

Jesus the Guru and Mystic
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A mystic is called real Guru, who has gone through mystical experience; communion with the 'Divine Supreme', such person can lead others to the same or impart the Divine Wisdom. Jesus Christ tells it nicely on the other way: **"if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit"** (Mt.15:14).

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Introduction

With a brief explanation on Guru and sayings of mystic about Guru, I move on to Mysticism. This topic is very wide, and cannot be sharply said 'this is it'. I am trying to explain it with focusing on path of Jnana (path of Knowledge) with a concept and its foundational points, and a guess work on Jesus' path to his enlightenment.

Guru

The word "Guru" means remover of ignorance. This word is often misinterpreted with the word "teacher". The 'Teacher' or 'Acharya' is one who teaches any subject or technique, giving various information, learned from external source like some person or book, whereas Guru is one who gives his/her self knowledge, the life one lives with the 'Divine Supreme'. For a disciple such persons become the Subject or the **Goal** itself.

Generally the Guru is the one who went through mystical experience of communion with the 'Divine Supreme' or enlightenment. But these days, the teachers instead of understanding them as the co-pilgrims claiming themselves as Guru, creating problem for one self and to the society, ended in many false Guru and tension in the society in the name of Spiritual.

From the following sayings by Mystics about Guru, we can understand what Guru actually means in Indian tradition:

Sadguru's greatness is like sitting under a *Kalpavruksha* (mystical tree which fulfills every wish). He is my breath. Guru and God are one. He is happiness, the remover of sin and ornament of devotion. - Jnanesvara.

Only with the blessings of Guru ultimate knowledge is possible. If a disciple believes firmly that his Guru is God, then God becomes his servant. - Eknath. "Just like the darkness of night is removed by the rays of the Sun, this uncontrollable Maya totally vanishes when Guru's blessings are conferred on the disciple". To describe the state of a sadguru logic of logician fail. The only description of Sadguru is: Sadguru cannot be described. - Ramadasa. If you surrender totally to the Guru's feet, you automatically meet God. - Tukarama.

The word is the Guru and Guru is the word. All the essence is in the word. If the aspirant obeys the word, the Guru will surely redeem him. - Guru Granth Sahib. The guru is one who in the first place has himself attained to the Real.....personal experience.....leads disciple.....We may say that the mystery of the guru is actually the mystery of the spirit's own depth. - Swami. Abhishiktananda.

Jesus Christ tells about guru and disciple's nature in a symbolic way in Jn.13:13,14: "*You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. I have just washed your feet wash one another's feet*".

Mysticism

The language of mysticism is silence. Words are inadequate to explain. It's like 'the sweetness of honey cannot be explained to a person who never tasted it, it is only known to the person who has tasted it'.

Buddha kept silent in this topic, *Jesus Christ* tried with *parables*, Upanishad masters tried with *nethi nethi*.

Mysticism is based on transcendentalism. The 'Divine Supreme', Eternal is Real, and it is THIS which is all pervading in nature, infinite and indescribable; this is the true nature of the self, and the journey about this search is considered Spiritual.

It is called differently by different mystics viz.:

Maharashtrian mystics call it “Bindule”;
Kashmir Saivite mystics call it “Bindu”;
Kannada mystics call it “Vastu”;

John of the cross, Mira Bhai, Manikavasagar
and many others call it “Beloved”;

In the Upanishadic tradition it is called
“Brahman”;

Jesus Christ calls it “Abba”.

It may be expressed with the help of various parables
or symbolic expressions or symbols of deity/idol or
hymns, stories, myths etc., yet it will remain
unexpressed, Jesus Christ expresses it in terms of
“Kingdom of God”. Our words and intellect fail, since
mind doesn’t reach it.

