

# What is Heaven Like?

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I won't keep you too long. It does not take many words to explain that which is so difficult to find.

What is heaven like? Well, there are many vibratory planes of existence. We see this gross, vibratory plane here. But there are many others. As we read in the Bible, in St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter the 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse, “In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” Those many mansions are simply the vibratory planes of existence. This worldly vibratory plane, we are familiar with this. But, just behind this plane are the vibrating planes of energy and the causation plane, which have produced this worldly consciousness. Those are real, and those can be known.

Right here, in this room, passing before us, between us, are the planes of electromagnetic forces, and x-rays. But we do not see them. Why? Because our eyes record only certain vibrations. And so these other planes of existence are surely there, but they cannot be perceived by the ordinary physical eyes. So these realms constitute heaven – the planes, the luminous planes, of astral existence. They are real, and can be known even by, while we are here on earth. They are known as the Fair Regions of Light. Why? Because the matrix of these finer regions is Light. Not ordinary solar light, but the great Light of God, and when you elevate your consciousness so that you can perceive through the spiritual eye at the Christ center, and through the intuition within you, you can see – *know* those Fair Regions of Light or Heaven. These are real, but they cannot be perceived, if you keep your consciousness tied to outward consciousness these grosser vibrations. How can you perceive the finer vibrations of God's Light and Love? It is impossible.

“Eye hath not seen...” we read in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, “nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” The ordinary physical eye cannot see; the ordinary human ear cannot record; and the ordinary . . . ordinary human love cannot register those things which God hath prepared for His devotees. But, when you expand your human love into the great Love of the Infinite, then you can feel His Presence. Then you can know these realms. And as you see the Fair Regions of Light, you feel the great joy of God's Presence. Those who meditate know that I am. . . what I am saying is so, because His Love pervades all things, and it pervades those great astral . . . luminous astral regions of energy and God's Love.

Of course, on the other side some of the planes of existence are dark, and dismal, and dreary. And so we get just what we work for. In this life here, we can gravitate to the dens of vice and iniquity, or we can elevate our consciousness to those planes of

devotion, and love, and in such meetings as this here, and in meditation groups – what do you do? You elevate your consciousness to the Presence of God’s Love.

But, if you live in this worldly existence, you will gravitate to just that vibration. Knowing that vibration, being one with that vibration, knowing nothing else, how can you know the astral regions of heaven? But by great meditation, deep meditation, and great love for the One Father, you can know those astral planes, those heavenly planes; those heavenly regions right here on earth, while you’re living in this mundane existence. It can be done. Having that, you will realize the reality of life, which is the Presence of God’s love within each and every one of us.

And so, man, using his imagination, usually makes his heaven what he wants it to be, according to his desires, and his racial habits of thought. I was just reading about a certain sect that their heaven consists of large-eyed damsels, and fine food. Well, if that suits them, that is their heaven, because their thought is that way. Another. . .another I was reading about, men, ya know, they like to fly around like birds, and be free like the birds are, and so all the angels in heave have wings. But that is not so. “Angel” means a ray of light. The angels are rays of God’s Light, the great Astral Light, the Luminous Light of Heaven. Those are the true angels.

And so, you must realize we are apt to make heaven fit our desires. But Heaven is a real place; it’s an honest-to-goodness place; a place of vibratory existence. Let us understand that. And, if you know the vibrations of Heaven, if you can perceive them, you can perceive, and have a glimpse of Heaven. Yes, you can even dwell in Heaven right here on earth. And so, those who try by delusion-freeing and attachment-breaking yogic methods of spiritual discipline – you’ve got to break the attachment, you’ve got to do away with delusion – if you do that, you can glimpse Heaven. Yes, even dwell in it for a little while, right here on earth.

There are two methods of perceiving Heaven. First, by transcending this worldly vibration, or the limitations of physical vision you can perceive, you can get a glimpse of Heaven. Realize, Heaven cannot be perceived by these physical eyes. The vibration is too high, or subtle. So when you transcend the limitations of physical vision, then you can perceive, or have a glimpse, of Heaven. Now many do this. How is it done? The Master gives the way in his Autobiography [of a Yogi] when he says, “By long continued concentration at the liberating spiritual eye the yogi realizes that this matter. . .that this material universe is not the reality, but that Heaven beyond this material universe *is* reality.” He breaks all of the limitations of matter. How? “Long continued concentration at the liberating spiritual eye.” At this spiritual eye of which Jesus spoke, “If thine eye be single thy body will be filled with light.” Concentrating there, merging in the high vibration at that point, will give you a glimpse of Heaven.

