

## Claiming Your Divine Birthright

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The subject this morning is "Claiming Your Divine Birthright;" "Claiming your Divine Birthright."

Everyone who looks within and feels through the Intuition of their Soul, realizes that this life, with its paradoxes, its dualities of consciousness, is not what they really are. There is something within them, their Divine Birthright. And everyone who has met a saint, or even reads about the saints, everyone realizes that this outer life is not the reality.

We have within us a Divine part, which is our birthright. And also, everyone who reads any of the scriptures will find there, many instances referring to the fact that we are not this body – this outward consciousness – but, we are the Eternal Consciousness of God, which is within us; His Omniscience. That is our birthright.

And so, to thoroughly establish this in our minds and remove all doubt as to what we really are, I want first to read one or two references from the Bible concerning our Divine Birthright. First, in Genesis, 27th Verse, 1st Chapter, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him1..." There is our Divine Birthright. Our Divine Birthright is oneness with God, oneness with His Omniscience.

In Proverbs, the 8th Chapter, 22nd and 23rd Verses; this is most beautiful. "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting..." from the beginning, "or ever the earth was." In other words, we were with God; that's our birthright; oneness with His Omniscience. The Divine Remembrance of our oneness with God is there, we simply have to uncover it.

And then in St. John, the 17th Chapter, the 24th Verse: "...for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.2" Before any creation was, we were one in the Omniscience and Love of God.

And perhaps, the greatest reference in the Bible is this. In the 82nd Psalm the 6th Verse: "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you," all of you, "are children of the most High."

And so, there should be no question as to our Divine Birthright. Jesus said the same thing. He said that we are one with God just as I am one with my Father, he said. And in St. John, the 14th Chapter the 12th Verse, we read his words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do, he shall do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father (sic).<sup>3</sup>" As he left the body, which is the vehicle of Christ Consciousness, he merged in his Divine Birthright, God the Father, and, as he said, ye shall do greater things. So, each one of us has that Divine Birthright of oneness with God the Father.

And in St. John the 16th Chapter the 28th Verse: "I came from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father (sic).<sup>4</sup>" His manifestation was in the world, just like our manifestation is in the world. But behind that is his reality, his Divine Birthright, oneness with God the Father. And as Jesus was one with Him, so each and every one of us is one with God the Father.

And so, there should be no more doubt, now, as to what the reality is; it 'tis the Divine Consciousness within us. That's our birthright; the Divine Intelligence within us as the Trinity: the Holy Ghost, the Son, and God the Father, or God the Father, the Son, His Intelligence in Creation, in each and every one of us, and the Vibration of that Holy Intelligence, the Holy Ghost. And so, that's our birthright. That Trinity is right within us. It can be perceived, as I will point out shortly.

Now, going on; we have metaphysical proof of our Divine Birthright in St. John, 1st Chapter, first three verses, and the 14th Verse. I want you to listen carefully, showing you, that behind this vehicle of flesh, which motivated it, which actuated it, developed it is the Divine Consciousness of God – your birthright.

"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God.<sup>5</sup>" The Word is the movement of God's Divine Intelligence, the Holy Vibrations. But in that, is God's Intelligence, as the Son. All things have come from that – our bodies – so the reality behind the body is God the Father, as the Son, as the Holy Vibration.

"The same was in the beginning, with God.<sup>6</sup>" Showing that everything came from His Consciousness, just like we were with Him in the beginning. "Thou wast with me before my works of old.<sup>7</sup> "All things were made by him;<sup>8</sup>" by God the Father, through these different aspects, as the Son, and the Holy Vibration, the Trinity. That's the Reality. The Trinity is within us. We can see it, we can contact it, we can merge in it and be one with it.

And, finally, the 14th Verse: “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as [of] the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

And so, from that Holy Vibration, from the Trinity, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Vibration, came all flesh. Now, can you not see that our birthright is not the flesh at all – not outward consciousness – but it is the Reality of Consciousness: God the Father? That's our birthright, and that's what we must once more reclaim. And we can absolutely do it.