It believes, realization or liberation or moksha means
experiencing or realizing that indescribable Real, the
‘Divine Supreme’. Such experience is possible while
one is alive. It results in liberation from individual
understanding of self, and physical death is viewed as
freedom from limitations. It is illustrated in Tukaram's
quote:

*“I have seen my own death. It was a
wonderful ceremony”. It is like, Jesus Christ asking
Nicodemus to be reborn (Jn. 3:3).*

Knowing the Reality which is transcendental
and non-material, is an experiential knowledge which
takes place in one’s own self. Knowledge such as
perception, inference, scripture, testimony etc. are
inadequate, they serve just as pointers.

This direct realization is possible in a
quietened mind. Quietening the mind is required to
transcend intellect, feeling and will. It does not happen
from external, but from within. Meditation helps in
qualifying the mind for such experience. Jesus Christ
emphasizes this in Mt.6:6 *“Whenever you pray, go into
your room and shut the door and pray to your Father
who is in secret”* (“into your room” he is referring to
get in ones ownself and “shut the door” referring to
withdrawal of mind and sense from external i.e.
silencing both, the body and mind).

One must realize that the material level is finite and
impermanent and must believe that this finite worldly
life is not our place to settle down. Jesus Christ says
in:

*Mt.6:19-21: Do not store up for yourselves
treasures on earth...but...in heaven, also in
Jn.12:25 “those who love their life will lose it,
and those who hate their life in this world will
keep it for eternal life”.*

When there is a desire to go beyond the finite and the
material, then the journey starts. As it **progresses** the
internal detachment also begins, desires lose its grip, at
the same time boundary of the self increases with new
understanding. The person who is having strong desire
to know and experience it, can find it, can get it, can
enter into it; as said in Mt. 7:7 *“Ask, and you will
receive.... who knocks”.*

Jesus Christ expressed the amount of desire one should
have for ‘*THAT*’ the ‘Divine Supreme’, in *Mt.10:34-
39:come to cast fire on earth....son against
father....Whoever loves father or mother more than Me
is not worthy of Me....* . (here “Me” needs to be
understood properly, I am explaining the term ‘*Son of
God*’, ‘*I am*’ and ‘*Me*’ said by Jesus Christ in the
concept later in this article).

Mundaka Upanishad says:

*“One has to be very courageous, the Self is
not obtained by the weak”.*

Sri. Ramakrishna Paramahansa narrates in a story:

*“A disciple asked “Guru, please tell me how I can
see God”. Guru took the disciple to the lake, and
both of them got into the water. Suddenly the
teacher pressed the disciple’s head under the
water. After few moments he released him. The
Guru asked him, “How did you feel ?” The
disciple said, “Oh! I thought I would die; I was
panting for breath”. The teacher said, “When you
pant thus for God, then you don’t have to wait for
long.*

The starting of spiritual journey may be by a
situation cornered by nature, through suffering,
disappointment, failures, conflict or desire to know the
Truth. Vedic tradition believes, that motivation for the
spiritual journey may come from any reason. As the
seriousness intensifies so will be the progress also.
This journey is explained by many concepts and
stories, the major one in Indian tradition can be
understood as follows:

Ramayan- Sita, wife of Rama born of earth goes back to earth. She was saved by Rama when she maintained her purity during her captivity of Ravana, the king of three world i.e., we who are born of earth, though in the captivity of this worldly life, the three domain; one the Material world (money and power), second the world of Pleasure (desire and fear) and third the world of Emotion (feelings). When we maintain purity by not falling in the trap of any of these domain during our life in this world, God will come searching for us, God will take care of all the difficulties and set us free, and take us with him. Explaining the communion with the Divine in detail with God in many difficult situations, many *asuras*, the evil ones includes the big fights and victory which is a Bhakti style. Some of the enlightening characters (Qualities of the mind) of this story can be understood as:

- **Rama** - the well-balanced, always at peace, confident and clear i.e., '*Satva*' (Purity).
- **Laxman** - the one who wants to rush into action but does all his action always in submission with Rama, the qualified '*Rajasic*' (Action in consciousness).
- **Bharath** though ruling the kingdom having full knowledge that he is not the Real but eagerly waiting for the Real and in the throne it is not he but the Sandal of the expected one i.e., the qualified '*Tamasic*' (qualified ignorance).
- **Hanuman** the strongest monkey, having Sita and Rama in his heart i.e., helping the poor and needy (Seetha) with obedient to his Lord (Rama) in his heart, in actual sense we can say people like Mother Teresa are real Hanuman '*Karma yogi*'.

