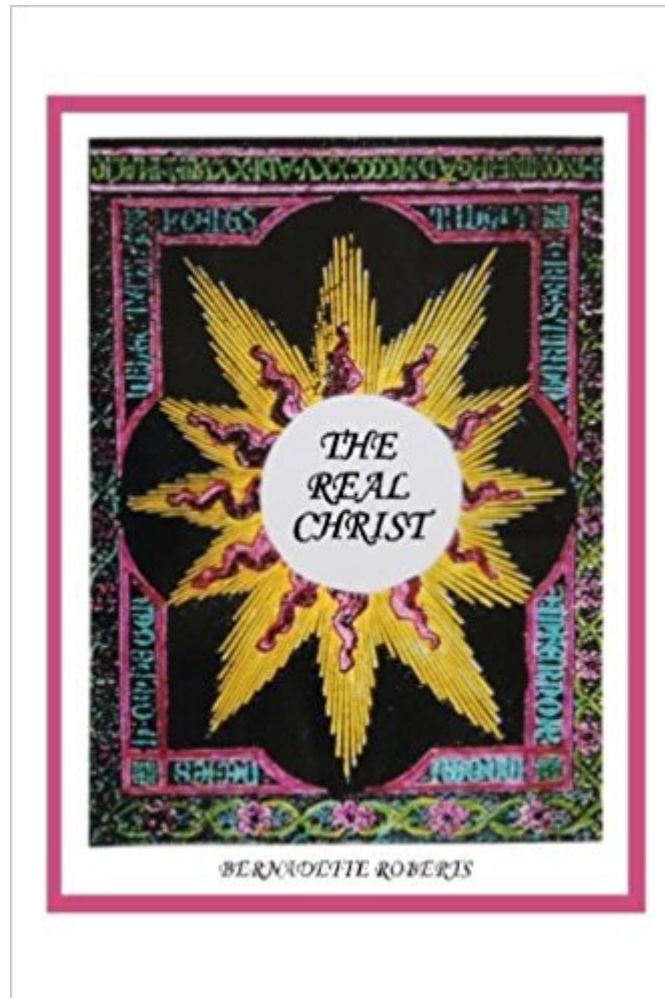




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Synopsis

The Real Christ is simply the E=MC of theology, unfolding the deepest mysteries of the Trinity with profound clarity. This is a must read book for anyone who has struggled with remaining a Christian or grown frustrated with the banality of what seems to be the "Jesus Industry" of corporate Christianity. Please prayerfully and slowly read The Real Christ. It is full of some of the most liberating and transforming ideas currently available to humankind. It is what Christianity was meant to be and, quite truthfully, must still become. We are urged to take up and read, and consider again the complete superstructure that is Christianity so to really discover and really become Christ.

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This book is about as heretical as they come. She questions virtually everyone. Dismisses Church Father after Church Father and eventually gets around to St. Paul and even Jesus Christ Himself. Like so many books that are reactions to a glaring deficiency this one goes WAY TO FAR. The deficiency in question is that most Christians relationship to Christ is a romantic imagination of the man Jesus in the Gospels with little or no understanding of the Exalted Glorified Eternal Heavenly Christ. But to try and divide and dispose of the man Jesus as being in opposition to Christ is ridiculous. She even says that Jesus never claimed to be Christ which makes you wonder how much she has read the Gospels. When the woman at the well said, "when Christ comes he will

show us all things", the Lord replied, "I that speak unto thee am he"! When Peter gives his declaration to Jesus question, who do you say I am, Peter replies, "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God"! She even goes so far as to say that Jesus had no awareness of his own Divinity. Yet she claims he was in a perfect state of Theosis. The contradictions are many and legion. To use one of her own favorite sayings, she is forcing the fit! As with all writings of error she does write quite a few nuggets of truth, but it is foolish to defer to someone who sees themselves as the arbiter of truth, willing to discard all the scriptures and writings of the Fathers that don't fit into her systematic theology. I would suggest a book like Fr. John Behr's "The Mystery of Christ" over this toxic tome.

