

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WITHIN

Part 2 of 2

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Dead Sea Scrolls



- Discovered 1947
 - Essenes of Qumran
 - 11 caves (more recently)
 - 872 scrolls
- Synopsis: Two messiahs were expected
 - [see J. J. Collins, J. Starcky, M. Karnawalski, J. Tabor, & *livius.org*]
 - Qumranites expected the coming of not one, but **two Messiahs**
 - “Its members [Essenes of Qumran] were looking forward to a 'Messiah of Israel' and a 'Messiah of David' who resemble the **priestly and kingly** descendants.”
 - One of a **priestly** lineage [Aaron] and one **kingly** [Israel]
 - Some scholars see the priestly as ‘above’ the kingly

DSS: Two Become One

- *Damascus Document*.
 - "The Messiah, which is the Son of Joseph
 - **will be made one** with the Son of David,
 - but he will be killed..."
- *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*
 - (version translated 13th C by Robert Grosseteste)
 - Available for Leonardo to read
 - Testament of Simeon 7.1-2: "For the Lord will raise up from Levi someone as a **high-priest** and from Judah someone as **king**.
 - "He will save all the gentiles and the tribe of Israel."



Other Expectations of 2 Messiahs

- Kabbalistic Roots: Zohar

*"Another Messiah, the son of Joseph, will **unite** himself with the **Messiah**, the son of David. But the son of Joseph will not remain in life, **he will be killed and will become alive again**, when the little hill receives life upon the great hill."*

- "Old Testament": *Zechariah 4:14, Numbers 24:17, Ezekiel 37:15-17,*
 1. *"These are the **two** anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth"*
 2. *"There shall come a **star** out of **Jacob**, and a **scepter** shall rise out of **Israel**"*
 3. *"They [sticks of Judah and Joseph] **shall become one** in thine hand"*
- Summary: Expected **two births** (messiahs), a later **merging**

New Testament: Luke & Matthew

- No records: Christmas not celebrated until 354 AD
 - Not till 380 in Constantinople
- Historical inaccuracies:
 - King Herod's death between 4 – 1 BC
 - **Matthew**: slaughter of the innocents carried out by Herod
 - Thus Jesus born in 1BC (or even 4BC)
 - **Luke**: no slaughter
 - No mention of Herod
 - Luke: Jesus after Herod (and after Matthew Jesus, ~1AD?)
- Could there have been two?
 - Same first names very possible
 - But different families with same parents' names?

Priestly and Kingly Streams

At the time of Androgyny

Abel

- Eve and Adam (YHWH)
- Luke's lineage
 - Nathan (priest)
 - Adam Kadmon
- Seth (Atlantean)
- Shepherds
- Receive guidance
- Live by YHWH's rules
 - If God so wills it

Cain

- Eve and Elohim2
- Matthew's lineage
 - Solomon (king)
 - Abraham
- Hiram Abiff (Greco-Rom)
- Tillers of the ground
- Makers (of earthly knldg)
- Apply Tree of Knowledge
 - Arts & sciences

Fratricide Resolved Before Christ?

- One humanity before Christ could incarnate
 - And one ethnic group “chosen” to be the carrier
- Redemption for the fratricide
- Merge Heavenly Man (Adam Kadmon) with Earthly (Abraham)
- Merger Story in Luke’s gospel

Known During the Renaissance?

- Cathars, Knights Templars, Kabbalists, others
- Founding of Plato Academy in Florence
 - Plethon
 - Lectures
 - Books
 - Initiate
 - Alchem
 - Medici
 - Leonardo
 - Ficino and



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Madonna Terranuova

Raphael

1483-1520

Painted 1505

LdV in Milan
by 1483!