The counterpart to above characters can be:

- **Ravan** replacing Rama.
- **Megnath** replacing Laxman.
- **Kumbakarn** replacing Bharath.
- **Asuras** replacing Hanuman and other monkeys.

Explaining the outcome of Qualified and Disqualified qualities of the mind, Good and Evil. Importance of purity in the life and the amount of faith on Truth, the Divine Supreme.

Mahabharatha- The five brothers, Pandavas lost their kingdom and wife Droupathi. When she was insulted, got clothed by Krishna i.e., the Pandavas, consciousness

below the neck lost, still the portion of physical body below the neck (Draupathi) gets clothed by the head portion of physical body (Krishna). At level of consciousness, the moment when the two centres Krishna and Arjuna (eye-brow and heart centre) merge, the union of two, resulting in '*Vishwaroopa Dharshan*'. In order to Explain the communion, the journey within in minute details with the fight between Kaurava's and Pandava's for conquering the lost kingdom, so called the war for Truth/Dharma (Jnana style). The characters of Pandava's and Kaurava's can be understood in worldly sense as:

Pandava's (Qualified - Winner):

- **Yudishtra** the *Dharman*, eldest being the king, the honest, the follower of Truth.
- **Arjun** the sharp hitter, the army chief, the consciousness, the Wisdom.
- **Bhim** the strong, enduring, determination, the 'I', the individual identity or the self, always submitting and union with elders.
- The twins, **Nakula** and **Sahadev** the Life and its only Wish, to **live a enlightened** life.
- The counter part of Pandava's, the **Kaurava's** (Disqualified - Loser):
- Yudishtra replaced by **Dhirthrashtra**, the king, very strong, but blind.
 - Arjun replaced by: **Karna** [eldest of Pandava's, the one born before Kunthi's (Pandava's mother) marriage] the past accumulated deposits, the earnings of past and principal for present life.
 - **Bhisma Phitha** the great great grandfather i.e., the tradition and culture. The understanding imbibed by the society.
 - **Dhraunachariya** the religion. The understanding imbibed by the Religious faith and its practices.i.e., the **True Knowledge** being replaced by past earned knowledge along with the present understandings and practices governed by religious understanding and its practices.
- Bhim replaced by **Dhuriodhan** the son of the blind, Ego, the one not one with elders.
- The twins being replaced by **Hundred brothers** i.e., Hundreds of Wishes.

In this detailed drama the saint nicely explains the importance of Religion, Culture and tradition in the growth of any person at the same time necessarily to overcome for individuals growth in spiritual awakening. Like a child born before maturity will be at risk at the same time the child not delivered at right time will be at risk for child, the mother and for the both. Hence it becomes a delicate job for the religious leaders from not just limiting with religion and scripture, but educate their community members as they grow, to a matured understanding of ceremony, rituals, festivals, prayers and scripture in wider perspective for a harmonious relation with other community to have peaceful environment in the society which eventually will take everyone to the Spiritual. It explains the qualities of the mind of an enlightened and ignorant person. In psychic layer they can be understood as energy centers. With Krishna's help (earned qualified knowledge and consciousness) all the five take their respective seat (establish in Consciousness, the Truth).

Again, in *Thiruvilaiyadal Puranam* - Shiva and family explaining the knowledge of the self as, Ganesha with elephant head, can't move fast with his heavy weight on a mouse i.e., our physical body can't move fast. On the contrary the younger son Murugan can move and fly very fast with his peacock and snake i.e., our mind moving and flying very fast. Parvathi (the manifested) his wife runs the family with her power i.e., life force along with its various energy circuit. Shiva, being the Supreme Consciousness operating in us. To explain the happenings within oneself during the journey with many short stories (a combination of Jnana and Bhakti style).

