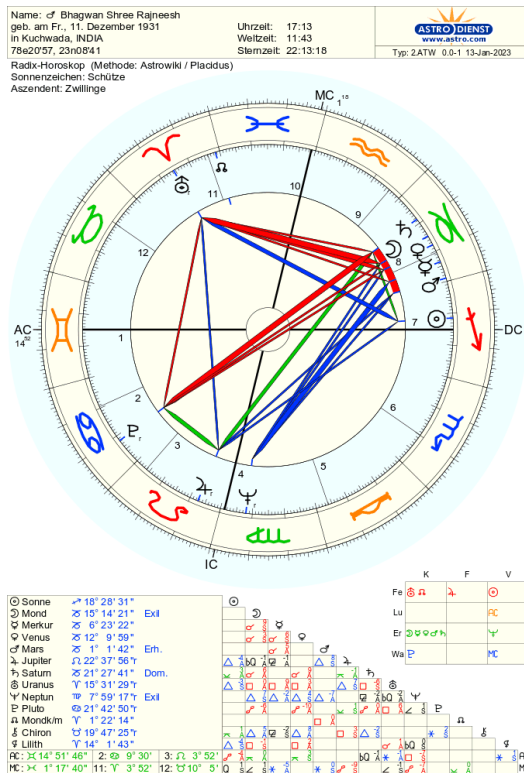


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Osho's horoscope reveals Sagittarius in partner house 7, who likes to be in exchange with his surroundings. Mars, Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Moon in Capricorn house 7 & 8 reveal deeply felt, logically processed knowledge from past mystical) tradition/s (*)MC – house of profession/career). AC Gemini that he is outwardly the knowledgeable thinker who is best at home in large groups. Lilith on Uranus in Aries, his unbound impulse to - intellectually (Hs. 3) - free leadership, sometimes even "aggressiveness", in public. And last but not least, ruler of 7 (philosophy-Jupiter) in the knowing house 3 - Leo, testifies to a certain tendency to royally displayed show "splendour"; cosmopolitan philosophy as if on a glittering stage, etc. (briefly indicated by Martin Lindemann, on rev.20.05.23)*

I have placed an assessment of the ev. Zentralstelle zu Weltanschauungsfragen EZW on page 11 behind the (partly abridged summarised) quotations and summaries from the book.

Osho's book, freely spoken in Poona about Jesus, translated a tape recording "as accurately as possible" (translated to the german 1. edition and thereof re-translated by me via deepl. translator into english again).

Title: **'I Say onto You'**, 1st ed. 1995 © copyright also of the translation Osho International Foundation, Zurich, All rights reserved, reprinting also in extracts only with the permission of Osho-Verlag Cologne. Page numbering from the german edition "Ich aber sage euch":

Excerpts quoted by me for philosophical discourse purposes, similar to "scientific" purposes, e.g. for my homepage www.astrologischesabendmahl.de Martin Lindemann, Jan. 16, / May 22, 2023

Page 1- 114 a few topics that stuck in my mind during a cursory skim, reproduced in abbreviated form, then partly quoted verbatim. With a few comments from me:

Book - german edition: chapter 1 The flute on God's lip.
Not evaluated...

Chapter 2 Come out of your mind

p. 45 Osho: "God is a dancer", *Osho continues, shortened*: because only in dance does he unite man, art, music and movement... *Martin L.: agreed.*

p. 55 Osho: "Buddha is mind, logic, Christ is heart..." *Further - Osho, shortened:* 'At first Buddha did not want to initiate women, but under pressure he did...'

That day he said, "My path would have stayed at least 5,000 years. But now I can only hope for 500 years, not even that. ...And that is exactly what happened. With the entry of women, Buddhism began to change its character, because women bring love with them."

S57 Osho *analogous, abbreviated:* ...femininity, goodness, receptivity... The quality changed: Buddha became a god. ...the purity of Buddha was lost... (But:) "nothing went wrong, because so many people reach the goal through love. His exclusive adherence to intelligence was lost. The path became more and more a meeting of opposites. I like that very much. Nothing comparable happened on the path of Jesus. No one entered the path of Jesus who would have added intelligence..."