LdV in
Florence
1501-06



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2 Jesus Boys

Center figure:

- I will draw with my right hand and bestow with my loving left

Kingly Jesus:

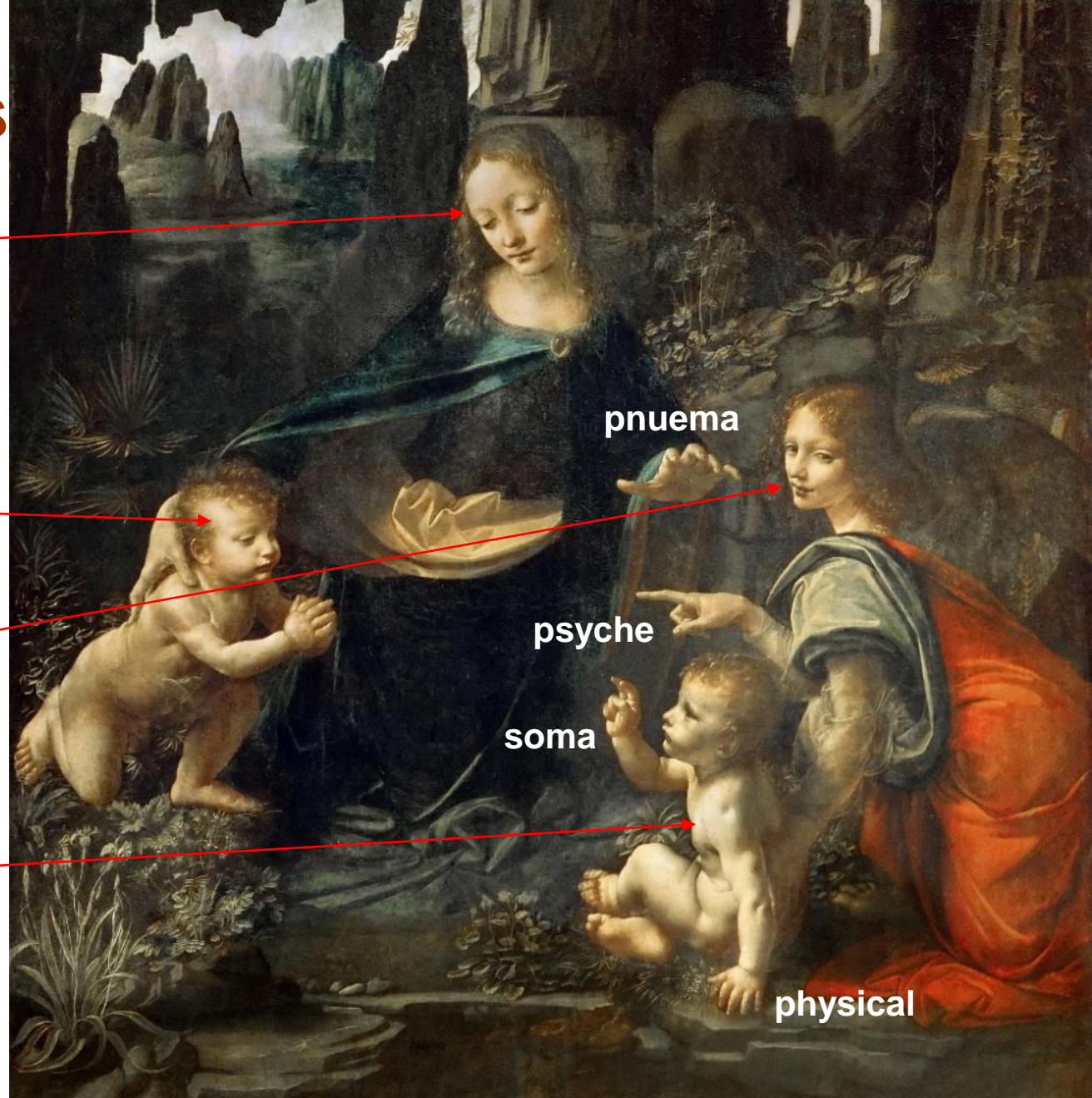
- I honor you as our archetype

Arch-angel:

- 3 members of him shall be replanted in you

Priestly Jesus:

- Your wisdom, my purity, God's will be done



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Problem with Our Conclusion

- If it is two Jesus children
 - Luke: *Priest*
 - Matthew: *King*
- Then why is there just one Jesus later in life?
- “And they shall become one in thine hand”



Merging of the Two Messiahs

Where in NT are two Jesus children united?

- Luke: story of Jesus at age 12 in the Temple
 - Not mentioned in Matthew (its Jesus is 13 or 14)
- Behind the Curtain of the Holy of the Holies
 - Jerusalem Temple
 - "And Jesus grew in wisdom, maturity, and grace before God and men" [Luke 2:52]



Based on Rudolf Steiner's insights.