Just to show you that these methods are very scientific - excuse a personal reference – but, one time I was meditating, very deeply, in the beginning as the Master taught me how to do it – I felt my body cold. Why? Because the energy had been withdrawn from the body into the spinal region, and the head was hot at this point [holds hand over top of

head]. The energy had been withdrawn into the spine and had gone upward to the great supreme center of the brain where God and His angels dwell. And concentrating through the spiritual eye, I got a glimpse of a beautiful scene, which I will not describe, but I asked the Master what it was, and He said, “You have glimpsed the shores of Cosmic Consciousness.” I tell you this to show you, it can be done right here on earth. Now I wasn’t dead. My body was cool, because the energy had been withdrawn. That happens to you in sleep. Your temperature drops. In fainting the blood leaves the head and goes into the abdomen, and you’ll feel cold all over. I felt cold, that is, as I felt the body, but I was perfectly awake, perfectly conscious. In fact, I was more conscious than right now, talking to you. And penetrating, as I tried, the great Love for the Infinite Father, that little vision of Heaven came. And the Master corroborated it that it was just a little glimpse of Cosmic Consciousness. That is the first method.

But the second method, the second method is this: when through the command of God’s Grace – this is far different than the other – when through the command of God’s Grace the veils of space vibrations, and the finer veils of light are withdrawn, then you can see, yes, dwell in, those luminous regions of Heaven. Remember, it is the Grace of God that does it. The great Kabir said, “Even if you’re know throughout the twenty of universes times ten and are thought well of but receive not the glance of God’s grace you have nothing. . .” It is the glance of God’s Grace that does it. And when that comes, all the limiting veils of space, and final vibrations of light are withdrawn, and there you perceive the great Heavenly regions. And with that comes the great Peace and Bliss of God’s Presence – indescribable. Your soul is filled with His Presence. That’s the second method of having a glimpse of Heaven.

In Heaven, and when the Sun of Righteousness rises in your soul, then you see, not by solar light, but by the great Light of the Spiritual Sun, the Presence of God. When the Sun of Righteousness rises in your soul, when that great Light of the Spiritual Sun illumines you, and you realize that you are not this body, something far different. You are part of the one great Consciousness and Light of God. His great Love is with you – you are that, when the Spiritual Sun of Righteousness rises in your soul.

We have a testimony of this in Revelation, which I will read at this time. Revelation the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, the 5<sup>th</sup> Verse, “And there shall be no night there. . .” – there is no night when the Spiritual Sun of Righteousness rises in your soul; it is all Light; God’s great Light – “and there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light.”

Heaven is a region of the finer forces, the Fair Regions of Light. Real to those who will make the effort. Real to those who rise above this worldly existence, this limited existence. They can know that Heavenly region, illuminated by the great Sun of Righteousness.

In the celestial regions of light everything *is* Light. In the celestial regions of Heaven everything is Light. Vista upon vista of temples celestial, castles. Millions of miles of multi-colored oceans of light spread before your God-intoxicated vision, and you are

permeated with the great Peace and Bliss, indescribable, of the One Infinite Father. Such is what Heaven is, and it is knowable right here on earth.

And so, to have the privilege to have consciously visiting Heaven, knowing those Fair Regions of Light, which is our true home, you have to live a spiritual life right here on earth. You have to give a little time daily, to perceiving the presence of God, knowing that He is Reality. Isn't God worth, as Master used to say, "one-twenty-fourth of the day." He who gives us all things, surely, He is worth that much.

So, if we are to have a glimpse of Heaven, after we pass away, we will have had to live a spiritual life here, giving sometime, to knowing the presence of God. Otherwise how can we know something we know nothing of? How can we know Heaven unless we can perceive, at least have glimpses of it here on earth? It can be done by following the one had. . . who lived in that Heaven day after day, as our beloved Master. He has left the ways and the means whereby all of us, if we will, can know that Heaven while here on earth.

And so we must live a spiritual life here. If we follow, as do most people, the lures of sensation, and attract. . . and are attracted to, and pulled by worldly desires, to things in the world. . . that's what we will have. But, if you give a little time to God each day, just a little bit even; and when we want Him, feeling His presence in your heart, He will not deny you to be with Him even while here on earth.

And so, if by daily discipline of yoga we spiritualize our consciousness so that through wisdom we want only one thing: the conscious Presence of God alone, then Heaven will not satisfy us, and we will not be satisfied until we are one with Him. Until we *merge* in our Father's One Ocean of Bliss. And then the prodigal son will have returned home.

Master has expressed this so wonderfully, a few words from his Autobiography, which I will read at this time. "All the separate eddies of ideas, particularized waves of power, love, will, joy, peace, intuition, calmness, self-control, and concentration melt into the ever-joyous Sea of Bliss. . ." There is only one thing in the universe, and that is God's Consciousness, and that is His great Love. All these other ramifications of His Consciousness melt into the One Sea of Bliss. "No longer does the soul have to experience its Joy as an individualized wave of consciousness, but is merged in the One Cosmic Ocean. With all its waves, eternal laughter, thrills and sorrows."

So when that happens, the prodigal son returns home. That's our home. Each one of us belongs there. Let us realize it. Make the effort. Find our birthright – Oneness with the great Infinite Love of the One Father.