Note Martin L: yes, perhaps the astrological-gnostic path of the Renaissance, which Osho does not reflect? - because he does not know it?) Gnostic astrology also contains archetypal gods, including the intellectual Mercury as well as the totally heart-feeling moon goddess. In Gnostic Christianity everything is present that Osho (Buddha) is looking for, only the church path unfortunately buried most of it again in the centuries after the Renaissance...*

**)Addendum Jan 26, 2023 However, I've found now in Osho's book 'Astrology' right at the beginning that he very well and knowledgeably refers to Vedic and also Western Sumerian astrology. Among them Paracelsus and others. I have not yet read this possibly highly exciting book, but will do so!*

Osho: "In this respect, the path of Jesus remained purer. It is the path of prayer, of love - love of the whole existence - love of God... If you look for techniques in the Gospels, you are looking in the wrong place. Look for them in Patanjali's "Yoga Sutras", look for them in "Vigyan Bhairav Tantra. Look for them elsewhere. Jesus is a lover. If you know how to love, you don't need anything else, but if you don't know how to love, nothing can help you on this path. Then forget him, he is not for you. The problem is... Nirvan wants to love and cannot love, so he looks for techniques. But love never happens through techniques... Nirvan followed the path of intelligence. If Buddha attracts you, then there is no problem. Forget about Jesus! Buddha is enough. The Gospels have no techniques to develop a loving heart - because there are none. Besides, the Gospels are too difficult for ordinary people. At this point you are completely wrong, Nirvan. The Gospels are difficult only for intellectuals, not for common people. Jesus went about with common people. His entire discipleship was made up of common people. ...because they have a purer heart, naturally. The intellectuals lose their heart, they are stuck in the head."

p. 58 Osho, *shortened:* ...Love is not possible through the head. ...Intelligence is not created for love. "...So, how is it that you -Nirvana - say: besides, the Gospels are too difficult. No, my Lord, they are not. If they are difficult for you, it only shows that you are difficult for them, that you are too much in your head. You cannot approach the Gospels from the head. Through tears, yes. By logic, no; by dancing, yes; by singing, yes; by praying, yes. But by reasoning, no. ...They are very simple entities - like flowers, like rivers."

p. 59 Osho *mutatis mutandis, abridged:* Jesus lived with ordinary people. ...Buddha lived with extraordinary people - great scholars, intellectuals, philosophers, poets. Jesus went about with fishermen, woodcutters, cobblers, drunkards, and a prostitute. And he talked with them, these Gospels are their conversations; they took place between Jesus and very simple people. ...he himself was one of them, he was a carpenter's son and not a king's son.

Osho: "He cannot say anything that cannot be understood by ordinary people. ...It depends: if you are an extremely intellectual person, Buddha's way will look very practical to you; if you are a loving person, Buddha's way will look impractical, and Jesus' way will look practical."

...It depends more on you how it looks. ...And there is no need to hold on to the impractical."
Martin L.: agreed.

p. 61 "Virginity is a state of mind, not sexlessness. ...Innocent sex is virginal." *Martin L.: agreed, correlates with the qualities of the astrological zodiac sign Virgo.*

Chapter 3 Go and reconcile first

p. 69 Osho: "Moses civilised, Jesus spiritualised".

Osho *meaningfully, abbreviated*: ...Moses' civilising was a crude discipline, things were not (yet) better at that time - Osho thinks. *Note Martin L. which must also be questioned in the surrounding cultures of the time. But also the Egyptians, like the Babylonians enslaved and waged wars and the early "guest workers". - Moses = path, Jesus = fulfilment (of that path);*

p. 70 Osho *mutatis mutandis, abridged*: Jesus is not against Moses, Jews misunderstand him. Moses talks about laws, Jesus about love. Death penalty on killing is mathematics, but not spiritual. If killing is wrong in itself, the law is wrong.

p. 71 Osho analogously, abbreviated: Jesus brought (note: Martin L.: to the Jews of Babylon/Egypt) alchemy. Fear gives rise to laws, understanding to love. But the Jews were angry, they could not break away from Moses, they thought Jesus was against Moses. This misunderstanding remained. ...In India, Hindus thought that Buddha was against the Vedas - the same problem!

