

Jesus Beyond Praise and Criticism

Once during a teaching I was giving, a man asked me what I thought of Jesus, and when I said Jesus was a noble bodhisattva, the man got angry. He thought that I was denigrating Jesus because I called him a bodhisattva instead of a buddha. I thought that I was praising Jesus, but the man did not. This shows that praise and criticism are only conceptual projections, and they do not truly exist. Praise and criticism are equality.

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