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6th Century Byzantine Art – Two at 12



The Bohdan And Varvara Khanenko Museum Of Arts, Kiev

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Jesus Among the Doctors

- Bernardino di Betto (Pinturicchio)
 - 1452-1513
 - Bergognone & LdV
- Painted 1501
- Fresco, Bagloioni Chapel, Santa Maria Maggiore, Spello, Italy



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Jesus Among the Doctors

- Notice hands

<http://encyclopedia.farlex.com/Bernardino+Luini>



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Jesus Among the Doctors

- Colors, socks, clothes



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Jesus Among the Doctors

- Clothing colors
 - Black, blue, gold, magenta
 - Royal purple
- Objects in hand
- Four plus one
 - Hierophant
 - Four bodies
- Wall off two children
- Socks:poor, shoes:rich



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Jesus Among the Doctors

Ambrogio
Bergognone
b.1452–d. 1524

"And Jesus grew
in wisdom, age
and grace before
God and men"
[Luke 2:52]



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Jesus Among the Doctors Bernardino Luini

- Student of both Leonardo and Bergognone
- Painted 1515
- Leonardo's signature appears 3 times on the back



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The Festivals and Their Meaning: I

- “Realization of how the heights of cosmic being are connected with the inmost nature of man was impossible as long as the human mind was unable to conceive that the very quintessence of history lies in the Mystery of Bethlehem.
- **But this insight will dawn in those who understand the secret of the two Jesus boys.**
- In the one boy there was present the power of the wisest of all men in pre-Christian times, namely **Zarathustra**. This boy represents the flower of the previous stages of human evolution;
- The aura of the other boy was illumined by the forces of the great **Buddha**. The body of the one boy springs from the noblest blood of the ancient Hebrew peoples; the soul of the Jesus boy described in the Gospel of St. Luke leads back to the earth's beginning.” – 27Dec1914, *Berlin GA* 156

Summary: The Two Jesus Stories

	Matthew	Luke
Theme	Kings, Magi - Star	Poor Shepherds, Heavenly hosts
Lineage	Through King Solomon	Through Priest Nathan
Generations	42 (14x3) from Abraham	77 (7x11) from Adam
Angel speaks to	Joseph	Mary
Original home	Bethlehem	Nazareth
Slaughter of the innocents	Yes	Not mentioned
Escape to Egypt	Yes	No
John the Baptist's birth	Not mentioned	Mary visits Elizabeth
History at birth	Many lives, wisdom - Zarathustra	Purity, no karma – Adam Kadmon

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Why Was This 2nd Painting Made?

