

# CHRISTIANS CAN BE PROUD OF BRAHMA KUMARIS!

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Being a voracious reader of the Bible, I was fascinated by the electrifying personality of Jesus Christ. Yet I often wondered whether such an elevated personality was really possible? Can we find today a community of people as a whole practising what Jesus taught with his life?

Let us do an interesting exercise. We will make a chart of major things Jesus said and did, and replace his name with the pronoun he, and ask the world: “Whose characteristics are they?”

## Here is the chart:

► He led a life of remembrance of God. “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,” He used to go to a lonely place so as to talk to his heavenly Father, as if engaging in a nectar-time (*Amritavela*) meditation daily. (Mark 1:35; John 8:1, 2). Then again during the day,

evening, and sometimes even in night, he took time to talk to his Heavenly Father.—Luke 5:16; 6:12; Mathew 14:23.

- His life itself was a meditation, as if always doing, in principle, an open-eyed meditation, as he kept his ‘eyes single.’ (Mathew 6:22) He had the real eyes that saw the eternal behind the ephemeral, or the SOURCE behind the resources. (Luke 11:27, 28; 18:18-19)
- He practised celibacy; because he viewed all women as his own sisters. (Mathew 23:9) Hence, He never looked at a woman lustfully. (Mathew 5:28)
- He had a great mind (*Brahma*, in Sanskrit) treating God as his Father and others as his brothers and sisters. (Mathew 23:9) Because of this, he was never influenced by his

fleshly family members and relatives. (Mathew 12:46-50) He was like a bride towards God who is also called ‘husband’ (Isaiah 54:5) and doing God’s will was like intoxication to him. (John 4:34; 6:38)

- He declared goodness or beneficence (*Shivam* in Sanskrit) as the primary and exclusive attribute of our heavenly Father; and He is the source of all good gifts. (Mark 10:18; Mathew 7:11)
- He knew he was a soul, had existed before in Heaven, and would return to heaven after earthly life. (John 5:24; 6:38, 62; 8:42; 13:1; 17:5) He taught that our Heavenly Father is “spirit,” or incorporeal. Thus he implied all His children are also spiritual beings acting in physical bodies; hence are the exact representation of His very being. (John 4:24; 6:63 Compare Ecclesiastes 12:7 and Mark 12:26-27) He also taught we can choose to be peaceful and pure souls, and become the children of God. (Mathew 5:3, 8,9) Hence he could ask us: “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”



- (Mathew 5:48)
- ▶ Every soul carries within it a *sanskar* (unique personality traits) of one's own making and acts accordingly. (Mathew 12:35)
  - ▶ He believed every action (even an unproductive word one utters) has equal and opposite reaction. (Mathew 12:36; 23:12; Luke 6:38)
  - ▶ He taught that many will not change their *sanskar*, hence will repeat their acts in their next birth too.—Luke 16:31 Compare Mathew 11:14; 12:32.
  - ▶ He declared vices such as lust, anger, greed, attachment, pride ... as originating from body-consciousness, and showed perfect control over them.—Mark 7:21-23; compare Galatians 5:19-21; John 16:33; 1 John 2:15-17.
  - ▶ Purpose of life is to become like our Heavenly Father, manifesting His qualities in day-to-day life. What is required is only a change in attitude. (Mathew 5:44-48; Genesis 11:6) This is possible because, Spirit is more powerful than the body.—John 6:63
  - ▶ This Dark Age will be replaced by Golden Age. (Mathew 12:32; Mathew 19:28) Only those who are leading a Golden Aged life now will inherit Golden Age. (Mathew 13:24-30) As the time passes by, Golden Age will steadily decline in quality and old habits will resurface (Mathew 13:33, 52) and cycle will repeat. (Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10; 3:15)
  - ▶ He knew the world will come to its destruction with the stock-piles of deadly arms man has manufactured. (Mathew 24:21; 26:52)
  - ▶ He taught that people will be judged on the basis of whether they have loved Light that has come into the world or not. (John 3:19-21)
  - ▶ He stated that men and women are “images of God,” hence equal. He chose to reveal the most important spiritual truths to a woman who was from a “low” caste community called Samaritans. (John 4) He declared that projection of woman as inferior was the result of “hardheartedness” of some ancient men, which obviously has nothing to do with Scriptures. (Mathew 19:4-8) God is not partial to any nation or religion; but goes by fruitage one produces (Mathew 21:43)
  - ▶ When all the men whom Jesus personally trained deserted him, “many women” stood with him at the direst moments of his life, ministering to him. (Mathew 27:55) He praised women as having keener insight into future and spirituality than men (Mathew 26:10-13 Contrast John 6:60) and appointed women to impart vital spiritual truth to men. (John 20:16-18)
- In brief, he lived up to his name, Jesus, (transliteration of the Hebrew Jehoshua), which means “Jehovah is salvation.” Jehovah means “I am that I am.” (Exodus 3:14) Abraham very well knew the meaning of this name and had already put the essence of it in a simple title as “the eternal” (*Olam*, in Hebrew) in Genesis 21:33, which God Himself expanded later as: “I am the *Alpha* and the *Omega* ... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8) What better word can convey God's name as the eternal (as opposed to the ephemeral—things that appear, remain for some time and disappear after

a while)? He is THE SOURCE behind all the resources; hence only HE can become our saviour, the supreme beneficent; and only He can become the valid object of our love. (James 1:17) Thus, Jesus' name was a roaring reminder to the world: "Remember God, because He only is your Saviour," which is in essence all the teachings of *Brahma Kumaris* put together. "Remember God and be pure" has been their most important mantra from their very inception!

Now ask the world, whom the above mentioned things identify. "That is what *Brahma Kumaris* do," people with keen insight will answer. Similarity between *Brahma Kumaris* and Jesus is not a coincidence. The basis of God's children is always the same, it never changes. (Mathew 5:44-48) Hence Christians can actually be proud of *Brahma Kumaris* who collectively prove Jesus is practical, and who remain pure and help the world as light-bearers in this "time of the end." – Compare Mathew 24:3; 25:1-13



**Happiness makes  
difficult things  
easy and heavy  
things light.**

## *CHILDHOOD – MOST BEAUTIFUL PHASE*

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Childhood is so beautiful  
Innocent and wonderful  
It is free from worries  
Time to float like fairies

Like a saint  
So attractive and pure  
Childhood says  
I am so happy and secure

It sings melodiously  
All are mine and I'm for all  
So I like those days  
When I was small

It is so sweet  
As sweet as honey  
Childhood says  
I want your love, not money

God also says:  
"My sweet child  
Never forget those days  
And remain content always"

"Think always that  
I am a child of God  
With your gentleness  
Get beautiful award".