p. 72 Osho, *in essence, abbreviated*: Jesus was a man of immense love, yes-saying, affirmative. Everything is incarnation of God, trees, stars, "But you will have to go through the gate of the single being". Jesus was misunderstood by the Jews (among others), but he was the height of their intelligence, he was what they had been waiting for, but when he came he was rejected. And then the Christians had misunderstood even more.

p. 74 ...A great yes-man was perverted into a no-man. Celebration was denied them - mourning instead.

p. 75 ...The word 'No' makes one angry. Descartes: I think, therefore I am. 'No' creates ego. Ego separates and makes irreligious.

p. 85 ...When you love a person more, sex will begin to disappear, because you experience a higher form of reconciliation. The 3rd stage, because love is prayer.

p86 Osho *mutatis mutandis, abridged*: Peter answered Jesus three times that he loved him. Three levels are meant: Sex, love, prayer, not so well distinguished in English. Jesus uses agapao.

p. 90 ...Peter uses Philo (affection / unconscious). ...In the fire of passion, compassion is born. ...Sex cannot embrace love, love cannot embrace prayer...the child must come out like a bird from the egg. Sex is like an egg. - *Insertion Martin L.: again as a small hint, also Osho's Sanyassin had quickly learned that a condom can be important as protection against AIDS and other diseases, as well as against unwanted (too numerous) children.*

p. 94 Osho, *mutatis mutandis, shortened*: ...The problem of the (10) commandments: Outwardly you can be completely moral, inwardly you carry the snakes, scorpions, the poison of the world. Jesus says: do not covet, enjoy, but do not possess.

p. 98 Osho *meaningfully, abbreviated*: Do not resist evil, otherwise all your energy will go into resistance. That is an alchemical teaching. - *Martin L.: I am not so sure whether one wants to stand idly by and watch the conquest of one's homeland. In that case, should US*

indigenous peoples have simply thrown up their hands in the face of immigrants, or Vienna in the face of the Turks? Even a Hitler would have met no resistance to his crimes. ...Or a Putin today? - But in this respect I already agree with Osho in parts: "An eye for an eye" is wrong. But he goes further - like Jesus (or Gandhi) - and means, in essence: „do not resist, whoever hits you on the left cheek, turn the right cheek too. No retaliation, reaction, quarrel, you only throw down your diamonds.“ - Martin L.: well comprehensible, yet always just the "philosopher's stone"...? Compare current defence/wars and politics. But that would be worth a separate follow-up discussion.

p. 99 Osho: "those who have will be given, those who have nothing will be taken away" (*Martin L. Does Osho mean here the parable of the talents? Which he will then surely hardly have understood in its astrological dimension...*)

Osho: "if you do not waste energy... you will get more".

Chapter 4 You only own what you have created for yourself

P. 115 Osho: "In fact, you don't know Jesus as he was. You know Jesus as Christianity portrays him." *Martin L.: agreed,*

p. 117: Osho: "The Jews have always been a law-abiding people, that's why all the great revolutionaries of the world were Jews, Marx, Freud, Einstein... The Jews are so law-abiding... that sooner or later one is born who rebels against it. Only in a law-abiding society can the rebel be born. ...Many sannyasins are also Jews..." Osho *mutatis mutandis, abridged:* If Jesus was amoral, not un-moral, Osho means, his morality came from within and not from without. He did not carry any inferences from the past. His response to the situation was always fresh. Osho: "That's why there are so many contradictions in the Bible - there must be. Voltaire almost shouted, 'Down with the scoundrel'. Because Jesus is so contradictory; in fact, you cannot follow Jesus without going mad."

p. 131 Osho: "Don't make an image of yourself either, just be true, authentic, as you are...don't have an image of Jesus, don't have an idea of God...If you can let go of all your ideas, you will enter into another dimension..." *Martin L.: agreed,*

