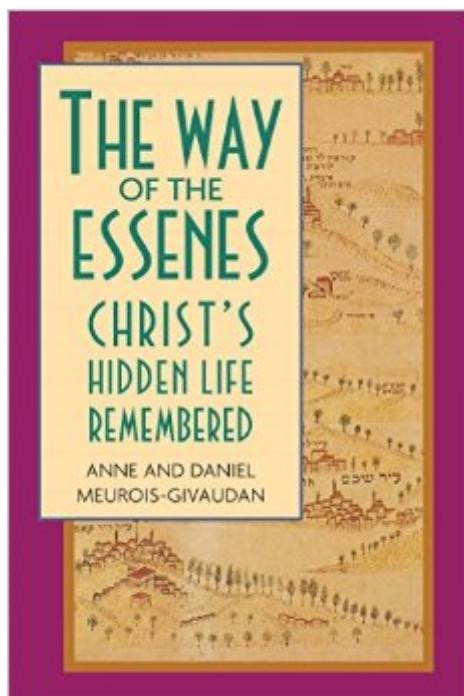


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# The Way Of The Essenes: Christ's Hidden Life Remembered



## **Synopsis**

Two thousand years after the fact, new light is shed on Christ's hidden life as an initiate in the mystical society of the Essene Brotherhood. In the first English-language edition of the European bestseller, Anne and Daniel Meurois-Givaudan describe the way of life in the Essene communities of first-century Palestine. Through direct revelation, the authors received--over a two-year period--detailed knowledge of the Essene teachings and their role in preparing Christ for his mission. At once unpretentious and astonishing, this beautifully written and evocative story lucidly recreates the life and personality of Christ and his role in the spiritual development of humankind. Since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, questions continue to arise as to the identity of the Essenes and what role they might have played in the life of Jesus. This account complements the gospels, clarifying and enlarging upon mysterious parts of the record--including Christ's mystical and metaphysical teachings of Essene techniques for spiritual advancement. The authors'™ retelling of the Passion of Christ and its aftermath is an extraordinary account that may forever reshape our understanding of these biblical events.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Not the easiest book to read. Lots of heavy reading that required many re-reads in various parts of the book, which is an inspiring account into the mystical nature of events surrounding the life of Jesus, the Essene and Jewish communities, the Romans, and the Christ. From the excerpts, one sees new and different insights into strange and supernatural occurrences that religions have

interpreted and tailored into what they want us to believe. Be ready to see a different take on the Star of Bethlehem, the moment of when Jesus became the Christ, and the commotion surrounding the crucifixion and its aftermath. The book reflects the Akashic Records journeys (in 1st person form of each) of the two Essenes who befriended Jesus at an early age, then followed the Master during his teachings and eventual physical death. The book is not all about Jesus, but is also about the people (and their lives) who were influenced by his teachings of Love and Kindness. Its a great book but be prepared to be surprised, amused, and knocked off your conventions.

Without a doubt this book gave me a point of connection for the possibility for who Jesus, the man , actually was. It is such a beautiful, moving encounter of this gentle being who walked and worked among the Essenes. I was left having a much better sense of who this icon known as Jesus really was when he inhabited a body on this planet. I am very well read in the new age/spiritual literature ( having a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psych.) and this book delivered fresh meaningful information. I loved it !

THIS BOOKS HELPS TO FILL IN GAPS LEFT IN ME BY MY FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN UP-BRINGING. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT FOR THOSE CHRISTIANS WHO FEEL THAT THE SIMPLE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS INTENTIONS FOR US HAVE BEEN TAINTED BY 2000 YEARS OF FEARFUL CHURCH LEADERS. THE JESUS DESCRIBED AND WITNESSED BY THE AUTHORS MEUROIS-GIVAUDAN, IS STILL PERSONAL AND ALIVE.

This is an extraordinary book for several reasons:1. Anyone with an open heart and mind will be be spiritually inspired by it to a very high degree, and there is surely little more that one could ever hope for from a book than this.2. For those familiar with Rudolf Steiner's Christology, this book provides to my knowledge the first independent corroboration of some of the claims he makes about Christ's esoteric genealogy (specifically about his relation to Zarathustra and about the composite nature of the Jesus-Christ individuality). Steiner of course goes into far more detail - based on his own reading of the Akashic record - than do the authors of this book (who hint at much that they do not say explicitly), but the parallels are nonetheless striking. (For those interested in the relevant Steiner material, I would recommend his lecture series entitled 'From Jesus to Christ', as well as the lectures he gave on the gospels.)3. For those who feel an inner connection with the esoteric streams of religion and Christianity in particular, this book will convey the strong conviction that these traditions are very much alive and accessible to those who seek them in the right way.

I came accross this book some years back and it remains one of the best books that I have ever read (& re-read). It touches your heart and gives you a glimpse of a time gone by, while subtly drawing you in and making you feel as though you were there. The storyline connected with many 'truths' that I had not previously seen written anywhere. At the end, I was only sorry that it was over. I have recommended it to many people and have given it as a gift several times as well. I highly recommend this book!

I loved this book and highly recommend it. I learned so much more from this single book than from my entire Catholic upbringing. This book delves into the true meaning of baptism, healing, Jesus' life here on earth and especially, what actually happened during the crucifixion. This is an excellent, informative, and uplifting text that is well worth reading!

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