

CHAPTER 4

The Book of Jesus Christ

I, Jesus, was born approximately two thousand years ago (6 B.C.), at the town called Bethlehem in Judea. At that time the evil Herod was king of Judea. King Herod heard from the scholars, the priests, and the prophets that the rumor that a Messiah was to be born to save the Jews was indeed true. In fear of this Messiah, King Herod ordered the slaughter of all boy children under the age of two including new born babies.

At that time, Archangel Gabriel led me and my mother Mary and my father Joseph to the land of Egypt, and there I remained alive.

The fact that the archangel Gabriel announced my conception²¹ to my mother Mary is well known as it is recorded in the Christian Bible.

From the time that I, Jesus, was inside my mother's womb, I was unified with the fine person known as Birnabil who came down to me from the celestial world. He was the second and adopted son of the king of Veh-erde (see *The Door to Heaven*).

(*Editor's Note:* Normally the unifying spirit does not descend until the third month after conception. It was due to the fact that Birnabil unified with Jesus at the time the announcement of conception was made to Mary that she received the message from the celestial world that she was with child of the Holy Ghost.)

Then Chief Archangel Michael, he who is the leader of all the angels, became my guardian and guiding spirit. He worked upon my conscience to impress upon my mind the fact that I must follow the way of God and lead people to salvation throughout my lifetime, and he led me to enlightenment. He worked with my unified spirit Birnabil to accomplish this.

After that we were informed of the death of King Herod, and we returned to the town of Nazareth in Galilee. It was here that I passed my childhood together with my three younger brothers and one younger sister.

When I reached the age of twelve, my mother Mary gave birth to one more younger brother. Five months after the birth of this brother, my mother and father, myself, and this new brother went to the holy city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. At the temple in Jerusalem, the scholars stopped me and began questioning me, and my parents went back to their lodging without me, not noticing that I was not with them.

I had to stay there in the temple for three days talking with various people, and carrying on discussions with the priests, and scholars, and the teachers, just as it is told in the New Testament.

It was at this time that I was given the qualifications to be the Messiah from heaven.

If I had not received wise guidance as I grew up, my mission as the Messiah might have been taken away from me. Heaven always tests the wisdom and character of those to whom they give a mission.

[If it had been decided that Michael Keiko was to have been the one to follow Shinji Takahashi as the Messiah, she would have had to undergo comparison with Jesus in various ways. Even compared to Buddha, she would have had to be proved to me a fine person who would suffer nothing by the

comparison. But she indicated the absolute opposite character to this. She proclaimed arrogantly that she would teach a law that was not taught by either Jesus or Buddha or Moses, and carried out any number of destructive activities.

It is not possible for a person to attain enlightenment and become a leader of people at the age of no more than twenty years. Of course, this could be possible in the case of a psychic who acts as a medium for the voice of heaven. Heaven has indicated that this is indeed the extent of the phenomenon of Michael Keiko, and those persons of good heart who are members of the GLA have seen through the situation already. The majority of the members of the GLA, however, have stubbornly continued to reject the truth. They are left in a state of confusion merely because Shinji Takahashi introduced her as his successor and because she has superior psychic powers. It is for these reasons alone that they believe in Michael Keiko as the next Messiah. But I, Michael, am already outside the GLA, and the GLA members weep each time they worship a false angel under my name, however irrational her each and every word is and however banal and trite they are. I and the others of the celestial world have suffered great shame at the shamelessly foolish statements and deeds that have thus been made in our name.

Even the books that she has published are not written by herself. The first two volumes were written by an author named Kazumasa Hirai, and the third volume is nothing more than excerpts from the posthumous writings of Shinji Takahashi which he most likely edited with his help. (K. Hirai wrote of this himself proudly in a Japanese SF magazine *Kisō Tengai* [Fantasie], April, 1977, issue. *Editor*) How could one who has truly received the mission of saving the human race stoop to the creation of such a false personal history.

If there is any depth of significance at all to be found in these

volumes, it is no more than the first volume on hell and the third volume of Shinji Takahashi's posthumous writings of revelations.