Chapter 5 Pray to your Father in secret

P. 142: to the child, Osho: "it goes through millions of years of evolution during the nine months in the womb."

p. 144 "a child is very self-oriented... the child is link between man and animal"

p.148 "America is in trouble. America is in great agony, but this agony is higher than Indian peace. This agony can be more creative, can bring a higher stage of mind and consciousness into the world than this cow-like peace. This peace is not very creative. Yes, it is good in a way, you live your life without much agony of soul. But nothing grows out of such a life... In America, people are very alone even when they are in the crowd. In India, when people are alone, they are not alone. They know they belong... They know they don't have to choose, everything is pre-determined. A Brahmin is born a Brahmin. He does not have to work for it, it is already decided by destiny, by God. ...That is why there are fewer mental breakdowns in India than in America. But remember, it is not a good condition. And I am not saying that a breakdown is not a good thing But I am saying that merely not being worried and not being tense is not an achievement either." *Martin L.: interesting, agreed.*

p. 149 Osho: "This stage - the second stage - is a kind of patriarchy ...the father is demanding, the mother is not demanding. Mother love is unconditional. Father love is conditional: do this and I will love you, if not, you will not get my love. This stage is patriarchal. The father becomes important, the mother is unimportant. Unconditional love is not known. Society appreciates and respects you if you follow it. As soon as you deviate a little, it will deny you all respect and is ready to destroy you." *Martin L.: a bit too categorised, but in principle coherent thought; in astrology men can also have significantly more female character traits, and vice versa. Transvestites and or homosexuals too, perhaps.*

p. 150 Osho: "The Jewish God says, "I am a jealous God. If you rebel against me, I will destroy you". And the same thing is said by the state, the government, the priest, the pope. They are all very jealous, they are very controlling. This stage is repressive...dictatorial: it teaches you to say yes. No is not accepted. The yes is aggressively enforced, but it doesn't have much value, because if you can't say no, your yes is also impotent. But that is the yes that exists everywhere.

People believe in God because they have been told to believe in God, they go to church. They do things formally, ritually."

Further: "...Jesus called them hypocrites..."

Further: "...There is a communal solidarity, because you are never alone. When the great crowd surrounds you, you can trust. So many people cannot be wrong. Because so many are walking on the same path in the same direction, you are also walking with them." *Martin L.: conclusively argued.*

p. 151: Osho: "The third mind I call the individual mind. Nietzsche calls it 'the lion'. It is independence, it is asserting oneself, it is rebellion. The ego has developed. ...The real culture can only begin when you have become an individual. Perceiving your self is a must. This is the third stage of the mind. Identity is no longer in belonging, whether you are Hindu, Muslim or Christian. The identity is more personal, that you are a painter, that you are a poet, more creatively contributing something to the world that only you have contributed. Slowly the centre awakens in the misty mind."

In the child's mind there was no centre. In the collective mind there was a false centre, imposed from outside. In the individual mind there is an awakening of an inner centre." *Martin L.: somewhat schematic, but coherently argued. I believe that such a gradation scheme is not always quite so strictly hierarchical in the individually highly different reality; at least not in every human being...?*

S153 Osho: "...you have to say no to a thousand and one things so that you can say yes to the One you really want to say yes to. ...Now it is authentic.

That's a very creative crisis, because when you go beyond that, that's when you meet your creativity. When you fall back, you don't fall to the second level, you fall to the first level. ...If you fall from the third, from the individual mind, you will immediately end up in madness, because the second is no longer open. You have learned to say no, you have learned to be more rebellious, you have tasted freedom, now you cannot fall back to the second stage. That door is no longer open to you. If you fall from the third, you will fall to the first: You will become insane.

That is exactly what happened to Friedrich Nietzsche. He was a lion, but the lion became crazier, roared and roared. And he couldn't find a way beyond the third stage ...once your No

has become very conscious, you can't go back to faith." - *Insertion Martin L.: yes, to the belief, or knowledge, in / of astrology.*

p. 154: Osho: "once a person has become an atheist, ordinary theism will no longer be enough for him. Then he will have to find a person like me. ...Nietzsche would have needed a person like Buddha. And since Buddha was not available, and since the Western mind has not yet been able to go beyond the third stage, he had to go mad. ...because the fourth stage is not yet available in the West.

