Extra-Biblical Names in the *Jesus Calling* Series

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In the *Jesus Calling* series (for adults), Sarah Young’s “Jesus” refers to himself with hundreds of different names, titles, and descriptors, using variations on common biblical names such as Christ, Creator, God, Helper, King, Lamb, Lord, Redeemer, Rock, Savior, and Shepherd. However, he completely avoids other familiar names and titles:

- Advocate
- High Priest
- **Jesus Christ**
- Jesus of Nazareth
- Mediator
- Servant
- Son of David
- Son of God
- Son of Man
- Jesus of David

Instead, he opts for creative names that are not in the Bible but can be found in mythology, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Theosophy, New Thought, New Age, psychic literature, and modern culture:

- Big Brother
- Boss
- **Catcher**
- Center
- co-participant
- Compassionate One
- Controller of the universe
- Director
- divine Artist
- **eternal Lover**
- Focus
- forever-Lover
- Goal
- God of surprises
- infinite intelligence
- Initiator
- Lifeline
- Lord of the universe
- Master of the universe
- Master of time
- mysterious Lover
- Owner
- Partner
- passionate Lover
- perfect Betrothed
- **Perfect One**
- perpetual Lover
- positive Focus
- road map
- solution
- **Source of delight**
- Sun
- traveling Companion
- travel guide
- Treasure
- ultimate Desire
- ultimate goal
- **ultimate Reality**
- ultimate Pleasure

The highlighted names above are shown in the following pages in the context of extra-biblical sources and the *Jesus Calling* series. Quotation marks are generally omitted for readability.

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*Abbreviations for the *Jesus Calling* Series

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Catcher (Celtic mythology)

Nodens is an actual Celtic god worshipped in Britain in pre-Roman and Roman times. He was known as Nodens the Catcher, and was a hunter deity. All his power was supposed to reside in his grasping hand.1

Nodens . . . is a Celtic deity associated with healing, the sea, hunting and dogs . . . J. R. R. Tolkien referred to “the magic hand of Nodens the Catcher.” 2

I am actually a very good Catcher
(JT p. 324)

I have a firm grip on you, beloved.
(JA Nov 18)

My hand has an eternal grip on yours
(DJ p. 173; JL p. 338; JA Jan 15)

you don’t even feel the strong grip of
My hand holding yours. (JC Jun 10)

Compassionate One (Buddhism, Islam)

According to Buddhist tradition, Maitreya is a bodhisattva who will appear on Earth in the future, achieve complete enlightenment, and teach the pure dharma. . . . The name Maitreya means “Compassionate One”3

The Quran opens with: “In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.”4

Controller of the Universe (Mythology, Hinduism)

Ra or Re. in ancient Egyptian mythology, sun god . . . Ra was usually considered the creator and controller of the universe5

Zeus (Jupiter) was the Supreme god of the Greeks, chief of the Olympian deities, the “Sky Father,” the ruler and controller of the universe6

The personal aspect of the Ultimate Reality is known as Saguna Brahman . . . the creator, sustainer and controller of the universe.7

1 Celtic mythology – Donald Tyson, The 13 Gates of the Necronomicon, p. 129.
**Director**  *(New Age Ascended Masters)*

The Great Divine **Director** is the Authority over every **Life Stream**.8

The Great Divine **Director** is a great initiator on the path of the ascension9

Stop, and reconnect with Me—the **Director** of your **life**.  *(DJ p. 148)*

I am the Author and **Director** of the drama  *(DJ p. 108; JL p. 108)*

**Divine Artist**  *(Theosophy, Hinduism)*

Twashtri (Sk.) The same as Vishwakarman, “the **divine artist**,” the carpenter and weapon-maker of the gods.10

the term **pratibha**, meaning “intuition,” . . . applies both to Siva, the **divine artist**, as well as to the human artist11

Concentrate on staying close to Me, the **divine Artist**.  *(JC Jul 02)*

I am working My ways in you: the **divine Artist** creating loveliness within your being.  *(JC Nov 07)*

**Eternal Lover**  *(Hinduism)*

Knowing Him, feeling His presence, is an excitement far greater than any teenager’s excitement on her first date with the boy she loves. Krishna is not a one-night date, nor is He only a partner for a lifetime. He is the **Eternal Lover**, His **love** is . . . infinite, and **boundless** as the great **ocean** of space.12