Is this person saving mankind through her own strength as Jesus did? Is she healing the sick herself? If she was doing such things, it was merely because Shinji Takahashi had felt pity for his own daughter and was aiding her in accomplishing such things. (As further proof that she is an impostor, none of us lent her any assistance of any sort.)

Shinji Takahashi's aid to his daughter was a direct betrayal of us of the celestial world, and he went even further by threatening the very lives of the seven archangels and Yuko Chino. Because of this he lost his life and will not be allowed to retrieve it for all eternity. We cannot understand why he did such a thing.

Nor can we understand why he refused to admit to his own error, but rather continued to insist that Michael Keiko was to be his successor in spite of the fact that she had neither the character nor the wisdom to save mankind as he had had.

Looking back, it was less than two months between June and the beginning of August last year. During that time he still contacted the GLA and corrected the error. Thereafter he took different action on the surface from what he was really doing behind everyone's back.

Thus Michael Keiko did not achieve even the slightest enlightenment, and she never noticed that she was being made to dance to Satan's tune. I feel great pity for her.

But the truth and justice of the celestial world is not such a frivolous matter.

The celestial world ordered the dissolution of the GLA. It was not allowed to become a new religious group. This group is to be an example to the world. It has sufficiently proven just

how meaningless religious groups are. Heaven desires that the GLA accept the responsibility for its errors and realize that it must disband.

And all the other new religious sects and established religious sects as well are nothing more than groups of laymen who are attempting to guide humanity.

The only sects that heaven recognizes are pure groups that are led directly by the holy spirit such as primitive Buddhism and primitive Christianity.

This means, in the final analysis, that there will be only five or six types of groups left.

I will not give the specific names of the groups that must disband here, as they will undoubtedly disappear as time goes by in the natural order of things. This process will be completed within the next five or six hundred years.—*Chief Archangel Michael*]

As I grew to manhood, I found questions arising within myself concerning the way a person should live, the pain of death, and the curing of disease. In order to rid myself of doubts concerning these matters, I both thought them through for myself and asked other people for advice. The answers to these problems subsequently appeared naturally in my mind. Just as they did when I had my discussions with the teachers in the temple at the age of twelve.

My father was a stern, but very religious man. My mother Mary was gentle and tenderhearted, and she took very good care of us children.

At the age of sixteen, I began taking care of my younger brothers and sisters and helping my father with his carpentry work. In my spare time, I read books, studied Greek, and took lessons in the Old Testament teachings.

Toward the end of the next year, my father fell ill and died.

After his death, I worked to support the family. During the same time I continued to receive training from the Father in heaven.

This has not been passed down as historical fact, but I feel that I must make it clear now that I completed my life on earth as a normal human being, and that I did not necessarily lead the deified life that has been attributed to me in the Bible. It is simply that the miracles and proofs were announced to the world to show that I was the bearer of a mission from heaven.

Lifestyles, outlook, and philosophies differ with each individual person, it seems, but it takes a great deal of time for one to attain enlightenment, to gain a sense of mission, and to begin working to fulfill that mission. And the various experiences of human life are also necessary for such a purpose.

If one exists from the start as a god while wearing a suit of human flesh and thus gains praise as a god, enlightenment and a sense of mission do not become one's possessions in reality. I was severely warned against the pride of my youth.

For the three years after I reached the age of thirty when I received my mission, I went through training in the wilderness for the purpose of attaining true enlightenment. During this time, I fought and won a spiritual battle with Satan. After this time, I preached the gospel around the shores of the Sea of Galilee, in Capernium, and in Jerusalem. And it was in Jerusalem that I was executed on the cross.

But my mission did not end there. Through my subsequent resurrection, the great power of God worked to reveal itself to mankind.

And the gospel of God that I preached, God's message of a promise of happiness for mankind, was hereby fulfilled.

If I had remained dead and had not been resurrected, my disciples would not have been able to believe the gospel that

I had preached concerning the fact that I was born and died as the Son of God, and that I had been designated by God to be the Messiah.

