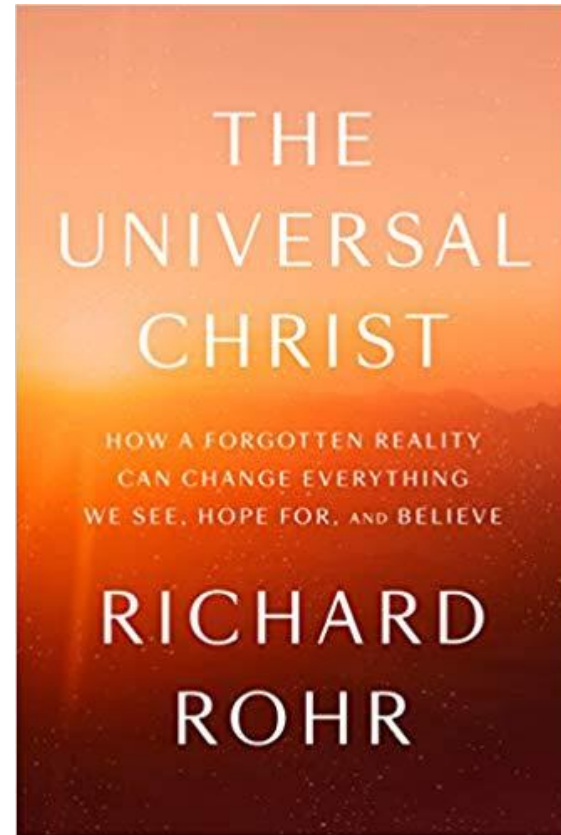


The Universal Christ: *Before We Begin*

*How a Forgotten Reality Can Change
Everything We See, Hope For, and
Believe*



Caryll Houselander (29 September 1901 - 12 October 1954) was a lay Roman Catholic ecclesiastical artist, mystic, popular religious writer and poet.

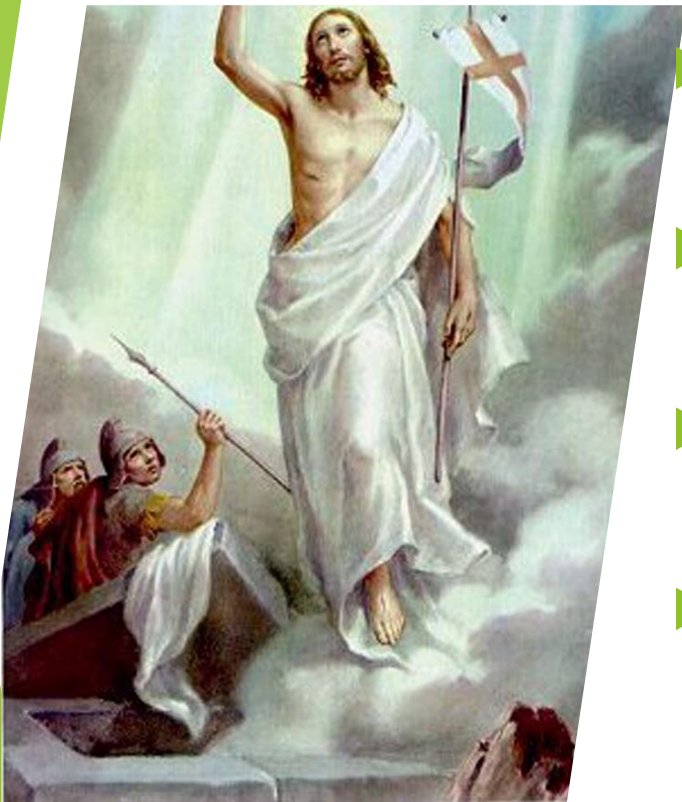
- ▶ Everywhere – Christ
- ▶ Realization of oneness
- ▶ Reverence
- ▶ Every kind of life has meaning
- ▶ Every life has an influence on every other kind of life.





Wisdom of the Entire Body of Christ

- ▶ Damage done to the Gospel at the split in 1054 (East – Orthodox/West Roman Catholic)
- ▶ Christ: the transcendent within every thing in the universe
- ▶ Christ: the immense spaciousness of all true Love
- ▶ Christ: an infinite horizon that pulls us from within and pulls us forward too
- ▶ Christ: another name for everything -- in its fullness



Challenge toward Contemplation

- ▶ *In Him every kind of life has meaning and solid connection*
- ▶ Contemplation... waiting patiently for the gaps to be filled in, and it does not insist on quick closure or easy answers.