The fourth mind is the "universal mind". Remember, it looks collective, but it is not collective. "Collective means belonging to one society, one time, one country. Universal means belonging to the whole of existence, to existence as such. Once the ego is ripe, it can be dropped, in fact it drops of its own accord when the door is available. And that is the task of religion, to open the fourth door. That is the problem in the West today: the third mind is developed to the highest and the fourth door is no longer available."

p. 155 Osho: "Carl Gustav Jung said in his memoirs that from thousands of observations... he came to some conclusions. One of the conclusions is that people encounter a religious crisis at forty to forty-five. Their problem is not psychological, their problem is religious. At the age of forty-two forty-five, a person starts looking around for the fourth mind. If he can't find anything there, he goes crazy. Then the hunger is there, but the food is not there....

It is almost like when you attain sexual maturity at the age of fourteen."

p. 159 Osho: "Being separate from the cosmos must disappear, you must be one with it.

...Then there is relaxation, peace, non-violence. The energy that was bound in the ego is released. This energy becomes beauty, goodness, truth. That is the stage of matriarchy. The collective mind is patriarchy, the individual mind is brotherhood and the universal mind is matriarchy.

Mother love is not demanding, as is the love of the universe for you." *Martin L.: again somewhat schematically "stubborn", but in principle comprehensible.*

Osho: "The first stage was chaotic, the second was intellectual, the third was intelligent. The fourth is emotional: it consists of love, comes from the heart. With the third, the intellect reaches its peak; with the fourth, love begins to flow. This stage can be called God as Mother. If God as Father has died, God as Mother must arise. When the father is important, religion is more institutional, formal.... The Mother is more natural, biological, inner. The universal mind brings the matriarchy.... Life is not thought about according to logic but according to love."

p. 160 Osho: "The poet Friedrich Schiller called it the "universal kiss." ...As on the womb, the yes comes back into life, but it is no longer imposed by the outer world, it comes from your innermost core. That is trust."

p. 162 Osho tells from a Buddhist parable: "...gold can be dust, dust can be gold. It depends on how you look at it. ...The day you understand how to look properly, the whole world will turn into gold. That is the secret of alchemy."

p. 163 Osho: "There is another gate, that is the universal mind, which is really childhood again, but a second childhood and not like the first. It is not chaotic and has self-discipline, an

inner cosmos and order. ...You see the right thing and the right thing has to be done. According to awareness....

And then the fifth stage beyond the universal mind. For to think that alone is to think. ..You are still aware that you are one with the whole, but you are and are one with the whole. The oneness is not yet total. If oneness is really final, then there is nothing individual, nothing universal. That is the fifth mind: Christ mind. ...You are Anand, there is no fear, no misery. Everything has passed away, the nightmare has ended. You are fully awakened. In this wakefulness is Buddhahood or Christ consciousness. These are the five stages. The third is the central one. These five sutras of Jesus are for the fifth,

"When you pray, do not do as the hypocrites do. They stand up straight in the synagogues when they pray. And on the street corners, so that they may be seen by people. But this I say to you: they have already received their reward." "

Martin L.: the five stages are conclusively worked out. Whether this works for everyone - if at all - as a ladder to heaven pyramid, or whether it is not a little more dissolved, remains to be seen.

p. 167 Osho: "Forget society, forget the collective mind, at least when you pray. ...create your own prayer. To the Lord's Prayer Jesus says: this way. He is just giving you an example.... Which is to show a way, but create your own prayer.

Jesus says: go through the narrow gate! For the gate is wide that leads to destruction. But the gate that leads to life is narrow, and the way there is strait, and few find it."

Chapter 6 They crucified him

Chapter 7 Devotion in darkness

Pg 215 Osho: "There is a kind of affinity between trees and birds. If the trees disappear, the birds will disappear, and if the birds disappear the trees will not be so beautiful. ...Birds don't go crazy, they don't need a psychiatrist like Freud or Jung or Adler. They are perfectly healthy. Zoo animals start imitating humans, go crazy or commit suicide. Zoo animals even become homosexual." - *Note: Martin L.: more recent research should take a stand on this alleged zoo-exclusivity(?). Until also the questionable non-homosexuality of animals in the wild, quite nicely described.*

p. 219 Osho: "the fourth dimension is awareness, being a witness. In the Gospel, Jesus repeatedly says to his disciples: wake up! Be aware! Observe! ...but Christianity has not been able to convey this message to humanity in clarity. It failed completely. ...The Church did not become Jesus' follower, but basically his adversary.... Buddha was more fortunate. His followers never formed themselves into a church, they never organised themselves so politically and they did not become so worldly. They carried fragments of Buddha's message through the centuries.