When I was crucified on the cross, and there was no hand extended to save me, doubt was born in the hearts of my disciples.

In spite of all the miracles they had seen and all the proofs they had heard that showed that I was indeed the one who was sent by God, this one single incident made them begin to lose the belief that they had held in me up to that time.

Is this not proof of the ease with which people's hearts are moved and the strength with which those same hearts deny what is right and true?

They believe quickly, they doubt as quickly, and they always maintain faith in mistaken conclusions.

This was true of the Jews and the Roman soldiers who put me on the cross. It was only when they saw with their own eyes the terrible manifestations that appeared immediately after my death that the people began to wonder if those manifestations had come from the wrath of God.

This is how eagerly people wait for the appearance of overwhelming proof from God. And at the same time, they are intensely tormented by Satan and the evil spirits.

Yuko Chino's book *The Door to Heaven* met with the same fate. Those people who believed in the beginning that it was a book from heaven were prevailed upon by the machinations of Satan to change their opinion and join the opposition. In spite of the great number of miracles that were explained in this book, like Judas, these people were tossed about like leaves in the wind and influenced by the words of traitors.

I feel intense pity for Yuko Chino. For what purpose was Lucifer taken into the celestial world and hell done away with? Was it not to lighten the burdens of mankind? In order to

accomplish this purpose, her body was sorely wounded, she was attacked a second and a third time by Satan, and she was finally so seriously weakened that she could not even so much as see or talk with anyone.

She suffered such complete exhaustion in the completion of this book that she was forced to face physical death one more time. But I, Jesus, raised her from her deathbed and gave her protection and guidance in order that she might find strength to write one more book that would be useful to heaven. Archangel Raphael and Archangel Michael send her energy day by day to help her sustain life.

And since she is unable to work sufficiently as the successor, I as well as Michael, all the other archangels and other highly dimensioned people are in the call to all mankind.

The last judgement, that was originally supposed to have been carried out 1,800 years ago, and which was unavoidable no matter how much anyone tried to postpone, is being held now for the purpose of placing in the balance and trying all those whose acts are not right, all those who have been hypocritical in their hearts and in their words, all those who cannot perceive the real truth in spite of the fact that they are scholars, all those who do not follow the truth, all those who rebel against God to serve Satan, all those who give birth to sin and destruction, all those who preach God's teachings and at the same time presume that they are themselves God, all those who blindly believe and do not doubt that some single god or other is the only deity in spite of the fact that they are all joined in a single heaven, all those who fatten themselves and pretend to be wealthy on the donations and gifts of their followers despite the fact that they are the leaders of religious sects, all those who are arrogant with pride, and all those who break the injunctions and prohibitions that have been passed down since ancient times.

It is not made known in what form the judgement of God will appear. The conditions on earth at this time are not conducive to the carrying out of the last judgement in the form in which it is recorded in the revelations of John of Patmos which were written around 1,880 years ago. The mode of understand of the people is different, making it difficult to carry to God's will. Thus the judgement is being carried out in a more quiet manner.

In place of the manifestations indicated by John, God is giving signs throughout the world, and he is working miracles among the people in a different form that those in John's revelations.

And those who have incurred God's anger (*Editor's Note: Meaning those who have opposed the will and the plans of the celestial world*) will be quickly deprived of life.

I will gather together the people who have received God's forgiveness, and I will open wide the door to heaven and welcome them inside. For this purpose, in preparation for the last judgement being completed as explained, I am preaching and explaining the final gospel.

All those who have been convicted of sin will be punished by the archangels. This, however, was not made clear in the book of prophesy.

Yet, it is absolutely necessary for all of you to bow down and accept all those things which were written in the revelations 1,800 years ago because of the decadent world that has been created by those people who lacked sufficient understanding and refused to rectify their errors.

These are matters that must be atoned for by not only the Jews and the Romans who crucified me. The sin is much greater than this.