Now, as to claiming our birthright; we should realize, in ordinary life, the ordinary existence in which we find ourselves, that we are not this body. We often say that. “We are not this body, but we are the Unchanging, Cosmic Energy in which is the Consciousness of God.” Now, if we make all our actions in that direction, the realization of that, then we will gradually realize that we are not this body, which passes away, which changes, but we are the Unchanging, Divine Consciousness within.

And so, in ordinary life, just as we are living from day-to-day, our actions should be toward that goal of oneness with the Divine Consciousness within us. But we are satisfied with passing things instead of the Eternal things. And so, from now on, we must direct our attention towards the Eternal things. Our attention – this is important – should be on the Divine Intelligence; not what it has produced. Not its projections, not its manifestations. There's where we have made the mistake. Our attention has been on outward things, the products of the Divine Intelligence in this outward consciousness. And so, our attitude in this ordinary life should be, as I have said, our attention should be towards the Goal, not towards the products of that Intelligence. And, if we do that, following one who knows the Divine Intelligence, then we will reach that Goal.

Now God's Intelligence, His Light and His Intelligence, came into the world that the material manifestation should be left aside and we should return to the Spiritual Manifestation. Not to give us trouble. As we follow the Divine Intelligence in this life, we are led outwardly into matter. And what do we receive? Lots of trouble. But that Divine Light of God, the Cosmic Energy, and His Omniscience as His Intelligence, came into the world not to give us trouble, but that we should change from material manifestations, to changing manifestations, to the Unchanging Spiritual Manifestation.

Now, even though, sometimes, Divine Intelligence does direct us from Spirit to matter – we cannot deny that, matter is enticing. We see, in the beginning, everything comes from matter; Spiritual things seem to offer us nothing. Even though the Divine Intelligence does lead us that way; even though the Divine Intelligence does lead us from Universal Love to the little love of human love; we cannot deny that. In

the beginning, we cannot understand Universal Love. But we can understand the love of family, and friends, and those near and dear to us; how the Divine Intelligence does lead us that way. We cannot deny it. But, in spite of that, if we see behind these things, if we see the Great Cosmic Intelligence, God the Father, beyond this creation, if somehow, we can see that, if we can see and know His Son, the Divine Intelligence in the creation, then we will realize – and only then – that that Intelligence of God did not come here to give us trouble, but to lead us back home. It came that we might be saved.

Now, that's the lesson that we have to learn. We have to learn that we must expand our love from the little loves of the human family, and so forth, into the Universal Love. And that we must change our actions with the Goal not in material things, which pass away, but in the Unchanging, Eternal things of God. That's why the Divine Intelligence came, although, it seems as if it came to take us away from Spirit, away from Universal Love. But, if we go beyond, and as I said a minute ago, are not taken up with the Powers of that Intelligence, but rather seek the Intelligence Itself, then we will see that it came, not to give us trouble, but that we might be saved.

Now, going on just a bit; we must so govern our actions in this life that we see the One Blended Light of God in everything: in the flowers, in the sky, in every living creature. We must see that One Blended Light of God. That's the Reality, and that's our birthright. And so, in our life, let us direct our efforts toward realizing, not the Powers of God, but that Great Light of His, that Blended Light throughout all of His Creation. All rivers live, lead into the ocean. All rivers of our lives lead into the Ocean of Spirit. All things point back to God. And so, we also, have to direct our attention back to God that we may attain His Freedom.

And so, this vast Intelligence, working throughout all Nature, is there. But we make the mistake, by concentrating not on the Intelligence, but on its Power.

Now, if we concentrate on the Intelligence, then we will be redeemed; then we can claim our Divine Birthright. How? God has made it possible, I have told you. God sent His Intelligence in this creation of His that we might be saved. He has made it possible. And in the words of Jesus, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son...9" that's His Intelligence, that's all He has. He gave that, that we might find the Father, who is behind that Intelligence; behind the only begotten Son. He gave that, that we might once more regain our birthright, and remember our birthright is oneness with God the Father – nothing else – oneness with His Great Power and Strength; oneness with His Omniscience. That's our birthright. That's what we must claim, and that is what we can claim. And, if we are one with that Cosmic Intelligence, one with God the Father, then we have Absolute Freedom. Not until then. So much for our effort in ordinary life.