In one of its stories, their children being challenged to come round the world to win a fruit, "fruit of wisdom". Murugan being very fast with his vehicle peacock rush out to fly round the world. The elder son Ganesha wins the competition by coming round his father and mother without going out. Eventually Murugan break away from the family, Parvathi enlightens him, bring him back. This is to say though mind is very fast but never in present always runs out with senses or gets struck with past events or future expectations whereas body is slow but always in present and continuously working all the time keeping itself in movement. Parvathi, the life teach the Truth, enlighten the mind.

This is to explain that the body is enlightened and how the mind is not enlightened. There are many such short stories to explain the events of the journey within in detail happening at different layers.

In the same way, *Jesus Christ* narrates the end of the world. The world created by the mind, in his style in Mt. 24:29-30

"...sun will get darkenedstars will fallSon of Man coming ..."

The ignorant understanding of oneself, the world created by the mind for the mind forming the false light (sun, moon, stars ...) comes to an end with the end of its creation. Creation created by our understandings and borrowed knowledge when the sun of **WISDOM** comes out with its radiance to give the experience of the Reality, the 'Divine Supreme' to enter the 'Kingdom of God'.

Mystics narrate this moment of enlightenment happening in oneself in different style, like :

Jnanesvara:

"I have earned the most precious jewel- a bright pearl emitting light. I saw a strange miracle, sunlight at night and moonlight in the day. I feel there is a Lover within me, surrounding me, I am myself Lover".

Namadeva:

"I could see God wherever I turn. This vision is such that the blind can see him".

Eknath:

"The night is dark black, the pot for fetching water is black, water of the Yamuna is black so also is Radha and in the end Krishna who was fair has also become black".

St. Augustine:

"Seek for yourself, O Man; search for your true self. He who Seeks shall find himself in God".

Only after such experience of the divine one least bothered about all other mundane pleasures.

As Tukarama says :

“Now that I can certainly relax, because there is no more running after sensual pleasures”.

A concept to understand the Real and process of Transformation:

Note: There are many concepts available which can be grouped under two main categories Bhakti (Devotion) and Jnana (Knowledge or Wisdom). Majority of the people follow the path of bhakti for whom the concept of Avatar or Savior is favorable. For them if honesty and faithfulness is in all their responsibilities, commitments, and actions along with their Savior or Saint with proper understanding, they are bound to experience the communion with ‘Divine Supreme’. With the following concept I am trying to explain the mystery of god, the Truth, ‘Divine Supreme’ and the process of communion with ‘Divine Supreme’. “All the concepts, which we have now or in future are just tools to root us in the Divine Supreme”. *Real is beyond all the concepts.*

Conceptual Framework

God the Father:

It's the Un-manifested, beyond time and space, the base and permeates everything. ‘God the Father’ is independent by itself.

God the Mother:

She is the projection of ‘God the Father’. She is the manifested. Manifested in the form of matter and consciousness or creation. She is rooted and dependent on ‘God the Father’. It constitutes two bodies, the visible matter and invisible force. She also manifests herself as Micro in Macro. Micro, the individual body and mind, and Macro, the creation of matter and consciousness with its energy system (Life, Love and other energy).

God the Child:

The Micro bodies of ‘God the Mother’, the individual person.

As ‘God the Mother’ the manifestation of ‘God the Father’, we, the ‘God the Child’ the manifestation of ‘God the Mother’ supposed to be one with ‘God the Mother and Father’. ‘God the Father’ ‘God the Mother’ and ‘God the Child’ all three forming One Single Reality, can be understood as ‘Kingdom of God’. In Truth we too share the same nature of that ‘One Reality’. But, out of ignorance we separated our self from the ‘Kingdom of God’, by creating a separate world of individual mind.