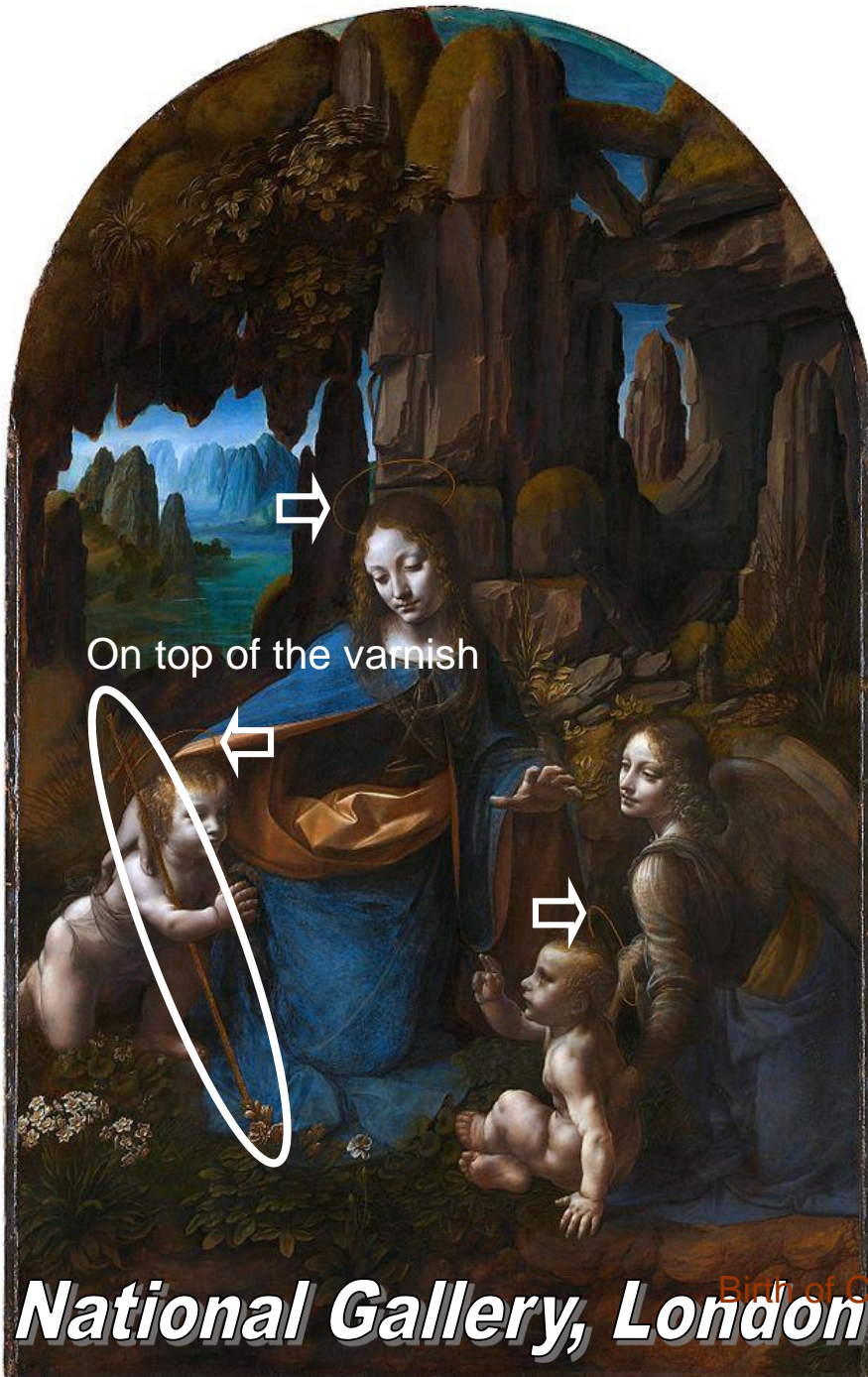


- Confraternity rejected original
- February 1485: 800 lire paid.
- Work continued
- 1490: Ambrogio and Leonardo asked for more
- + 1,200 Lire
- The Confraternity: + 100 Lire
- Duke Sforza asked to intervene

National Gallery, London

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Solving the Dispute



National Gallery, London

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- March 1503: Louis XII intervened
- June 1503: Confraternity contested
- Requested 'expert evaluation or return of the painting'
- April 1506: judge ruled the work incomplete – Leonardo obliged to complete it
- Leonardo performed 'touch-ups'
- August 1508: painting installed

Conclusion: Warding off the Inquisition!



What Did We Cover?

- Pillars of Christianity: Mysteries of Birth & Death
 - Winter solstice for birth mystery + 13 days
 - Spring equinox + moon + sun for the death mystery + 50 days
- Birth of Christ – celebration of the Baptism event
- Explored via Renaissance art
 - *Giotto, Raphael, and Leonardo*
 - *Virgin of the Rocks, Holy Infants Embracing, Jesus Among the Doctors* – revealing the story of the two Jesus boys
 - Two Messiahs expected
 - Kingly & Priestly / Matthew & Luke / Cain & Abel resolution
 - **Christ born in one body for all of humankind**

Proof Through the Students



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How the Two Were Merged - Resolution



LdV and the Church

- Gospels of Mark and John
 - Begin with baptism
 - Jesus of Nazareth becomes Jesus-Christ
- Gestures
 - Right hand
 - Left hand
- Staff and fingers
- Smirk
 - Mocking the Church?
 - Christian Mysteries?



