

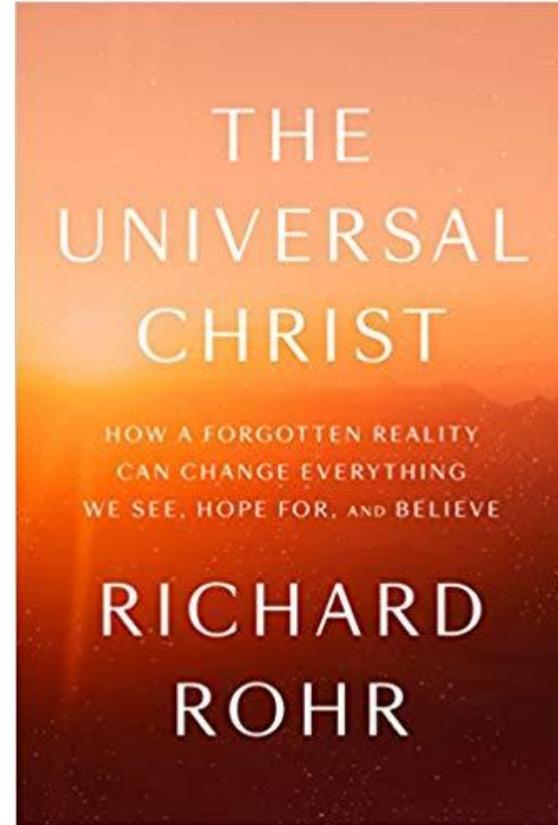
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Chapter 5

# The Universal Christ: *Love is the Meaning.*

*Know it well, love is its meaning.  
Who reveals this to you? Love.  
What does he reveal? Love. Why?  
For Love. Remain in this and you  
will know more of the same.*

*Lady Julian of Norwich, Showings*





**Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: love is the very physical structure of the Universe**

**...movement toward ever greater complexity and diversity...and unification**

**This foundational force of love  
Jesus who is also Christ allows us to see it  
and participate in it ever more fully**



## What Love Tells Us About God

Love: the attraction of all things toward all things

We all know positive flow when we see it.

We all know resistance and coldness when we feel it.

Example: befriending a person standing alone at a party



Love is a paradox

Making a clear decision; but a flow of energy willingly allowed and exchanged, without requiring payment in return.

Divine love is the template: If you never experience human love (sacrifice and forgiveness and generosity) it will be very hard for you to access, imagine or even experience God's kind of love.

Conversely... let God love you



Forgiveness is often the most powerful display of love in action:

acknowledge there is something to forgive

we release the offending party from any need for punishment or recrimination

We bear witness to the Ever Risen and Always Loving Christ who is always “going ahead of you into Galilee...  
Matt 28:7



Un-forgiveness lives in a repetitive past it cannot let go of

repetition of old story line  
remembered hurts  
increasing claims of victimhood



An eagerness and readiness to love is the ultimate freedom and future



Divine love has no room for  
human punishment  
vengeance  
rash judgment  
calls for retribution



## Waking Up

Religion at its best helps bring people to this foundational divine love: more about “waking up” than “cleaning up.”

Jesus refused to bother with secondary issues: Sabbath, ritual laws...

“Cleaning up” is a result of “waking up”

Obedience...vs. “waking up”



Waking Up: US Culture, It's all about winning, then about consuming...

From counseling: most humans need a love object (which will then become a subject!) to keep sane and happy. Our "North Star"

Example: young mothers & fathers: child = "North Star" Parenting and family are the primary school for the love instinct.

Love is the training ground for adoration.

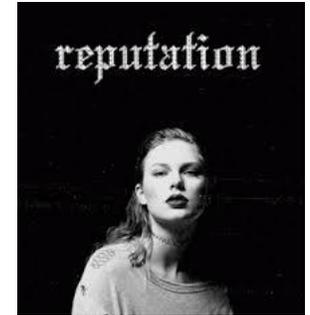


## Love Made Me Do It

Object of affection is arbitrary  
(golf, clean house, cat, reputation)

Largeness of the object determine  
largeness of the love... But God will  
use anything to get you started,  
focused and flowing

God is not in competition with reality  
but in full cooperation with it.



