



DUPED?

QUESTIONING THE LOGIC
OF POP SPIRITUALITY



Part 3: Deepak and the Logic of Jesus

I often think that we are incredibly fortunate to have as much understanding of Jesus as we do. He could just as easily have been dismissed as insane.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

Like every organized religion, Christianity long ago abandoned love as a radical path to transformation, paying ceremony and respect to Jesus' words about loving thy neighbour while sanctioning war and intolerance.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

Jesus lived out his own teaching. He submitted to an unjust trial, persecution, and finally violent death. Surrender proved to be Jesus' ultimate weapon. But the fact that Jesus is worshipped for not resisting evil hasn't carried the day for us ordinary mortals – we continue to live, by and large, by the very law he preached against: an eye for an eye.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

I want to offer the possibility that Jesus was truly, as he proclaimed, a saviour. Not *the* saviour, not the one and only Son of God. Rather, Jesus embodied the highest level of enlightenment. ...Jesus intended to save the world by showing others the path to God-consciousness.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

You don't need to have faith in the Messiah or his mission. Instead, you have faith in the vision of higher consciousness. Instead of saying "Believe in me," Jesus refers his followers to his essence, which is the light of pure consciousness.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

Step by step, each person must locate an inner state that is free from images of pain; in that state lies redemption.

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As regards evil, the new thing you must create is the absence of duality. No more dark versus light. No more fixed boundaries to divide safe from unsafe, god from Satan, self from non-self. As these boundaries fade, nothing remains but one reality, a boundless state known as God. ...I believe this is what Jesus meant when he said, "resist not evil".

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Today, people say "God the Father" as if they are referring to a real entity. I don't think Jesus would agree.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

What made Jesus the Son of God was the fact that he had achieved God consciousness.

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When he says, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Light," the capital letters aren't just a holdover from an archaic form of English... The light is your own consciousness, here and now, in the messy present tense.

~ Deepak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*

You can't take the spiritual journey with a foot in two boats.

~ Deepak Chopra

Good point. It's time to make a choice.

~ Bruxy Cavey

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

~ Jesus