



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

### **Part 1: The Birth of Jesus**

*Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying,  
Where is he that is born King of the Jews?  
For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.  
Matthew 2:2*

#### **A. Love - Devotions**

Our story today is about the three wise men. Let's get in the mood for Christmas and sing a Christmas carol to them!

#### **We Three Kings of Orient Are (Star of Wonder)**

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder Star.

#### **Chorus:**

O, star of wonder, star of might,  
Star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain;  
Gold we bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

**Chorus**

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on High.

**Chorus**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Seal'd in the stone-cold tomb.

**Chorus**

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice,  
Heaven sings, "Hallelujah!"  
"Hallelujah!" Earth replies.

**Chorus**

## **B. Wisdom - Story**

### **The Story of the Three Wise Men**

Once upon a time, there were three wise men. Each of whom lived far away, in a different country in the East.

These three wise men did not know one another but they were soon to meet. They would take a journey to find a child who would change the world forever. That child was the baby Jesus.

### **The Magi**

In those days, the Three Wise Men were called Magi. Their names were Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar. These wise men were also kings. The name Melchior means "king of light." He was a king of Persia, Caspar was a king of India, and Balthazar was a king of Arabia. Some believe they were also priests. Each was highly honored in his country. They dressed in long robes and each wore a richly embroidered cloak.

Others say that the Magi were men who could read the movement of the stars in the heavens, astronomers and astrologers, who could see into the future and understand the meaning of dreams.

## **The journey**

Each of the wise men decided to take the journey that would lead him to the baby Jesus. They did not know the name of the child but they knew that he would be born very soon. And they knew that they had to be there.

How did they know that a baby would be born in a land far away? Perhaps an angel visited them to tell them that they needed to make the journey. Perhaps they heard the voice of God whispering in their ear. Perhaps they had a dream telling them to go and find the child who was born to be king. Perhaps they consulted their charts of the stars and saw by the movement of the stars in the heaven that a very important child would soon be born. Or perhaps it was all of these things.

So Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar set out on their journey, each from his own home. Each one had his camel, with some provisions carried on the back of his camel—food, water and a gift for the child—they did not want to arrive empty handed.



We can imagine that they faced many challenges along the way of their journey. In those days they did not have planes or trains or cars. The journey would take many days and weeks on the back of a camel. It was dusty and hot by day and very cold in the desert by night.

Many have pondered over the centuries how these three men could have arrived at the right time and the right place. Surely the hand of God was working in their lives.

### **The still small voice**

The Three Wise Men were wise because they followed their own "still, small voice within." This voice was the prompting of their inner Christ Presence. Everyone has the presence of Christ within them. This Christ Presence existed even before Jesus came. He told us he came to be a witness to the Light. He came to show us how we could reach that light.

At some point on their journeys, the wise men met each other. Perhaps they met in the deserts on the outskirts of a city, in the hills of Judaea or outside of the gates of the city of Jerusalem.

We can imagine their joy at meeting one another. Surely they told one another stories of their adventures. They probably had a meal together, then traveled on together to meet King Herod, the King of Jerusalem. They may have hoped King Herod would help them find the child.

But when they met the king, the wise men were able to see into his heart and they could see that this wicked king really wanted to kill the baby Jesus. He was ready to send his men to destroy the child. But they knew how to outsmart him and protect the Holy Child.

### **The Star of the East**

The Bible tells us that the Three Wise Men saw a star in the East: "And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

The Magi rejoiced to know that their journey was over and they were coming close to finding the child. The great "Star of the East" was a focus of the light of beloved Jesus own I AM Presence. At the time of his birth, this brilliant star could be seen by everyone on earth.

The I AM Presence is the Presence of God that is above every man, woman and child. We can see it as the upper figure in the Chart of Your Divine Self.



Just as Jesus had his I AM Presence, so you also have your own I AM Presence above you also. You might not be able to see it but it is there.

The star of the east showed that the great soul of Jesus had come to earth. Jesus had a physical body, just like you and I have. He was a man, but the light of God was within him. That same light that was inside of Jesus is also inside of you.



### **Arriving in Bethlehem**

The Wise Men arrived at the little town of Bethlehem, bringing their gifts for the baby Jesus. Imagine the scene. For days, they had been following the star overhead. Finally the star stopped over the inn. This was the place of the birth of the Messiah!

The camels came to a halt in front of the inn, and dropped wearily to their knees. The Wise Men dismounted, shook the dust from their cloaks and went into the inn to inquire about the child who was born here.

The innkeeper was puzzled. He knew of no newborn child in these parts. He scratched his head and suddenly thought of the man and his wife who had come to the inn the night before. There was no room in the inn. The whole town of Bethlehem was full of people and all the rooms were taken. But the woman looked tired and was soon to be delivered of her baby, so the innkeeper had shown them the stable at the back of the inn. It was the best he could do. It was a place for the animals, but at least it was clean and full of straw. He could see that the couple was grateful.

So the innkeeper lead the way to the stable, and the Three Wise Men followed, to the door of the manger. As they peeped in they could see a light shining from within.





And the Bible tells us:

*And when they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother; and fell down and worshipped him: and when they opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts.”\**

*Mary was holding the baby Jesus in her arms, wrapped in swaddling clothes. And the father Joseph stood nearby.*

*All eyes were turned towards the baby Jesus. The shepherds were also there, and even the animals, the sheep and cows and oxen, were standing in adoration of the Christ child.*

*Mary placed the child in the manger so that the Three Wise Men could see her child.*

And so, the birth of Jesus Christ marks the very first Christmas. Families the world over celebrate this holy day in honor of the birth of our Lord.

### **C. Activity**

Make some plans for your celebration of Christmas.

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Get three colored Christmas tree balls, a blue one for Melchior – Morya, a yellow one for Balthazar – Kuthumi, and a pink one for Caspar – Djwal Kul. Make labels for the balls with the names of the masters attached to the balls. Have them ready when you put up your tree.

Archangel Uriel told us: that each painted ball represents the star of a Causal Body of a favorite ascended master or one revered among the hosts of the Lord. Have your children “print or write the names of their precious friends and tie them to the top of the ball and then place the ball reverently, in full awareness that “lo, I AM here and lo, I AM there!” For wherever the name of an archangel, an Elohim, an ascended being is written or spoken, there is the focus of that Electronic Presence.”



1. Make a star for your Christmas tree. You can make it out of cardboard or out of craft sticks glued together. If you use craft sticks you can glue them together at the tips, cover them with a film of glue and add glitter.