This fourth dimension has to be understood as deeply as possible..."

p. 221 Osho: "Sleep and Dream..." Osho calls dreams secondary to sleep - in principle: yes, but I am slightly of a different opinion here.

p. 235 And Buddha replied 12 years later "to his father: "Lord, do not be offended. I came through you, but it was not you who gave me life." That is what Jesus said..."

p. 224 Osho: "...with Jesus you are known, and that is through a certain conditioning, the Jewish conditioning. The same is the case with Buddha for a Hindu. The Hindu finds it very difficult to accept Buddha. It is easier to accept Jesus, because the Hindu and the Hindu mind have nothing in common with Jesus. The relationship is new. But there is much connected with Buddha. Buddha was a rebel who spoke against orthodox Hinduism. Though he was the highest flowering of Hindu consciousness, he was against Hindu past. And he was the future, but he was against the past. And the future must be against the past. The same was the case with Jesus. ...Because he was the highest flower (of Judaism), he had to reject many things. He had to rebel against Jewish lethargy, the Jewish past, the prophets. And the Jew feels very hurt by this... ...After Jesus, the chosen people are no longer chosen. Of course, the Jews were very hurt. The Jews had hoped that Jesus would give them more unification, and he began to uproot them. ...And then these two thousand years after Jesus... Because of Jesus, the Jews suffered during these two thousand years; the Christians tortured them, killed them, murdered them. And everything that the Christians have done during these two thousand years provokes again this great enmity against Jesus. Jesus kept saying "love your neighbour" and "love your enemy". And my feeling is that both are the same thing, the neighbour is the enemy. Haven't you observed it (on the train)? You confess things to strangers that you wouldn't dare tell anyone with whom you have a close relationship, because that would be dangerous. No danger with the stranger who gets off at the next train station.... When a Jew meets Buddha, there is no prejudice, no bias. But Jesus? He is not a stranger to you. He was born into your family, and then he began to destroy that very house. The temple where you used to worship, even though he says, "I have come not to destroy but to fulfil." But to fulfil, he must destroy...only then can the new temple be built."

Martin L.: that is again a bit too black and white/ Yin-Yang argued for me, one "must" not always destroy, can sometimes also grow into each other a bit more fluently. I also see Yin & Yang as polar on the one hand, but the boundaries do not necessarily have to be so sharply "destructive"(?) ...but in fact what Christians, and especially the Shoah perpetrated by Germans did to the Jews, is an incomparable crime. Osho's mental - more or less - slight parallels between Judeo-Christianity and Hindu-Buddhism are nevertheless interesting. A German would not be allowed to philosophise in such an unbiased way, but Osho, whose culture has nothing whatsoever to do with the Holocaust, "may" be allowed so...

Chapter 8 Living for Eternity

p. 247 Osho: "That is why the name of Jesus hurts. You cannot possibly forgive him until you have given up your Jewish conditioning. Then there is no more problem, then Jesus is as understandable as Buddha. The problem does not come from Jesus. The problem is in you, not in the New Testament. ...Through me it is easier because I am not a Jew. Through me Jesus becomes non-Jewish..."

p. 249 -on India - Osho: "The Hindus were angry, they destroyed Buddhism. Do you know that Buddhism no longer exists in India? In China, in Tibet, in Japan, etc., it is loved. The whole of Asia is Buddhist, except India. And he was born in India.... What happened? The Hindus took revenge. They destroyed... and notice, their destruction was by far more sophisticated than the destruction of Jesus by the Jews. Because the Jews killed Jesus and in doing so they made a big mistake. The Hindus did not kill Buddha, they killed Buddhism. The Jews (*note: ??...Romans?*) killed Jesus and that is why they made him so important, so significant - the centre of human history - because of the crucifixion. If they had disregarded

Jesus, there would be no Christianity. Can you even imagine Christianity without the crucifixion? ...His death puts the seal on it. And the fact that he was killed proved that he had something very significant to say; why else would they have killed him?"