Dear Contemplative Christian

Imagine an architect working at home today, who gets an inspiration for a daringly new building design. Excited to start work immediately, she asks her little daughter to get her some paper from her home office, so she can begin to sketch her concept. When her daughter returns with a little pad, she chuckles to herself, knowing that her grand design for this new building will not fit on the small page. This story speaks to the strange position of the Christian contemplative today. We sense the mystical depths of Christianity, but standard Catholic presentations of Christ, the Trinity, heaven, etc., strike us as shallow, even naive

certainly incommensurate with the magnum mysterium of Christ and the Trinity that we have come to intuit them, by God's grace. If not for the Holy Eucharist of the Mass

veritably "God with us"

we might despair of Catholicism altogether. Such is the odd situation Catholics seeking a deeper life with God find themselves in today

especially strange given Christianity is the most mystical of all religions, as the author of *The Real Christ*, Bernadette Roberts points out. *The Real Christ* shows exactly how Catholic theology lost its way

with detail, ingenuity, and comprehensiveness that is the fruit of the author's five years of extensive research into the shaping of early Christian doctrine. Most happily, this book offers the outlines of a stunning New Christology, which comports with the spiritual genius of Church Fathers such as St. Irenaeus (e.g. Christ "became what we are, so we could become what he is") and St. Maximus the Confessor ("Salvation is transformation"-- into Christ). Still, Bernadette's Christology is not a clever pastiche of the mystical theology of the Fathers, but springs from what God has given her to know directly of the Real Christ, of the Trinity, and of the farthest reaches of the spiritual journey. Some seven hundred years ago, Meister Eckhart was said by some to be a man "from whom God hid nothing." Just so, Bernadette Roberts in our time. What is the essential truth of the

Incarnation? What is the Real Christ? Affirms Bernadette at the book's outset: "The Incarnation was God creating Its own human nature i.e., man, as one universal human nature eternally one with Itself. This is the oneness of God's divine nature and man's universal human nature that we know and call 'Christ'. The term, word, or title 'Christ', is not the name of any human being, but refers solely to God's eternal oneness with Man. She continues: "The Incarnation was not God uniting Itself to any particular human being or person. Christ is not the oneness of two persons, two individuals or two beings (a divine being and a human being), rather, Christ is the eternal oneness of two natures, divine and human. Thus the Incarnation was the revelation of Man (Universal Man) and God's Plan for all mankind, and this Truth, this revelation, is everything we know as 'Christ'. "The purpose of the Incarnation was not to reveal the man Jesus or give us another god for the pantheon but to reveal Man. Prior to the Incarnation Christ did not exist, nor did the man Jesus exist, only God, the divine Trinity, eternally existed. Thus neither as a human being or a human person was the man Jesus divine, or even Christ. It is solely the oneness of God with Its own human nature that is Christ, and it is this mystery of God's indivisible oneness with the essence of mankind we call the 'Real Christ'. Such insight moved Yale scholar of religion, Dr. Peter Haas, to describe Bernadette Roberts' latest work as, "The most important work on Christian mystical theology [ever] written". There is not a wisp of hyperbole in that statement. Nor is there any hyperbole in saying: this book is among the most precious graces God has ever bestowed on humanity. Joseph Conti, Ph.D. Instructor, Religious Studies Department California State University, Fullerton

I've studied this book in its original format and am delighted to get a copy much easier to handle. I have also had the incredible good fortune to have studied this text in person with Bernadette. She writes with a clarity and a spiritual depth that could have only have been accomplished by one who has attained to the highest levels of spiritual transformation. This is not an easy read. It is not for the spiritual seeker unwilling to put in the work that is required to study these spiritual teachings in great depth but, if you are willing to take your time, Bernadette will lead you through a breakthrough insight into what Christ is and Christ's relationship with the Trinity. It blew me away.

I purchased this book in its original form before it was available through this publisher. I am so very happy to hear that it has been made available to the public. Anyone familiar with Bernadette Roberts will know that she writes about the unfathomable with such clarity and strength that one is transported.

This is the best book I have ever read! It will be important for any Christian who wants a deeper understanding of the Trinity, Christ, and the Eucharist. A must read for every deep thinker.

And outstanding presentation of the true meaning of CHRIST. Bernadette Roberts has spent her whole life as a contemplative soul teaching fellow souls on the spiritual journey what it means to 'die to self' and to know "Christ". While this book is quite challenging, it gives Christianity hope for a future that is filled with a much clearer EXPERIENCE of the Trinity, the Eucharist, the Christ, and what Jesus helped reveal about Christ to the human race.

Among all of the spiritual and religious books I have read, Bernadette's writings are the only ones that have truly been paradigm shifting. Just as her other writings challenged me to change the way I look at the spiritual journey, her new book The Real Christ has challenged me to change the way I look at Christ. While I do not agree with her on a few smaller points, the general thrust of her arguments about what the real Christ is, and the way that has become distorted over the centuries, really hits the mark. I'd recommend this book for anyone seeking a more mature understanding of Christianity.

Fantastic and sweet ---- glad I ordered it!

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