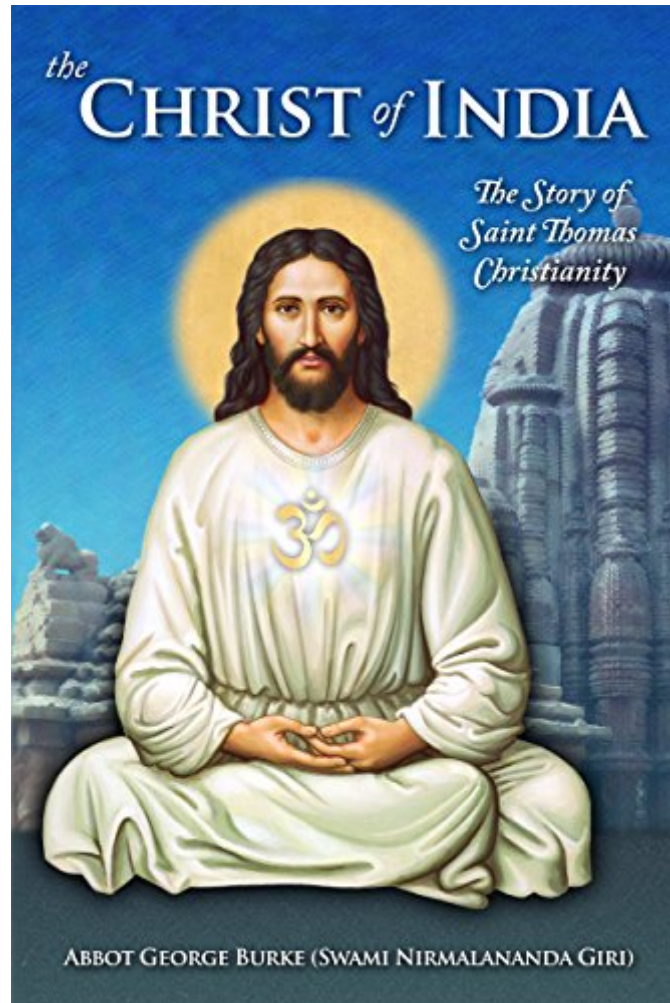


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The Christ Of India: The Story Of Saint Thomas Christianity



Synopsis

The unique story of Jesus, Saint Thomas his Apostle, and how the Dharma of India became part of Saint Thomas Christianity. There is a strong connection between Jesus and India, both historically and philosophically. And his disciple, Saint Thomas, who was the apostle of India, built upon the foundation of that connection. The result is that unique form of Christianity known as Saint Thomas Christianity. In *The Christ of India*, Abbot George Burke presents the growing evidence that Jesus spent much of his "Lost Years" in India and Tibet, and reveals the philosophical unity of Jesus' teachings with the Eternal Way of Truth known in India as Sanatana Dharma. The history of Saint Thomas Christianity from the times of Jesus and Saint Thomas to the present day is also outlined. *The Christ of India: The Story of Saint Thomas Christianity* includes the following: *The Christ of India*, about the Essene roots of Jesus and the early Christians; the spiritual training of Jesus; The "lost years" of Jesus, with much information never before gathered together in one place; Jesus' return to the West, and how his teachings were misunderstood; Jesus' return to India after his resurrection; and much more. *The Apostle of India*, about how Jesus' apostle Saint Thomas went to India, and how the Christianity which grew up in India had a totally unique character compared to elsewhere in the world; the history of Saint Thomas Christianity in India and the story of mission from the Church of India to America in the 1800's and what happened to it. *Basic Beliefs of Saint Thomas Christianity*, and *The Saint Thomas Christian View of Dharma*. You will learn about the manuscripts which proved Jesus lived in the "East," and the efforts to suppress the news of their discovery. You will learn about the Indian Saint Thomas Christian bishop of the 18th century who taught karma and reincarnation, who later became a wonderworking saint revered by Christians, Hindus, and Muslims alike. Those who find themselves attracted to both Jesus and the Dharma of India will find this book fascinating and illuminating.

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Customer Reviews

Even while growing up in a deeply religious Hindu family, I went to two different Christian missionary schools. The first school I went to was a Roman Catholic institution where ecumenical education was imparted separately to Christian and non-Christian students, a common practice for all Catholic institutions in Delhi at the time. The Christian students were taught the Bible and scriptures based on the same. The non-Catholic students were given education in ethics via a subject called Moral Science. The content of the Moral Science course was common for all schools run by Catholic institutions and was totally non-denominational. Despite my Hindu family background, I never experienced a clash between my own religion at the time and my own understanding of Christianity. None at all. This was to change. My next school was run by another Christian organization. There I was exposed to a strong dose of the Christian rhetoric of being a sinner who has to be saved and that Jesus was the sole custodian of the Way, the Truth and the Life. Before I changed schools. I loved Jesus at least as much as my Hindu gods and goddesses, and for me, Christian saints were on the same par as Hindu saints. The kind of moral education that I experienced in my second school, reflects the schism between Christianity as practised in the Western World and that practised by some Christian institutions operating in India. It is this schism that this book attempts to bridge, as it puts forth new information gleaned from a detailed study of the recently uncovered Nag Hammadi manuscripts. This book puts together different puzzle pieces of history to arrive at a very realistic portrayal of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Abbot George Burke seems to have a knack for tackling not only complicated spiritual concepts but as is evidenced with his most recent publication, *The Christ of India*, controversial concepts

as well, which in this case will no doubt raise more than a few eyebrows. The matter of Jesus the man and Christ the anointed one are rarely separated within western Christian comprehension, yet in Burke's look at "The Christ of India," we begin to denote a separation wherein a viable theory may open up as to time spent in India by Jesus the man (and even the child in early training) during his lifetime on earth. This may be a difficult theory for any westerner to even open up to, much less to grasp, as the Hindu historical accounts, names and places can be a bit difficult themselves to comprehend to the eye that has yet to study any Hindu or Sanskrit. Burke in his usual conversational manner is able once again to bring order to chaos. His presentation is so real, his arguments so valid, that one cannot help but wonder could this time in India have actually been a possibility that Jesus did in fact experience? There is much that is agreeable in that there are so many similarities in the major belief systems of Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism and that not only Jesus, but the Apostle Thomas, could have had exposure to these, thereby developing a following for which it appears there is strong documentation. Regardless of religious beliefs, the information presented in "The Christ of India," does in fact offer a possible explanation of so much that has been shrouded (no pun intended) for two-thousand years. As any serious seeker of truth should do, we must overturn every stone, look and search in every nook and cranny, to uncover all that is hidden.

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