Osho: "The Hindus are more skilful. They did not kill Buddha. On the contrary, they accepted him as an incarnation of God. I want you to know the story of how they manipulated this thing."

p. 250 Osho: "They were against Buddha, against his revolution. Just like Rama and Krishna, Buddha is also an incarnation. But they used a trick. "...Gautama Buddha was to be born as an incarnation and twist people's minds so that they would go to hell." On the one hand, Hindus have now accepted Buddha as an incarnation of God and at the same time rejected his teachings. To be a Buddhist is to be corrupted. Being Buddhist means a guarantee of going to hell.

Crucifying Jesus was a big mistake. The Jews gave meaning to Jesus by doing so. I am not saying that he was an insignificant person, he was, he was absolutely significant. Because they had killed Jesus, Christianity took revenge. And through the centuries, for two thousand years, Christians have killed Jews in every way imaginable.

And the wound is still open. You cannot forgive Jesus. In fact, you cannot forgive yourself for crucifying this man. That was the worst mistake. Now there is no way to undo it. It is the Jew in you that does not allow you to understand Jesus. You say, as a Jew I could never accept his teaching. And his teaching is nothing but the flowering of Jewish tradition. Jewish tradition has come of age in Jesus. ...He is the fulfilment of Moses. But certainly the blossoming of the tree looks different from the blossoming of a tree. ...To be beautiful is not the task of the root. Its job is to nourish the tree, the leaves, the blossom, the fruit. ...But the blossom is the fulfilment of the root. Moses is the root, Jesus is the blossom. An eye for an eye" becomes "love your neighbour". ...The covenant between Jews and God was at first a selfish one. ...This ego was given to them by Moses. Only by means of the ego can the mind develop."

p. 252 Osho: "And one day the ego must be dropped - if you have the ego... then comes Jesus, the fulfilment." *Martin L.: coherently philosophised.*

p. 262 Osho: "metaphorical language knows many levels, and that is the beauty of Jesus' language.

And I am not saying that you should become a Christian. When you become a Christian - you give up the Jew and become a Christian - you simply change the disease. ...Have moved from one prison to another, and the same misery starts all over again."

p. 263 Osho: "Never be the prisoner of any mind. And every mind is a prison. ...Remain without ideology..."

p. 265 Osho: "Does the Master's responsibility towards his disciples cease with his death? Even while he is alive, he is not burdened with any responsibility. The disciple would like to make his Master responsible. ...You have accepted Jesus as your Master, now it is his responsibility... This path does not lead to freedom. You hold on to prison, and the responsibility is supposed to be with the Master? Millions of Christians think they can do all kinds of things, ...and eventually Jesus will deliver them. On the Day of Judgement he will stand there and call out to all Christians, "these are my children. Come and stand behind me." And all Christians will stand behind Christ and enter the kingdom of heaven with flying colours. And the others will go to hell. And that is everybody's idea. The Mohammedan thinks the same thing: only he who is Mohammedan will be saved - the Prophet will come and save him.

Does the Master's responsibility towards his disciples stop with his death? Even while he is alive, -p. 267- he is not burdened with any responsibility. Basically, there has never been any responsibility. The Master shared, but not out of responsibility, but out of compassion...because he had so much to share. ...and don't pass on your responsibility to anybody. Remain responsible for yourself, otherwise you will become lethargic, lazy, and you will become dull and dead. ...Transform yourself! Learn from every source that attracts you.... p. 269 Jesus said, "I am with you all days to the end of the world" ...as part of Buddha, Krishna, Moses, Zoroaster." They have all disappeared as persons and have become "oneness"..." *Martin L.: conclusively philosophised.*

p. 271 Osho on Saul converting to Paul: "With the same conscious hatred - unconscious love with which he fought Christianity in the beginning, he converted. And by becoming a Christian, he destroyed Christianity. He founded the Church - that was the best way to destroy it. Christianity is no longer related to Christ. It is Pauline, related to Paul. ...Psychoanalysts know: LoveHate is one word, not even the hyphen is necessary. ...Jesus never intervenes. Buddha, Krishna or people like them never intervene." *Martin L.: philosophised in an understandable way.*

Osho reflects: Why in the "West the hurry" while the "East seems to be relaxed"?

p. 273 Osho *mutatis mutandis, abridged*: the East thinks in terms of "eternity, many lives and incarnations". In the West, the "period is only very small, one life, hence the hurry". If you miss something in the East, that is no reason to hurry, then you make up for it in the next life.