I am the **eternal Lover** who will never fail you.  *(JT p. 134)*

My limitless **ocean of Love** will wash over you and fill you to overflowing.  *(JT p. 318)*

I have **boundless**, unconditional Love for you.  *(JC Sep 15)*

**Goal, Source of Delight**  *(Hinduism)*

Narayana Suktam (an ancient Vedic chant in praise of Lord Vishnu’s Narayana form) This universe is the Eternal Being (Narayana), the imperishable, the supreme, the **goal**, multi-headed and multi-eyed (i.e., omnipresent and omniscient), the resplendent, the **source of delight** for the whole universe.13

I am the **goal** of all your searching.  *(JC Jan 19)*

I am the boundless, overflowing **Source of delight** in your life.  *(JA Apr 17)*

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8 New Age – “Beloved Great Divine Director,” [https://www.saintgermainfoundation.org/SGF_09a_Master_GreatDivineDirector.html](https://www.saintgermainfoundation.org/SGF_09a_Master_GreatDivineDirector.html)


God of Surprises  (Society of Jesus)

God can be depended upon but God cannot be predicted . . . The Christian life cannot be accounted for by stereotypes. God is always the God of Surprises . . . I thank the Society of Jesus which introduced and guided me through the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, which permeate this book\textsuperscript{14}

I am a God of surprises: I am not limited by the way things are \textsuperscript{(JT p. 90)}

I will never be predictable \textsuperscript{(JT p. 328)}

I am a God of surprises, so look for Me in unexpected places. \textsuperscript{(JA Sep 12)}

Infinite Intelligence  (Spiritualism, Hinduism, New Thought)

We bow in silent adoration, and worship the infinite Intelligence which we behold in all of His works.\textsuperscript{15}

By this we express our belief in a supreme Impersonal Power, everywhere present, manifesting as life . . . called by some, God, by others, Spirit and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence.\textsuperscript{16}

Many who practice Eastern traditions, particularly Hinduism and Buddhism, use chants as an instrumental part of their daily spiritual work . . . One of the more potent mantras and chants is \textit{Om Namah Shivaya} . . . Although it lacks a literal meaning, it translates roughly to, "Infinite wisdom, infinite intelligence, I bow to the God within myself."\textsuperscript{17}

New Thought holds that Infinite Intelligence, or God, is everywhere . . . human selfhood is divine, divine thought is a force for good, sickness originates in the mind, and "right thinking" has a healing effect.\textsuperscript{18}

Bow your mind and heart before My infinite intelligence, and worship Me—the mysterious, majestic, holy One who suffered and died for you. \textsuperscript{(JT p. 264)}

Come to Me with humility in your heart, bowing before My infinite intelligence. \textsuperscript{(JA Mar 02)}

This inspires you to worship Me—bowing before My infinite intelligence and limitless Power. \textsuperscript{(JL p. 206)}

You train your mind to trust My Sovereign ways with you—bowing before My mysterious, infinite intelligence. \textsuperscript{(JT p. 218)}

Then, subordinate your finite mind to My infinite intelligence and sovereign ways. \textsuperscript{(JT p. 46)}

\textsuperscript{14} Society of Jesus – Gerald W. Hughes (Jesuit), \textit{God of Surprises}, 1985, pp xix, xviii.

\textsuperscript{15} Spiritualism – Henry Wagner, "The Religion of Nature," \textit{The Mountain Pine, Vol.1 No. 1}, 1907, p. 82. Wagner was a spiritualist and a member of the occult society, the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, \url{http://www.iapsop.com/archive/materials/mountain_pine/}

\textsuperscript{16} Spiritualism – “Declaration of Principles,” National Spiritualist Assoc. of Churches, \url{https://nsac.org/what-we-believe/principles/}


Initiator (New Age, Theosophy)

I AM Maitreya the Initiator
— “Maitreya,” channeled by Elizabeth Clare Prophet

I am your Creator—the Initiator of your very life. (JL p. 308)

It is important for you to know Me as the Initiator in our relationship. (DJ p. 237; JL p. 330)

The adversary or Satan is no other than Lucifer, the lightbearer, the bright Morning Star: He is the Initiator

Lord of the Universe (Islam, Hinduism)

The second verse of the Quran reads: “All praises and thanks (be) to Allah, the Lord of the universe.”

