All their names will come to life again in the final cycle closure, and bring their people the recognition of great happenings.

What happened with the people when they had received such help? We see the same sad picture everywhere: when the Light Messengers had established their teaching to the point that they could put it into other hands, when they had introduced obedience to God's laws everywhere, then the hour had approached for their return home. Their task was completed. The seed had been sown; it germinated and grew, and faithful gardeners tended and cultivated it.

However, they had hardly left the earth when the enemy broke in to ravage their fields. Often, it was their own adherents who, out of some well-meant considerations or some personal desire, distorted something about the Truth thus clearing a way for the darkness, without realizing it or meaning to do so.

How soon was the teaching of Mohammed distorted! It was meant to unite Christianity and Judaism in their core Truth! What has been done to the teaching of Buddha? World denial, false renunciation meant to lead to depersonalization as the path to salvation; transmigration of the soul to animal and plant!

Buddha never taught such things! Mohammed never prophesied that beautiful Huris would welcome the brave warrior who dies a heroic death! He could not have taught it for it is not true; and as a Messenger, he could teach people only what is true!

Distortion wherever we look. Myths, legends, fairytales, deliberate distortion shroud these great figures with lies and junk. In this state they now stand in temples and monasteries, in churches and places of pilgrimage before the eyes of the believers who look up to them hoping to receive their help.

But no help can come to them from these prophets! We now understand the reason why no religion has been able to truly transform and change mankind for the better. They all were distorted and modified to suit man's needs for comfort and convenience.

It is of course much easier to go on a pilgrimage, to have candles blessed, to do all sorts

of penance, than to change one's thinking and one's life! The latter requires constant vigorous activity of the whole person, whereas a repentance can be done quickly – and forgotten quickly.

Throughout thousands of years now we have been able to observe the same events happening. After falling away from God humanity gets caught in the nets of Lucifer and thus into darkness. A few individuals fervently long for help from the Light since they are unable to free themselves on their own .

Then, at long intervals, but gradually in every people, helpers from the Light appear.

With burning torches they come down from the gardens of Eternity, ignite anew the light in the hearts of seekers and convey to them the strength for fight and victory. Their activity sets light aglow in their nation which then spreads from this people across the earth. –

Then the Light Messengers' return home after having passed their burning torches on to faithful guardians in a great temple. With passing time, however, the guardians become negligent, they forget to nurture the flame and let it become weaker and weaker. Then, they add lights of their own which are unable to offer resistance to the Darkness and soon everything is back to where it used to be. The Darkness triumphs.

On high, however, in the realms of Pure Light, the Forerunners scornfully look down on sinking humanity that did not understand their sacrifices and treated carelessly the precious treasure for which they had lived and suffered in vain. Was mankind worth it? Apparently not. The pure Spirits justly felt disgust when they saw the futility of all the helps given...

God's love, however, was not exhausted yet!

Although the Forerunners originated from realms higher than that of the human spirit, their power did not suffice to destroy the Darkness which had penetrated so deeply into the realms of Subsequent Creation. For this to be accomplished, stronger power had to be sent out. And the miracle happened! Light descended to the earth in order to firmly anchor the Light down there.

This miracle happened three times already. Yet who among men knows of it? Today, it already means a lot if men recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Many want to see him merely as a noble, highly evolved human being, most likely because this allows them to see themselves as elevated.

Who, however, knows of the two other miracles of a Light birth on earth? Who knows the name of the Light Prince without whose presence on earth Moses would

not have been able to work his miracles? Who knows of Cassandra as more than a visionary surrounded by tragedy?

And yet, the Light already has lifted the veil from these crucial events and revealed long-lost knowledge to humanity so that they may in humble gratitude, realize how inexpressibly great is the love of God~

Many paths were prepared for weak humanity. Loving help from above was given to all peoples so that they could find their way to the Light.

All those paths, however, were meant to flow into the one great Light path into which all life flows and which leads straight and without detour upward to the Truth, to the One, the Eternal and Unfathomable One, for whom all names are a mere stammering by the small seeking human spirit.

On this great Light-flooded road to which each people must find their own way, there stands a cosmically large Light figure, it is the one to whom all Forerunners pointed. He is the Saoshyant, the Helper, the Luminous Hero of the Iranians, the Maitreja of the Indians, the Mahdi of the Arabs, the Messiah of the Jews as well as the One prophesied by Jesus Himself as the coming "Spirit of Truth".

Again, every people has a different name for him, the long-awaited one, prophesied throughout thousands of years, who will bring humanity the last salvation and help, liberation from the Darkness, but also sifting and judgment of all human spirits.

All paths lead to Him, He is the goal, the eternally living Cross of Truth. However, again, every people unfortunately have their own concepts and ideas about Him which makes recognition harder, for God's revelations do not comply with ideas and desires of earthman.

There is no doubt that the time has come!

It will have to be seen who will recognize this final, highest help from the Light, who will accept it with humble, grateful heart. Man is to be helped one more time. Whoever pushes this last help aside, however, will not be helped in all eternity.

The final help! Let us pray that we may recognize it.