

## THE NAMING OF CHRIST COLLEGE

Many years ago, members of the New Zealand esoteric community spent several months meditating upon the name for the New Zealand New School. The name Christ College of Trans-Himalayan Wisdom was the result of that subjective work.

The name evokes reactions from many people. The most common reaction is to assume that we are a Christian school and promoting the teachings of Christ as outlined in the Bible. In fact, we are a school of philosophy and ask our students to leave religion at the door as we enquire the way.

We study the Ageless Wisdom Teachings. One of the concepts in these teachings is that all human beings are essentially equal. But, in time and space, we are at different points in the journey of discovering and expressing our Selves. On that journey, we move from selfishness, to service and to acceptance. Our hearts open wider and wider as we come to identify with the needs of Humanity.

Eventually, after thousands of incarnations, our sense of self is planetary. At this point, we no longer need to return in a body and suffer its limitations and learn through pain. But, we do not stop loving. We become a part of the planetary heart centre known as the Spiritual Hierarchy. We are a part of a group of liberated souls who meditate constantly and impress the most advanced members of Humanity with seed ideas which will liberate heal and liberate Humanity.

The heart of the Hierarchy is a point of sacrificial fire. It is an energy point and a position or office. (An example of this type of office, is the office of the Dali Lama. The current office holder is in a certain lineage and not the only person to occupy this office). The office is called The Christ. The one who occupies this office does so for 2-4 thousand years. The previous office holder was the Buddha.

Therefore, we see Christ in the name of the school as aligning the school with the heart of a field of soul consciousness. Through this alignment, we imagine ourselves coming to identify with the needs of Humanity and increasing in our ability to love, freeing ourselves from selfishness and becoming practical servers.

Another reaction to the name of the school is a reaction to Trans-Himalayan Wisdom. The assumption is usually that we are a Buddhist organization. This also is not the case.

We study the Ageless Wisdom Teachings. These teachings are the accumulated wisdom from Humanity's quest for answers to the meaning of life. As all wisdom, the component concepts within the teachings are simple, but libraries have been filled with books seeking to understand them.

One of the streams of these teachings is the Tran-Himalayan stream. Buddhism does draw from this stream. But, we who study these teachings do not identify as Buddhists. And, we strive to see the connections that this teaching has to all other streams of the Ageless Wisdom. In New Zealand, we particularly study the Maori wisdom teachings.

Though our school is neither Christian nor Buddhist, we honour all those who whole-heartedly follow these paths. We know that all paths are really one path.