This is moment of separateness, the birth of individual mind is beautifully explained in the Old Testament, by Adam and Eve episode i.e., the moment when the mind enjoyed the fruit of ‘the tree of good and evil’ it separated itself from the ‘Kingdom of God’. All our mental actions, good or bad, all are accounted. All these fruits i.e., the actions in the mind happened with desire and fear so far condensed to form this individual mind body. The words of the cunning animal snake is true, as we can keep our individual world live as long as we want. It is like a game with two options, either to stop the individual world and work one with the ‘Kingdom of God’ or have the crookedness, continue the game by keeping individual world and stay eternally in suffering. This individual world is not going to end with the end of this body. Jesus Christ speaks about this in Mt. 5:18 “...as long as heaven and earth last, not the least point nor the smallest detail”. It is the thoughts, ideas, feelings, characters, understandings’ that entertained in ones individual world is actually matters. When Jesus Christ speaks about ‘removing the eye’ or ‘cutting the hand’ in Mt. 18:8,9¹ also when Jesus Christ says in Mt. 5:28 as “.... wants to possess her is guilty ...”, he means it to the mind in its individual world. These inner accumulation really makes one rich or poor. When Jesus Christ say to the rich man in Mt. 19:21 to give everything and follow ME, he means to the riches (good) in mind by the outcome of his possession outside which made him feel rich. These rotten fruits or the thoughts, ideas, feelings, characters, understandings’ going against love and peace ‘within’ need to be flushed out and consuming such new fruits that disturb love and peace ‘within’ has to be stopped for our way back to ‘Kingdom of God’. When inside ‘all together’ or ‘all one’ at ‘all the time’, our action outside will but naturally be with ONE at all the time. Hence the real work is from ‘within’ i.e., the efforts for change really needed is inside. These efforts taken for

the purification of the mind will be our real earning for long run. The expression we give outside is nothing but outcome of inside for that moment. These individual world though look separate but each of its move effects either pulling or pushing other individual world to move the whole universe by producing different effects to the creation, moving the creation, forming different environment (good and bad) in the society and vice-a-verse. It is easy to understand how ones own mind move the individual as a person, with following example one can also understand how it moves the society:

When a mind generate a desire to possess a girl unlawfully and if many other mind having similar desire then the energy or vibration of all such mind unite to push a qualified such weak mind to perform the action. This ignorant mind strengthens itself by enjoying such actions of oneself or of others and giving same to similar mind in the society. Similarly when a mind generate a goodwill to help a poor in need and if many other mind have similar feeling then the energy or vibration of all such mind unite to push a qualified such mind to perform the action. If this mind is not of a enlightened then this type of good action also will strengthen the ignorance by a feeling of proud. It strengthens itself by enjoying such actions of oneself and giving same to similar minds in the society.

So bad and good both can endup in strengthening the ignorance by the feelings of wound, guilt, pride etc., hence every single mind has its contribution not only for itself but also for all that happening in the society. Engaging in superficial modification like giving some shape or style to the mind (healing, counselling or developing the personality) is like one give shape to the body in gym or applying cosmetics in a beauty parlour, will not go for long, it will be just like creating a mask, cheating ones ownself.

It is 'God the Mother' teaching, makes us understand that we are one with her and share the same nature of her, by our life's ups and downs, difficulties and happiness. The day when one realizes that we are one with her, She makes us realize we too are of her nature and She puts us with 'God the Father' getting us back to the 'Kingdom of God'. It is like we are in the institute called Universe, managed and run by 'God the Mother'. She will certify us only when we clear all the exams, She is keen on the subject of her interest, the

subject called Love, other subjects depend on us if we choose we are bound to clear it and She will make sure all her students clear all the exams and certified sooner or later, how much late depends on us. Taking many subject or only subject love does not going to differ in senior - junior, stronger - weaker, older - younger at that level.