Now, we can give concentrated, directed efforts, organized efforts, towards claiming our birthright. This we can do, and we have to do this. We have to, once again, bring back to Divine Memory that we were with God, and that we are right now with Him. We have to break that separation. And the minute you do that, you have everything. You have reclaimed your Divine Birthright.

How to do this? How to bring back the Divine Memory? How to once more make our own the Omniscience of God? That's the point. That's our Divine Birthright; nothing else. We should not settle for anything else. We cannot settle for anything else, whether we want to or not, because sooner or later we have to go back to God. How to do this? Follow one who knows God. Follow one who has that Omniscience. Follow his methods, that we might once more bring back the memory of our oneness with God.

Through Self-Realization techniques, which the Master has given, we can, we can bring back that remembrance, because those techniques take you into the Presence of God. They take you to the Gate, which leads into the Presence of God. They take you to the Gate, the Spiritual Eye, which can be seen at this point [between the eyebrows]; and in that Spiritual Eye is the way, the Son.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life...10" In that Holy Vibration, which can be seen by all who will, by directed concentrated effort in that Holy Vibration, which is the Trinity within you in miniature – absolutely the Trinity of God the Father, His Son, and Holy Vibration, Holy Spirit – they are right within you. You can see them by following one who knows those things. Following his techniques, the techniques of Self-Realization, there you can find the way. As Jesus said, "I am the way...11" He didn't mean his body. He meant the Christ Consciousness, which he manifested, which is the Divine Intelligence of God, your own birthright. In all creation that's the way. And he said, "I am the way..." Follow that, merge in that.

And so, we can, by following the techniques of Self-Realization, contact, and be one with, the Trinity within us: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Vibration. And remember, the Father, God the Father, is our birthright. And because we are made in the Image of God, because we have this Trinity right within us; and we can see it, we can be one with it; we can go back to God. We can absolutely claim our Divine Birthright.

By following the techniques, which the Master has given, we first merge in the Holy Vibration; merging in that, the Om sound, "the sound of many waters.12" Merging in that, then we feel the Divine Intelligence in that vibration. That is the way. That is the Son, that's "the only begotten Son.13"

Remember Jesus' words, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." By merging in that, what happens? As Jesus said, "I and my Father are one.<sup>14</sup>"

And so, by being one with Christ Consciousness, then you can claim your birthright – oneness with God the Father. For in that Spiritual Eye, seen at this point [between the eyebrows], is not only the Holy Vibration, the Son, the Intelligence of God in all creation, but in the center, is the little star, which is the epitome of God the Father. And so, we have, right within us, the way to once more claim, reclaim, our Divine Birthright, which is nothing else, remember, but God the Father, His Great Cosmic Energy, His Omniscience. That is our birthright, and so we must reclaim that.

In 1st John, the 2nd Chapter, the 24th Verse, we read as follows; which should dispel absolutely every doubt that you have that the way back to your birthright is through the Spiritual Eye, through the techniques given by one Great Son of God, Paramhansa Yogananda. We read as follows: "...If that which ye have heard from the beginning..." that which, from which all things have come. That's the Holy Vibration, the Om sound. "...If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.<sup>15</sup>"

Now can it be any clearer? If you are one with that Holy Vibration and merge in it; if that shall remain in you; you are one with it; then you also are in the Son, which is Christ Consciousness; and in the Father, which is your birthright. And so we should be of good cheer. We have right within our hands, in our grasp, the way to once more reclaim our birthright, which is oneness, remember, oneness with God the Father, the Master of the Universe, from which all things have come.

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1 Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own Image, in the Image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

2 St. John 17:24, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou has given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou has give me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

3 St. John 14:1, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

4 St. John 16:28, "I cam forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

5 St. John 1:1

6 St. John 1:2

7 Proverbs 8:22, "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old."

8 St. John 1:3, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

9 St. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

10 St. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

11 Ibid.

12 Revelation 1:15, "And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

13 St. John 3:16

14 St. John 10:30

15 1st John 2:24 "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father."