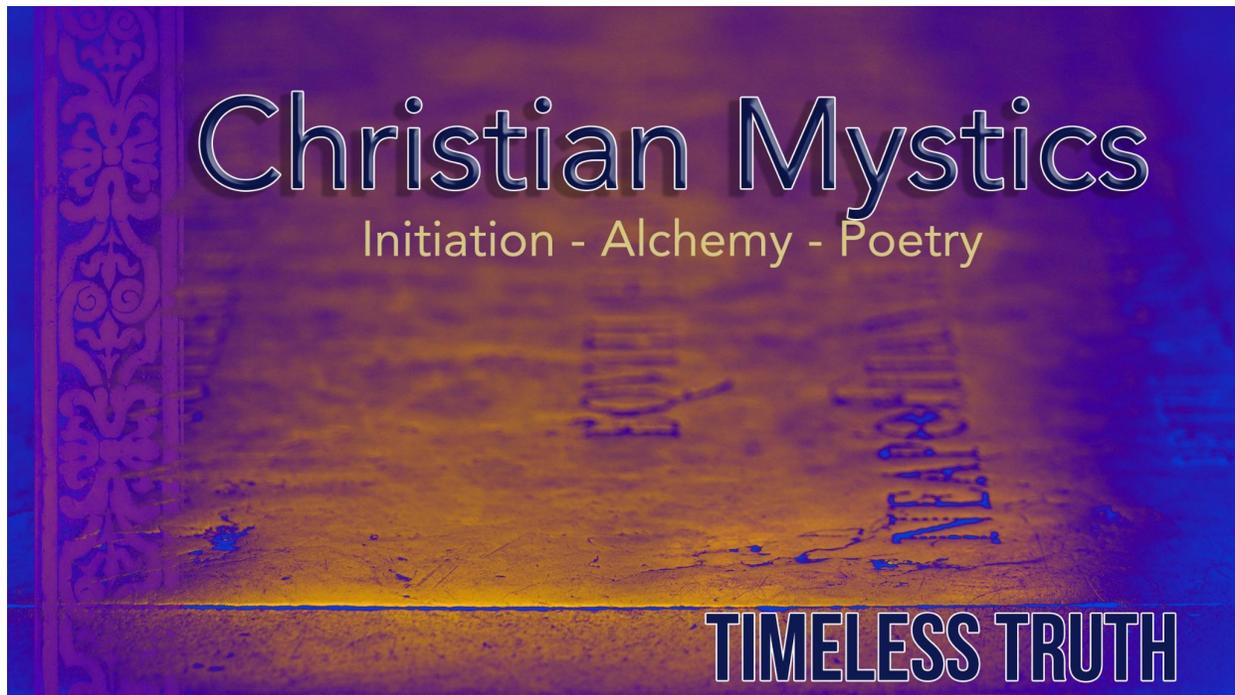


# Christian Mystics

## Introduction

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### The start

The Christian Mystics seminar is here. In this seminar you will certainly discover how much it is related to you in your process of awakening of the Remembrance of the truth of Who you are. It certainly is an invitation not to idealize and make an idol of the mystics, but recognizing them as friends on the Path to Enlightenment.

One of the things you hopefully recognize is that I am trying to keep it simple and relevant to you.

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Joel S. Goldsmith shares with us the following in the “Principles of Healing” talk 406A: “As for instance, the revelation that the master of himself, did not do these mighty works—that they were done through him by a power within him. The Hebrews expected that, and they rightly named it the Messiah. But they made the same error that the Christian church later made, or let us say the Christian church later made the same error that they made: they personalized Messiah as if it were to be one man. Just as even now, the Christian church personalizes Christ, which is only the Greek name for Messiah and names it as one individual. When it never was one individual. It was a Spirit in man. And the Messiah then, and the Messiah now under the name of the Christ, or the Buddha, whichever you’d like, is a Spirit in man. And it is in you. It is “closer to you than breathing and nearer than hands and feet.” And what the old Hebrew mystics tried to tell, and what the Christian mystics again told, and what twice has been lost is now repeated again: the Messiah, or Christ, or Buddha is the Spirit of God in you. And It is ordained to heal the sick. It is ordained to raise the dead. To feed the hungry, the multitudes. It is ordained to forgive the sinner. The very Christ of your being is ordained to forgive you your sins, and certainly me, mine”.

It certainly is all about the recognition of the Christ of your Being

## History

When did the Christian Mystics show up in history? That is of course after the appearance of Jesus Christ and after his resurrection. There is much to read about the first centuries after Jesus, but in order to bring this in perspective... when Jesus resurrected we all resurrected. I certainly will get back to this in the seminar.

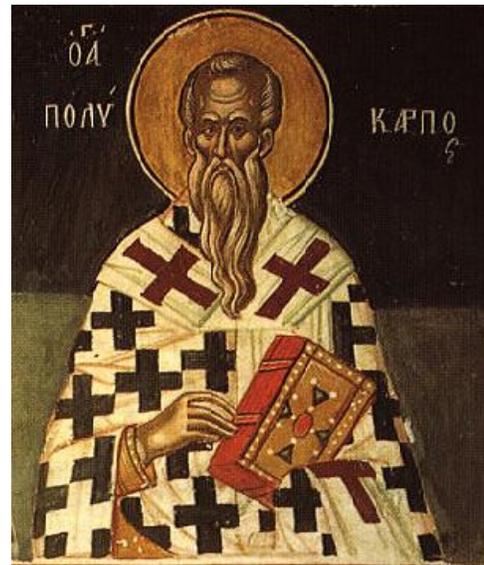
Annie Bessant wrote a ‘classic’ called “Esoteric Christianity” here are some words from chapter 3:

*WHILE it may be that some would be willing to admit the possession by the Apostles and their immediate successors of a deeper knowledge of spiritual things than was current among the masses of the believers around them, few will probably be willing to take the next step, and, leaving that charmed circle, accept as the depository of their sacred learning the Mysteries of the Early Church. Yet we have S. Paul providing for the transmission of the unwritten teaching, himself initiating S. Timothy, and instructing S. Timothy to initiate others in his turn, [Page 60] who should again hand it on to yet others. We thus see the provision of four successive generations of teachers, spoken of in the Scriptures themselves, and these would far more than overlap the writers of the Early Church, who bear witness to the existence of the Mysteries. For among these are pupils of the Apostles themselves, though the most definite statements*

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belong to those removed from the Apostles by one intermediate teacher. Now, as soon as we begin to study the writings of the Early Church, we are met by the facts that there are allusions which are only intelligible by the existence of the Mysteries, and then statements that the Mysteries are existing. This might, of course, have been expected, seeing the point at which the New Testament leaves the matter, but it is satisfactory to find the facts answer to the expectation.

The first witnesses are those called the Apostolic Fathers, the disciples of the Apostles; but very little of their writings, and that disputed, remains. Not being written controversially, the statements are not as categorical as those of the later writers. Their letters are for the encouragement of the believers. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (see picture>), and fellow-disciple with [Page 61] Ignatius of S. John, [Vol. I. The Martyrdom of Ignatius, ch. iii. - The translations used are those of Clarke's Ante-Nicene Library, a most useful compendium of Christian antiquity.



Just for the sake of timeline... Paul wrote his letters to the Romans in the year 57 AD and in 65 AD was he executed together with Peter. ([source](#))His was not allowed to share information like:

Paul: (Romans 8:6) *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

## Questions:

- Was there a mystical society before Jesus, can you share some information or writing you discovered?
- What is one of the most confrontational phrases you know from the Letters of Paul that you don't share with everyone?
- Which expression is really touching your heart and would you like to share in the seminar?