I see Thee of boundless form on every side, with many arms, stomachs, mouths and eyes; neither the end nor the middle nor also the beginning do I see, O Lord of the universe, O Cosmic Form!

Master of the Universe (New Age, Hinduism)

I am the Master of the Universe.
— “Jesus,” channeled by two listeners

I am simultaneously Master of the universe—which I created and I control—and the Savior who lives inside you. (JA Apr 03)

Popular names of Lord Shiva . . .
Jagadisha, Master of the Universe

the greatest potency of Yoga Philosophy lies in its reference to the future state of its disciples. . . . Master of the Universe

Master of Time  *(Hinduism)*

The moon that is seen on the Lord’s head symbolises that Shiva is the **master of time** and he himself is timeless.  

The **Master of time** understands your struggles and loves you with an everlasting Love.  

I dwell in **timelessness** . . . *(JC Jun 21)*

Partner  *(Spiritualism)*

We have all the tools at our disposal to live an abundant, expansive, happy, and full life. That starts with God being our **Partner** and realizing that the **supply** from that Source is **endless**.  

I am your **Partner** in this process.  *(JCDJ Aug 25)*

Perfect One  *(Buddhism, Hinduism)*

Do not address me as friend, O monks. I am the Saint, the **Perfect One**, the supreme Buddha.  

Remember that I, the **Perfect One**, am with you.  *(JA Sep 26)*

Awake! Awake! Krishna divine, Awake to save thine own. Thou lord of all, thou **perfect one**, Grant us each heavenly boon.  

Instead of seeking perfection in this fallen world, pour your energy into seeking Me: the **Perfect One**.  *(JC Jan 26)*

Sun  *(New Age/Psychic Channeling)*

I am the **sun** that shines so brightly onto your face.  

--- *“Krishna,” channeled by Natalie S. Glasson*

I am the **sun** which warms your body.  

--- *“God,” channeled by Neale Donald Walsch*

I am the **sun** and the moon  

--- *“Universal Mother Mary,” channeled by Linda Dillon*


Among the most effective techniques for inducing out-of-body projection are those that incorporate the hypnagogic stage of sleep . . . The technique often initiates awareness of a familiar spirit presence who becomes a “travel guide” throughout astral travel.\(^{34}\)

You have no better travel guide than Me. (JTDJ p. 222)

As you relax in My healing Light, I shine Peace into your mind and heart. Your awareness of My Presence with you grows stronger. (JA Dec 04)

**Traveling Companion** *(Psychic astral travel)*

Affirm your intent to travel out of body to the astral realm, and invoke the protection of that dimension. At this point, you may wish to invite a familiar cosmic guide to be your traveling companion for the duration of your astral journey into the higher cosmos.\(^{35}\)

I am your traveling Companion, and I know every twist and turn of your path. (JT p. 152)

I am your Guide, as well as your constant Companion. I know every step of the journey ahead of you, all the way to heaven. (JC Aug 04)

**Ultimate Reality** *(Hinduism, Buddhism, Theosophy)*

In Hindu philosophy, Brahman (ब्रह्म) is the material, efficient, formal and final cause of all that exists and the highest Universal Principle, the Ultimate Reality in the universe.\(^{36}\)

If you’ve been numbing your pain through denial of reality expressing your trust can bring you into contact with ultimate Reality—Me! (JA May 02)

Zen Buddhism teaches that all human beings have the Buddha-nature . . . but the Buddha-nature has been clouded by ignorance. To overcome this ignorance, Zen rejects the study of scriptures, religious rites . . . in favor of meditation leading to a sudden breakthrough of insight and awareness of ultimate reality.\(^{37}\)

The more aware you are of My Presence, the safer you feel. This is not some sort of escape from reality; it is tuning in to ultimate reality. (JC Jul 18; DJ p. 242)

Theosophy is philosophically monistic. It maintains the existence of a single ultimate reality, which in itself is absolute—impersonal, unknowable, and indescribable.\(^{38}\)

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\(^{34}\) Psychic Literature – Carl Llewellyn Weschcke and Joe H. Slate, *Clairvoyance for Psychic Empowerment*, p. 432.


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