## Love Made Me Do It

Jesus healing  
not “My magic power...”  
but “Your faith...”

Humans prefer magical  
religion...responsibility on God

Mature and transformational religion  
asks us to participate, cooperate and  
change: the divine dance is always a  
partnered two-step

All people must learn to draw from  
their own Implanted Spirit

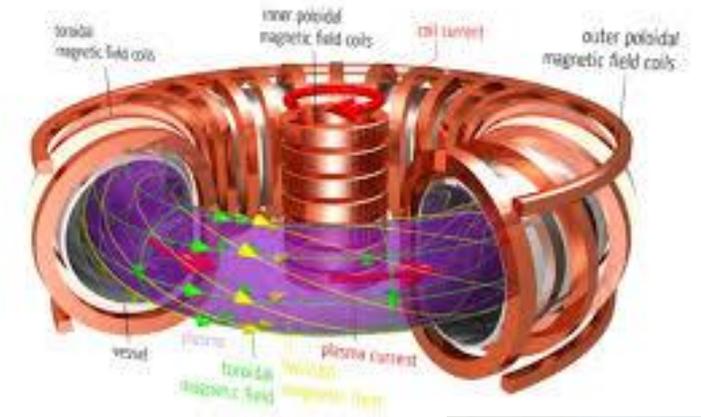


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*The Eternal Christ is the symbolic “superconductor” of the Divine Energies into this world. Jesus ramps down the ohms so we can handle divine love and receive it through ordinary human mediums.*

To complete the circuit of Divine Love we need a moment of awe, a person who evokes that electric conductivity...

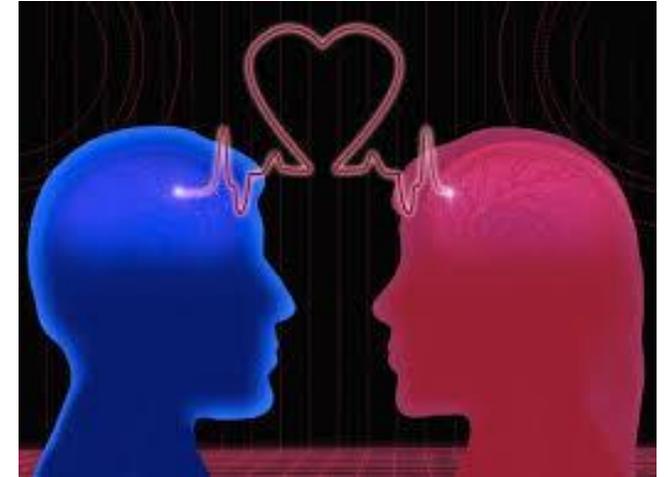
People do not choose love...they fall into it, allow it, and receive its strong charge. *Losing control & finding it.*



## Love Made Me Do It

Richard:

*As I look at the things and people I have tried to love: “They made me do it.” The inherent goodness, inner beauty, vulnerability, deep honesty or generosity of spirit from the other side drew me out of myself toward them.*



## Love Made Me Do It

Grace is the natural loving flow of things when we allow it, instead of resisting it.

Sin is any cutting or limiting of that circuit. (an occasional power outage can help you appreciate how much you need unearned love and deeply rely upon it. Failure is part of the deal!)



## Moving in the Divine Two-Step

### *Divine Milieu*

God does not offer Himself complete  
He is eternal discovery and eternal  
growth

The more we think we understand  
Him, the more he reveals himself  
otherwise.

The more we think we hold him, the  
further He withdraws, drawing us into  
the depths of himself

God creates the pullback too, “hiding his  
face” (Mother Teresa: years of darkness)



# Moving in the Divine Two-Step

*God loves you by becoming you*

*The only thing that separates you from God is the thought that you are separate from God*

*God can never be experienced apart from your best interests being involved*

*“If you ask, you will receive.” To ask is to open the conduit from your side.*

*Your asking is only seconding the motion. The first motion is always from God*