Osho, *in essence, shortened*: Both ideas have their good and also their bad. Western religions are only offshoots of Judaism, Eastern religions of Hinduism. With regard to the return and haste, there are only two religions. The West has become rich through the principle that something has to be done, and it has to be done now. This made "the West sick with tension, tense. The East, on the other hand, very very slow, sluggish and lazy", and consequently poor.

p. 275 Osho *analogously, abbreviated*: Both points of view would have failed because they "...are half-and-half. Something better is urgently needed.

Osho *meaningfully, abridged*: ...Don't live in the future. If you don't have a big future, you become lethargically poor. If you have a small future, you become restless - rich, but plagued by fears. Forget it! The future has no meaning, it is eternity, not one life, not many lives, we have always been here, and we will always be here, so no need to worry. How do you live in the moment? Remember Raman, "Where can I go?" We are not going anywhere. We are part of this existence, we will always be here. Nothing is destroyed, only the forms change.... And you, live relaxed, because time has no end."

*Martin L. notes: the time for a higher living being, such as man, could nevertheless change drastically due to climate change and nuclear war. I understand Osho's looseness in his time, but I deny it some of its justification at least in today's -partly backward-looking- war and environmental situation in 2022/23. He also does not (yet) recognise overpopulation as a problem...? Nor does he seem to have any profound knowledge of Vedic or Western astrology, which is done in a halfway serious manner...) His 5-step model works, if, rather chaotically. Such and such people are born. Not everyone can think or feel like him. Zeitgeist is spiral and sometimes holds one or the other - almost or in a different composition - déjà-vu experience...! *) Addendum 26.1.23 I find in Osho's book 'Astrology' right at the beginning*

that he lectures very well and knowingly about Vedic and also Western Sumerian astrology. Among them about Paracelsus and others.

I'll spare myself the last eighty pages of this altogether quite exciting book - I'm a bit short of patience...

Chapter 9 Receiving God's Gift

Chapter 10 Trust is the Kingdom of God

About Osho, other books, end of this book

Assessment of Osho by the EZW (EZW: Protestant Central Office for World View Issues of Germany/Berlin)

The author of the following EZW-assessment, Michael Utsch, summarises his opinion about Osho - in general, but rather not about this book alone... - for the ev. Zentralstelle zu Weltanschauungsfragen (Protestant Central Office for World View Issues) like this - *slightly shortened by Martin L.:*

...Rajneesh has violated the basic rule of Indian asceticism, the lack of possessions. Besides Rajneesh, the Transcendental Meditation of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and the ISKCON movement have been called "profiteers of Hindu spirituality". Indeed, what all three organisations have in common is that their founders allowed themselves to be worshipped as religious teachers and acted as shrewd businessmen under this guise. -

Insert Martin L.: Well, the Church is also a Nicaea business model, if you want to see it that way. Sale of indulgences, church tax and yes, pastors and priests also want to make a living from their profession. -

Moreover, it is problematic that the devaluation of thought is one of the hallmarks of this movement. This discredits or even denies a characteristic of the human being, his rationality. The absolutisation of emotional experience, however, leads to a distorted perception of reality. The contradictions of everyday life require the heart and head to work together. What about higher, e.g. communal values? Probably not by chance, a striking number of sannyasins decide against having their own children, because they could hinder the individual path of enlightenment.

The intensive bond in the master-disciple relationship as well as the targeted emotional provocations in the meditation groups are further points of criticism of the movement. Contrary to the utopian goal of dissolving into nothingness, it must be emphasised from a psychological point of view that breaking down boundaries and learning to deal with them does not contribute to successful everyday coping.

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