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Begotten

Some manuscripts:
“beloved Son;
today I have
begotten you”

- Luke 3:22
- Matthew 3:17
- Mark 1:11

Also,

- Psalm 2:7
- Luke 9:35
- Matt 17:5
- Mark 9:7
- 2 Peter 1:17
- Hebrews 5:5
- Acts 13:33



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For the Full Story

The Hidden Heretic of the Renaissance: Leonardo da Vinci



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Discussion Time



1. “Were Christ born a thousand times in Bethlehem,
And not in thee, art thou lost eternally.”
 2. “Should Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
And not in thee, then wert thou still forlorn.”
- Angelus Silesius

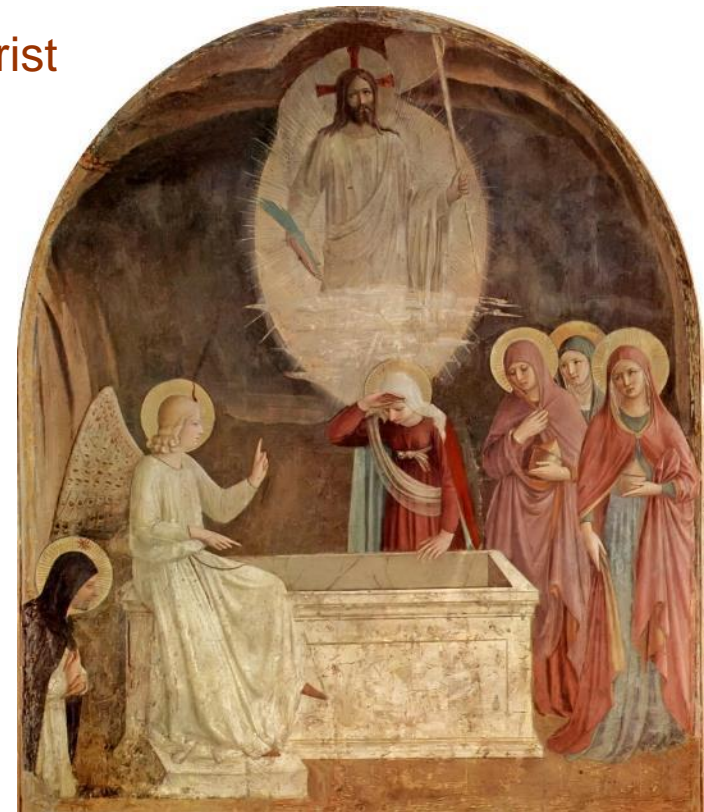
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BACKUP MATERIAL

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The Forgotten Early Christian Theology

- Focus: **Mystery** of Golgotha and Easter
 - Origin: **Mystery wisdom and Hellenistic philosophies**
 - Plato's 'transmigration of the soul'
 - St. Augustine: Christianity existed before Christ
 - *Christmas* not important
- Christ entered Jesus *at 30*
 - **Birth of Christ at baptism**
 - Cosmic Christ united with Jesus of Nazareth
 - Christ (God) would experience death
 - Lost philosophical basis and knowledge:
 - Pnuema, psyche, & soma
 - Spirit, soul, & body
 - Today, reality = physical (body)
 - **Gnostic** knowledge of Mystery of Golgotha
 - "Mine hour has now come" – cosmic Christ



Fra Angelico, 1442, San Marco Florence

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Leda and the Swan

- Cesare da Sesto
- 1515-1520



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Dead Sea Scrolls Recap

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- Priestly and Kingly descendants
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Associations Made by Edward R. Smith

Kingly

- Solomon / Hiram Abiff
- **Cain** stream
- Perfection of “the 3 loaves” from **Abraham*** (14x3)
- **Tree of Knowledge** *forward*
- Magi imply Zoroaster aka **Zarathustra** stream

Priestly

- Nathan (Aaron)
- **Abel** stream
- No karma, **Adam Kadmon**
- Redemption is to find way *back* to **Tree of Life**
- Heavenly hosts surrounding

* For more see E. R. Smith's *The Burning Bush*, pg. 411

Bacchus

- St. John the Baptist
 - *Note the Staff of John*
- 1515
- Louvre, Paris
- The painting originally depicted John the Baptist.
- In the late 17th century, between the years 1683 and 1693, it was overpainted and altered to serve as *Bacchus*.



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Why his Paintings Are at Louvre?

- DaVinci carried with him major works
 - Virgin of the Rocks
 - Mona Lisa
- French King had intervened
- 1516: manor house Clos Lucé
- Here he spent the last 3 years of his life,
 - Accompanied by his pupil Francesco Melzi
- After LdV's death, paintings became royal property
- Eventually the his works were donated to the Louvre



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