It's like Jesus becoming one with 'God the Mother and Father' and qualifying himself as 'God the Mother' speaks his experience as "I am in my Father, and you in ME, and I in you"(Jn.14:20). 'God the Mother' looked as Jesus Christ. Now Jesus Christ, i.e. 'God the Mother' with her inherent nature calling us, turn within, come back to our Real home, 'Kingdom of God', knowing the fact that this is the only way back i.e. by becoming one with her, calls everyone saying "I AM the way, except through ME. One can reach the Father" here "I AM" is not a individual person or a sectarian god but "God the Mother". She can be understood as the 'Word' expressed in Jn. 1:1-4 "Before the world was created, the Word already". Jesus Christ himself says as "I was before Abraham". 'God the Mother' in her more communicable way helping, and inviting us with her voice, the Word, through Jesus' body. So, She (Jesus) was in the past, in the present and will be till the end of creation. The individual identity, the micro body of 'God the Mother' will keep changing, as said by Jesus Christ in Mt. 11:27 "...and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him", here 'Son' to be understood as 'God the Mother'.

It is 'God the Mother' qualifies the individual for this communion. Any individual experiencing this communion, delivers the 'Words of Wisdom' to the world, expressing it in his/her style and path he/she travelled. The person does not become extra-ordinary, on the contrary becomes Normal, expressing feelings as per his/her nature. Happenings of 'extra-ordinary', as understood by people, is governed by 'God the Mother' with her allowance to what, when, how, whom etc., with her precise account, like Jesus says in Mt. 5:37 "...you cannot make a single hair white or black".

As individual when one encounters 'God the Mother' in our case we call 'Son of God' he/she dies and born again as Son of God (gender makes no difference), there after that person is not just human but

'Son of God' radiating the divine to the creation. The moment when Jesus reborn as 'Son of God' in his "Abba experience" can be rightly called 'Resurrection' and it is then he starts his ministry, delivering the invitation, call to 'Kingdom of God'. Communicating the Wisdom, the 'Word of God'. Voice of 'God the Mother and Father' taking the flesh named Jesus to communicate to us, explaining the terms for our way back home.

Now to understand the Real through concepts, will be like the famous story of five birth blind understanding about elephant. Each one understanding about it to its respective part they analyzed - ear, tail, limb, tusk and trunk the partial truth. Similarly many concepts came in to explain the Truth reaching differently to different for the mind does not have the capacity to have it neither it can get it.

- Some tried to focus from 'God the Father' point, realized one cannot even give a valid name for God. So he/she forming a group telling it will be better to be Quite while mentioning it (God).
- For some other focusing from the same point 'God the Father' understanding, it is impractical to be quite while mentioning it, one should mention it with a name such that no word of any language or any sound should be considered greater.
- Some tried to focus from 'God the Mother' point. It becomes more complicated for being manifested, like in any company all staff represents the company i.e. every staff considered representing the company for others. Similarly "God the Mother's" every staff became god listing to thousands of god for their different qualities and duties in running the universe.
- Some other tried to focus the constitution of 'God the Mother' telling, it is this really matters for any individual i.e. the Universal law of governing and better to be quite on God.
- Some tried to express it with three God in a different understanding to what we tried, with some uniqueness to their community.

If we blend all the concepts together it will be:

The Guru, Jesus calling every person, Adam banished from Eden garden who is now living a life in disguise, as a eunuch. He/She, Arjun has to fight back killing all his/her enemies

becoming an Arahant (pali term for the one who slaughtered all the enemies; in Buddhist tradition). The unpronounceable God Yahweh, Allah welcoming this Arahant, Rama with his hands wide open at the gate of Kingdom of God.

There are many more concepts, philosophies and stories exist each trying to explain partially or fully the mysteries about God, Creation, Suffering etc. The religious institutions should be competitive in delivering people of goodwill, people of Loving heart, people to work for the welfare of the society, people to establish peace in the society like any educational institutes are competitive in delivering scholars, engineers, doctors, etc.

