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As a reader of *Phenomena Magazine*, you may well be familiar with friends and family regarding your interests and beliefs as “unusual” or “eccentric”. When you’re not in earshot, this may be upgraded to “bizarre”, or maybe even “crazy”. Such reactions are to be expected – perhaps in some ways even welcomed. Pioneers are always met with disbelief and confusion; that is one of the key aspects of what being a pioneer means. In fact, it is often not the so-called “eccentric” who has a genuine cause for worry or doubt about their life, but Mr. and Mrs. Average – people who never think a new thought or read a new book; people who never dare to do anything beyond the narrow confines of that awful semi-brain dead state known as: being normal.

So often it is the case that: what today’s world condemns as crazy – tomorrow’s world will prize as profound; what in antiquity was gospel – to posterity will be heresy; what the past regarded as self-evident – the future will regard as self-delusion. We stand at this moment in our history at a crossroads where religion and science meet – each path coming from a different place, and leading in a different direction. The interchange is not a harmonious union, but a place of conflict – a clash, not a collaboration. The only way, it seems, to avoid unnecessary confrontation, is to move away from the crossroads as quickly as possible, along your chosen route – whether it be the straight path of Euclidean formulas, or the wiggly path of Elysian faith.

And yet, surely, it is common sense that science and religion are about the same thing – or at least should be about the same thing: TRUTH. Truth is the point of intersection between the two. Rather than shooting off in different directions, the two paths should unite – as a single roadway to ever-greater understanding. Where science and religion differ – where they contradict one another – one or both must be wrong. This is simple logic.

The history of science and religion is full of errors – a prime example being the long-held view that the Sun revolves around the Earth. Although we have outgrown this primitive myth, we still often behave as if we really were the centre of the universe. It is only in recent years that the idea that we cannot be alone in the cosmos has become mainstream; even just a few decades ago belief in intelligent alien life was laughable to many people – perhaps even the majority. Not so today, it would seem!

When examining the life of a key religious figure, such as Jesus, science may keep a respectful distance – avoiding the whole question of miracles and the Divine. Or it may vociferously campaign against anything it regards as “unscientific” and treat all religion as nonsense. And religion may blindly and uncompromisingly accept every word of the Bible as literally true, or may treat the more “challenging” claims as metaphors or parables. What all these approaches have in common is regarding the miraculous, whether it exists or not, as supernatural – as being beyond nature, rather than as being a part of nature. Whether you believe in miracles through your faith as a priest, or ridicule miracles through your scepticism as a scientist – walking on water, healing the sick by touch and so forth, are kept out of the scientific world; they are treated as something mysterious, beyond the realms of logic, and inexplicable to the rational mind.

This is a terrible mistake! As the science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke said: “Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.” The miracles of the Bible, or indeed any faith, if they are true at all, are not supernatural, they are the result of a higher form of nature, not yet understood on Earth. St Augustine, one of the most influential figures in the history of the Christian Church, made this very point some 1600 years ago: “Miracles are not contrary to nature but only contrary to what we know about nature.” How right he was!

In *The Aetherius Society*, of which I am an International Director, we believe that Jesus was – and is – a being from another planet. This may sound bizarre to some people, but if we look at it through the clear eyes of logic, rather than the foggy haze of conditioning – it is a far more
over them: “...the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.” Matthew 2:9. If this were true, our whole world would have been burnt to a cinder. Let’s consider this, updated, slightly more cosmic version: “…the spacecraft, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and hovered over where the young child was.” This clearly makes more sense. You might ask, why did they use the word “star”? To which the reply could be that “star” is no worse a term than what we might use today, such as “flying saucer” or “cigar-shaped object” – in fact, if anything, I think “star” is a rather better term than either of its modern equivalents!

Does the Master Jesus’s extraterrestrial origin explain his miraculous powers? This is not a simple question – because the answer is both yes and no. The Master Jesus believed very much in human potential, as echoed in John 14:12: “...He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do…”

The miracles that the Master Jesus performed – such as, according to the Bible, walking on water, the feeding of the five thousand, raising the dead and healing the sick – were, just as St. Augustine pointed out, not contrary to nature, but only to what we know about nature. These things, although very rare, do come within the natural scope of human potential. In other words, these are abilities which can be learnt, through hard work and practice. They are not “gifts” bestowed by God; they are powers which we all have if only we make the effort. This effort is not some kind of ridiculous blind faith. You cannot go off in a boat tomorrow and get out and expect to walk on water because “you believe in God”. If you try, you will drown.

The effort involved is far more intense than wishful thinking, and far more scientific than blinking oneself to common sense. In fact it is completely scientific – but, again, it is a form of science beyond current conventional understanding. This kind of science is based on internal self-cultivation through spiritual practices – especially through the higher forms of yoga, as opposed to the basic forms of yoga for physical fitness and health. What makes it scientific is that if they are practiced diligently enough, and for long enough, they will invariably yield results which we might term “miraculous”. Mantras, special breathing techniques, visualizations, and so on, will all contribute to unlocking the dormant potential within us, to the point where we can develop outstanding paranormal abilities. The reason of course that such abilities are so rare, is that the effort and self-sacrifice involved, are so intense. In fact, for any normal person, it would probably take more than one incarnation before such things could be mastered.

The fact that the Master Jesus was from a much more advanced planet than ours, does explain his intensity of practice during those “missing years” prior to the crucifixion, but we should not ever imagine that such things are impossible for us – this is one of the key aspects of his spiritual teaching to Earth: that we should believe in ourselves individually and as a planetary race; we can change, we can evolve, we can achieve great things – spiritually and technologically.

The Master Jesus’ faith in us, and desire to help us, is unwavering. However, inter-planetary agents are only allowed to assist a backward world like ours up to a certain point. We cannot, and should not, rely on alien intelligences to solve all our problems for us. By the all-pervasive natural law of karma, they cannot change us – however bad we may be – all they can do is to help us to change ourselves, through teaching and in other ways as well. And despite the appalling and absurd atrocities committed in the name of Christianity by mankind, the otherworldly yet practical teachings of love and compassion, as given by the Master Jesus some 2000 years ago, do still survive, in part at least.

These teachings have now been extended to include an enhanced spiritual appreciation of the cosmos, and are known as The Twelve Blessings. These were channelled by the Master Jesus through Dr. George King in 1958 – but remain every bit as relevant, profound and moving today as when they were given. They are now available in book form, and the recordings themselves, of the Master Jesus speaking through Dr. King, are also available on CD. This is our opportunity to hear exactly what the Master Jesus taught – and what he can share with us about the true nature of the universe in which we live.

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