I pray that God's blessings and light that have been revealed

through me will be given equally to both those who know me and those who do not, that his forgiveness and protection will continue throughout the trial, and that it will not change after the trial.

It, however, is not only those who believe in Christianity or in Buddhism who will be saved. It is not only the people who have received God's teachings through religion that will receive his blessings. I, Jesus, swear before all the gods, before all the people who are my lambs, before Buddha and all the great guiding spirits of light that all beings will be judged impartially and that everyone will be given the opportunity to obtain forgiveness and salvation.

Each and every person, whether he knows it or not, is joined with God and his each and every act is observed. If the hearts of those who lack learning are pure and if their pleas are sincere, they will receive salvation.

If their hearts are modest and they do not try to raise themselves up, but rather entrust themselves to the will and the judgement of the gods, they will be granted just compassion.

Why would heaven judge without mercy? This is the meaning of the statement that everything will be placed in the balance to be judged.

Now I wish to leave behind this talk of dark sins and severe judgement and speak to the mothers and fathers of the world, concerning the education of their small children who will inherit the future.

I wish to state again that, as I explained earlier, it is not only those persons who believe in religions or religious sects and thus follow God have blessings, light, and protection.

The reasons that even those who are not attached to religions and religious sects will receive these things is because of the fact that when those of the same way of thinking and of like

opinions gather together, their hearts grow strong, and they inevitably begin to want to believe that their religion is the only way and that they are the chosen people. This sort of tendency was prevalent during the time I lived as well. And it was on the basis of this way of thinking that prejudices against races and social classes came into being. The same thing was true during the life of Buddha as well. In order to rid the world of this problem, I worked during my lifetime to turn all people in the right direction as far as was in my power.

And in the present world, religious prejudices continue to exist in the form of race prejudices and hostility between religious sects. Thus it has become necessary to bring them all together once again.

The existence of numerous religious sects gives rise to chaos in the world and is a source of confusion for the people. This is true and has been true in all ages of the world. So many religious sects have appeared, and they all firmly believe that their own religion is the only true religion, and they preach this to other people.

In order to rectify this error, Shinji Takahashi went out into the world. He used the spoken word and printed books to approach people. Yuko Chino has followed in his footsteps to rectify these matters through her writings.

Thirty years from now the celestial world plans the work of my reincarnation. (The actual unification will take place five years after the death of Yuko Chino.) And seventeen years from now, a man who was born in 1979 in unification with Moses will attain enlightenment.

But this person is not to be the Messiah. Neither Shinji Takahashi, nor Yuko Chino, nor I, nor Buddha, nor Moses should be worshipped as the Messiah. Nor should we be idolized. No individual persons can become a god that saves people. Only

the will and the plans of the gods who are in heaven can save the human race.

Perhaps this is the best way to consider the matter. When I said that I am the way and that I am the truth, I was speaking in terms of the Christian principle of the trinity. "I" refers to all of the celestial world, that is, heaven which is represented by God the Father, all the spirits of the highest dimension of the celestial world represented by the Holy Spirit, and I as the three elements.

Thus I wish for you to teach your children, through your day to day lives, the good teachings that have been handed down through the various reincarnations of the angels of light and the great guiding spirits, by heightening your virtues and nurturing your spirits.

All the present leaders of groups that have great power, that collect great numbers of believers, that preach the teachings and the miracles of God carry on their work as a profession. None of them ever truly share sincere compassion for the salvation of others, nor do they give love to others. It is only the people who gather into these groups that do such things. In other words, it is normally only the lowly members of such groups—those who support the groups from below—whose hearts are truly pious and who serve and comfort their neighbors.

There are even leaders of such groups who have political ambitions and who use their believers to support them in gaining the power to control the nation.

Such religious sects do not have true beliefs.

There are even some preachers who receive expensive things—in the past it would have been in the form of gold and silver—like bribes with which they decorate their bodies and live like wealthy people. They have sold their souls to Satan and serve the position, fame and wealth of this world.

There are many sects that have broken away from Christianity. Some of the more extreme cases have almost developed into Satanism. All their believers are dominated by evil spirits.