For Reflection

Without having the quest and effort to this self experience of the 'Divine Supreme' our spiritual ministries will be like following failed Jesus, who said yes to the devil that tempted, serving at the material level pointing to the world of matter. Jesus Christ also served at the material level but he was giving bottom plate also, which made the receiver full. He was serving life giving bread, life everlasting 'Eternal life'. If one examines critically Jesus Christ's ministry, he was moving with different groups spreading the good news of 'Eternal life' the 'Kingdom of God', his anger was only with one particular group, the group who are supposed to guide the people to the 'Kingdom of God' the Truth or the Real. So one should be clear for oneself, whether one is forming a 'hurdle or help' to someone by ones understandings and action in the **Name** of 'Kingdom of God'.

As we know from Jesus Christ's word that the 'Kingdom of God' is in ones ownself but how to reach it? What are the ways to reach it? What are difficulties or challenges? How to overcome? What are the techniques available? How these techniques work? these information will be of real help to understand and walk the path to this Mystical Union. Other scholarly skills can be added advantage to live and serve the society where one is placed. The following points should be clear for the one who takes Jnana (Knowledge) as the path.

Points to note for progress in the path of Jnana

- One should make a strong platform of his own by living a Righteous life. Jesus tells as commandments to the rich man in Mt. 19:18,19 "... Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely (do not lie); respect your father and mother; and love your neighbour ..."
- One should be convinced that nothing is permanent in this world including the understandings of one's own self, everything is changing, but "There is Something that doesn't change which is not a part of this world but the world is not without THAT and we are one in it". Jesus tells about the transient nature of this world in Mt. 6:19,20 'Do not store up riches....', Lk. 12:16-20 '.....rich man who had land which bore rich crops....build bigger...God said to him, you fool....' Mt. 6:25-34 '...I tell you, do not worry ...' on the other hand he tells about the greatness of 'Kingdom of God' in Mt. 13:44 'the parable of hidden treasure', Mt. 13:45 'the parable of pearl' and other places too. With his clear message of 'Eternal life', one has to have "Confidence and faith" on Master's words, and have the search for Truth.
- His demand for "Renunciation", that is the possession of identities we hold onto, from within like Nation, Religion, Culture, Tradition, Caste, Race, Color, etc., and the impurities within like Power, Knowledge, Status, Wounds, Pleasure etc. In Mt. 18:3 " Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter ..." i.e. a child doesn't even know whether it is male or female, and in other places he says "leave everything and follow Me". One has to have a "Strong Determination". He stresses it very hard in Mt. 10:34 "...I have not come to bring peace, but sword" it demands greater strength to cut off. It develops naturally as one progresses with the previous points.
- The "Awareness or Consciousness of the Self " Jesus Christ demanding for that is not so simple. In Mt. 24:42-44 "... stay awake and not let thief break into" and in Mt. 25:1-13 the parable of the ten maiden, he actually telling about two

persons. One the ignorant and other a qualified person for that Communion.

- It requires a well "Balanced mind" the most important one, as Jesus says in Mt. 5:45 "... for he makes his sun shine on bad and good alike You must be perfect – just as your Father in heaven is perfect!"

It is inner Silence, that helps to increase Balance, Consciousness and Strength of the mind. In Mt. 6:5-7 Jesus speaks about silence "...whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites....do not heap up empty". The Knowledge in Truth increases with the increase in Balance, Consciousness and Strength of the mind, and the knowledge thus gained is Real for ones ownself. Someone else's knowledge is okay for beginning, even of Jesus Christ's. It is 'Peace or Silence' within helps to grow in Truth. Meditation helps to develop these qualities of the mind. The 'Real or the Truth is beyond the mind' but demands a "Qualified Mind". This is nothing to do with torturing oneself as Jesus quote in Mt. 12:7 "...it is kindness that I want, not".

