



The Christmas Star: The Mystical Story of the Three Wise Men

Part 2: Epiphany

The Gifts of the Three Wise Men

Do you know what gifts that the Three Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus? They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh.

They had followed the star and when they had found the baby they lay these gifts at his cradle and smiled at his mother, Mary and his father, Joseph. The gifts were very valuable in those days. But the gifts were also mystical or spiritual symbols that would indicate the future life of the savior.

Gold for his kingdom

Melchior brought the gift of gold to the baby Jesus. The whole manger was lit with light of both the gold and the light of the baby Jesus. Gold represents the kingdom or consciousness of God, the kingdom that the baby Jesus would rule one day.

Frankincense for his divinity

Balthazar brought the gift of frankincense. Frankincense is a precious substance that is used as incense in temples and churches. It is also a holy oil used to bless and anoint the sick. Frankincense has a wonderful holy smell and helps to purify the air.

The frankincense was the sign that Jesus had the divine spark within him. Frankincense was given to him so that Jesus might remember the sweet smell of God's presence.

Myrrh for his suffering on the cross

Caspar brought the gift of myrrh. Myrrh is a special resin from trees that grow in India and Arabia. It has a sweet smell and is used in perfume and incense. It is also used to relieve pain in people who are sick and in pain.

The myrrh would bring Jesus comfort in the sorrow of every difficulty he would face. Myrrh was the sign that this little child would grow up and know pain in his life to help mankind.

The Gifts that Men's Eyes Could Not See

The Wise Men came to honor the Christ child. They brought valuable physical gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But even more importantly were the gifts that people could *not* see. The Wise Men also came to give the gift of spiritual light to bless the Holy Family.

Where do you think they stored this light for the journey? Did they carry it in a box? No. Did they carry it in a sack swung over the back of the camel? No. Did they hide them in the folds of their beautiful cloaks? No.

Well, where did they store the light? They stored it in a place where no man could find it. They carried this light in their hearts and in their momentums of serving God. Deep inside each wise man's chest was a special place, a secret chamber of the heart, and here they carried the special light for the baby Jesus.

Your body is a temple. You also have a chest in your body. And you also have a physical heart that beats in your chest. But did you know that you have a spiritual heart deep inside of you with a secret chamber that carries the light of God?

Put your hand on your heart right now and close your eyes. Feel the presence of God in your heart.

Each of the three wise men brought a particular gift of light.

- Melchior brought faith and the power of God.
- Balthazar brought hope and the wisdom of God
- Caspar brought charity and the love of God.



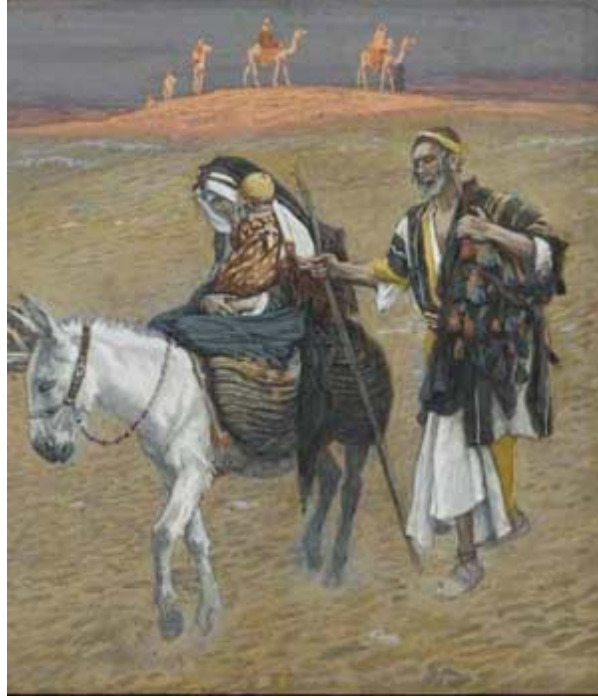
These three qualities are the same ones found in the threefold flame of the heart of each one of us.

Jesus performed many miracles when he grew up. Perhaps the great light from the three wise men, added to the light of his own heart, helped him perform these great miracles. If you read about the life of Jesus you will learn about the miracles he performed.

And they went their way



The Bible tells us that the Wise Men knew when it was time to leave the Holy Family and go back to their homes. “And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.” They did not go back to Jerusalem and tell Herod where the baby was, but returned home another way.



The Flight into Egypt

After they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take the young child and go to Egypt. He was warned that Herod the King wanted to hurt Jesus. Joseph was to stay in Egypt with his family until he knew that Herod had died.

So the little family left during the night, and went to Egypt, guided and protected by the angels until it was safe for them to return home.

The three wise men today

We do not know what happened in the lives of the three wise men after they returned to their own countries.

But we do know that they are still with us today. They are ascended masters in the heaven world. They followed in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and ascended back to the heart of God.



We can call them the Three Wise Men, but they also have their own ascended master names.

Melchior is the ascended master El Morya. He lives in the heaven world over Darjeeling, India in the Temple of Good Will.



Balthazar is the ascended master Kuthumi. He lives in the heaven world over Kashmir, India in his retreat called the Temple of Illumination.

And Caspar is the ascended master Djwal Kul. He lives in the heaven world over Tibet. We do not have a picture of Djwal Kul because he did not want to have his portrait painted. But perhaps one day someone will paint a picture of this master. Perhaps it could be you!

The three wise men can help you

El Morya, Kuthumi and Djwal Kul have promised to help everyone who will pray to them. They can help you learn to hold the light strong in your heart. They can warn you if there is danger or problems to be avoided in your life. They can help you to follow your own star. They can help you to arrive at the right time and the right place so that you can become the Christ.

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Make some gifts for Christ like the wise men gave him and put them out on Christmas day. Archangel Uriel told us: “As you decorate your home in anticipation of the honored guest, the Christed One, will you not include with the manger scene that you erect a focus of the gold, the frankincense, the myrrh—symbols of the balance of the threefold flame—carried by the wise men who came from the East. And will you also make a daily round through the home, carrying the urn of sacred incense.”

1. Spray paint rocks to represent gold.
2. Buy some frankincense incense for the daily blessing of your home.
3. Get some myrrh. It is resin from a desert plant that has long been used for many medicinal purposes. You and your parents may be able to find some in a health food or herb store.