There are also groups that have broken away from Buddhism and gone so far astray that they have become the private religions of the priests that are their leaders.

Some of these priests show their people conjuring tricks as though they are proud of their very skill in conjuration, while there are others who boast of their spiritual pronouncements and strange utterances.

From this point of view, if the matters that people are supposed to learn from history and from teaching in terms of belief toward the formulation of virtues and the carrying out of duties to God are not made clear and passed on to them from their leaders, the average person can have no way of knowing what it is proper and necessary for them to learn.

And when great numbers of people gather together, this problem is further intensified.

If such a leader is asked to save a soul and he is only a normal person, he is unable to provide his people with salvation. Thus religion and the saving of souls are quite separate matters.

Also when someone is physically ill and should consult a doctor but goes to confer with a religionist instead, believing that they have a spiritual problem, they very often find that their illness is not cured no matter how much time passes. This is due to the fact that there is a limit to cures that can be accomplished by God in physical matters. Not all of these are curable by God's power alone.

Thus, though religion may well be an important part of life, it is not a thing for which one's entire life should be dedicated.

This is not true of people who have been given a mission of

saving others, but for normal people, it can be said that belief in God should be expressed on this earth through the keeping of humility in the heart before God, through the showing of love for God by loving one's fellowman, and by working together to maintain the beauty, the justice, and the peace of the Kingdom of God here on this earth.

On the other hand, spending several hours a day or half of each week in prayer to God, or in the reading of sacred writings (sutras), or in the attending of religious services are acts which are of no use at all in the living of one's daily life.

Doing such things is like eating air in the place of food. If one is clearly aware of the relationship between God and man, there is no need to constantly spend time in worship and prayer.

If you have such time to spend, spend it doing some other work or in study.

In other words, the only thing that is really important for people to learn is the joy of communicating with God within nature. There is no need at all to force oneself to have faith in one's heart or to become a member of a religious group.

God does not punish people just because they do not pray, as long as their hearts are pure and are rich in love and compassion.

And also, those religionists who teach the way to people are not qualified to do so unless they possess these same virtues. To me those religionists who believe that a minister's value is increased by building a huge and expensive church when a small chapel would do just as well and who use this to gain the respect of the people, those who become proud and haughty because they have been given some senseless name as the founder of some new religion, and those who are praised as virtuous because they build fine schools or halls and gather several tens

of thousands or several billions of followers around themselves are like Pharisees and are nothing more than persons who have succumbed to the temptations of Satan.

I want you mothers and fathers to take care to see through such persons and gain the wisdom of a sage in order not to give up everything for worthless religions and not to worship unworthy religionists, and also not to teach such things to your children either.

Virtue can be learned from the writings of any sage.

Those things that are in accord with the moral code and the laws of the world are virtues.

And if one knows the true form of love, with sufficient effort, one can gain forgiveness for any sin and can forget those sins. Love is capable of enriching people's hearts and creating harmony. The spirit of love can help one avoid and repel destruction and evil and can bring about peace in men's hearts and on this earth.

Of course, one must also not neglect learning. The more one learns, the richer life becomes, the deeper one is able to savor life, and the more one is able to perceive both the good and the evil in the hearts of others.

Study gives one such wisdom.

A large store of correct knowledge nurtures the accuracy of one's judgement.

Of course, becoming so absorbed in learning that one neglects everything else deprives the character of balance.

Those who spend their lives foolishly and pass all their days in idleness do not receive the light of heaven. They lead shadowy lives. Their's can be called a life spent in love of darkness.

"What is love? What is justice? What is faith?" These are the three pillars that have been given to this decadent world by heaven.

"Love, hope, and faith" are the precepts of two thousand years ago, and people are beginning to lose sight of them today.

"Love and justice and faith" are the three words that will save and renew this situation.

I sincerely pray that people will remember this and utilize it to introduce fresh breath into this confused and decaying world, that they will join their strength together to find hearts full of goodness, peace, and love and to get rid of all obstacles in the path of this purpose.