Without making an effort we cannot walk the path otherwise it will be like, said by many in Jn. 6:60 as "This teaching is too hard". It is indeed not so easy but not impossible also, and there is no other way out, Jesus tells in Mt. 7:13,14 "Enter through narrow gate ...". Without even taking the first step we can't expect to reach it. Every moment we have the freedom to choose. It is this Mystical understanding of Jesus that went weak in our community while we took the serving side of his ministry nicely, we are doing well in serving the society but without the other part, it is like food without salt. Demand from our master is saltiness of the salt (Mt. 5:13).

A Guess on Jesus' path of realization:

From the gospels presentation of Jesus Christ, he can be seen as person of action for healing and preaching, a psychologist for giving suggestion in dealing with mind or even person of bhakti for surrendering attitude towards 'Father'.

The Mystics emerged from the path of Bhakti express the 'Truth' in Rituals, Poems or Bhajans, whereas Mystics emerged from the path of Jnana express the

'Truth' in parables, riddles, stories, and so on to help one to reason and question the routines, understandings, practices, rituals and make identify oneself with the divine like:

I and Father are one;
I am the way;
I am who I am;
I am that;
I am the light;
Thath thova masi; etc.

From the parables and the approach of Jesus Christ, we can assume that he followed the path of Jnana and acquired this high degree of Consciousness through some systematic meditation. The difference between Bhakti (Devotion) and Jnana (knowledge) is like, one enjoys the sugar and other likes to be the sugar itself. Both are qualified to be salt of the earth.

Conclusion

Without having self experience of the Divine Supreme, even the heaven as proclaimed will be hell, but presence of such persons will transform even hell to heaven. The words of such persons are no more of human intellect but words of Wisdom. They will be indifferent to worldly pleasures and pain.

As Jesus Christ says in Jn. 3:3 to Nicodemus, asking everyone of us to be reborn, irrespective of Nation, Religion, Culture, Tradition, Caste, Race, Color, Sex, etc., to turn within, to the "Kingdom of God, which is still at hand". It is not something to be experienced after death. As Jesus says in Jn.12:25 "... love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life". So once you had enough to manage for yourselves and your dependent, start your journey, do not waste time and energy in amassing wealth of this world. In Lk. 12:15 "...a person's true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be". This life is for a short period, this world is a 'testing ground' and a 'workshop' to test and build the mind in 'faith and honesty', as Jesus tells in Lk. 16:10-12 "...faithful in small matters will be faithful in large....dishonest in

small matters will be dishonest in large....". The wealth of this world is not going to come with us but the efforts or the earnings we made in qualifying our mind is definitely going to come with us as said by Jesus Christ in Lk. 19:26 "...who has something, even more will be given; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken....". One should be clear with understanding of the Wealth that we really need to earn. The most important is to find enough time to spend at the silent space within, it is this point which connects us to the Real or Divine Supreme, the more we stay at this point the sooner we get to enlightenment.

- Nisargadatta Maharaj will say:
Leave everything, just be.
- Shri Satya Narayan Goenka will say:
be equanimous ; neither craving nor aversion.
- Jesus Christ will say:
be like my father in heaven, be alike to good and bad.

One needs to spend long time sometime even months together to work on this particular point. This is not something like running away from social responsibilities, in Jn.10:26 we see Jesus Christ with his mother even at the end of his life on the cross.

No true master will be interested in name and fame, we can see, no Upanishad masters left his/her name, so was Jesus Christ or any enlightened master. It is the followers of any enlightened, out of Gratitude or think doing some good to the society, get into advertising the name and style, instead of putting it into practice, which ends in formation of many religions, sects, different practices, rituals etc., and claiming supremacy over each other ending in tension in the society. As far as the work within is concerned it is to find enough time to 'look Within', being aware of intention of the mind whether the sense of goodwill is there in its activities, increasing the knowledge pertaining to the growth in Spiritual, understanding limits and importance, impermanency and eternity, and having the quest and effort for the Real, our "True Nature" that our master points to experience it, to affirm it for ones ownself. For day today life, keep going with the responsibilities with balanced mind, faithfully and honestly to the best of ones knowledge,

with the presence of Love and goodwill in all the "action" from WITHIN.

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