

Is Salvation For All?

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Subject this morning: "Is Salvation for All?"

Is Salvation for all? The definition of Salvation is: "delivery from sin and its consequences." Delivery from sin and its consequences. We can understand the problem of Salvation, if we will just remember that definition: delivery from sin and its consequences. We can understand the problem of Salvation, if we will just remember that definition.

We find [sin] only in the realm of outward consciousness, in this ordinary consciousness of life. There is no sin in God. There is no delusion in God, because there is no duality of consciousness. Sin is found in the realm of duality. Remember that. So now, if you want to be saved, if you want to be freed from the consequences of cause and effect in duality, what do you do? You merge in God's Unity of Consciousness.

Now the way is before each and every one of us whereby we can merge in His Consciousness. Because we are made in the Image of God, we are always connected to Him with an inseparable tie, and, therefore, we can say right off, "Salvation is for all, who will." That's the point. "Salvation is for all who will." All can attain the Unity of God's Consciousness in Love, who will give a little effort. But, we must remember this, that everyone has free will to get out of this delusion, or to stay in it, just as they like, until, finally, the whole Cosmic Drama is withdrawn; and then we have to go back to God whether we want to or not. But, unless we freely choose to know Him now, in this life, we go back to Him unconsciously. Remember, Salvation is for all who will, because we all have free will.

Now, to understand this, if we can visualize the Dream Consciousness. Remember that's one of the greatest illustrations ever given. As the Master said, "Understand the Dream Consciousness, and the moving picture, and you understand life itself." Now, let us discuss, just for a few minutes, the Dream Consciousness. If you can realize that, then you have the solution to Salvation.

Take your own dream, for instance. Remember, we are made in the Image of God, and as we dream, so God dreams, or, rather I should say, as God dreams so we dream. So we can take this illustration, and knowing that, we can know the Cosmic Dream.

Now, in ordinary dreams, you realize that it is your own consciousness that is dreaming. If you practice a little, you can go to sleep. You can consciously dream. Now, in that dream you may have many characters, like all of us. And in that dream, let us say, that you give each one of those free will, to be one with that dream, or to come back and realize that it is your own consciousness that is dreaming. You can understand that so far. You can give those characters in the dream free will to stay and be one with the dream, or to realize that the dream comes from your own consciousness.

Now, those who elect to be one with the dream, when the dream is withdrawn in the morning, when you wake up, you can understand, that their consciousness is lost, because to them the reality is what? It's the dream itself. Now those, while in the dream, who elect to be one with the consciousness that is dreaming, when the dream is withdrawn, where are they? They're in the one consciousness, which is your own consciousness.

So remember that illustration of the dream. Just as when you dream, the characters in that dream, if they become a part of the dream and forget the dreamer, which is your own consciousness, then when that dream is withdrawn in the morning when you wake up, where are they? They're gone. They never existed except in delusion.

So the same, if we remember God's Will, God's Dream, the same thing happens. He is dreaming this universe upon universe, and He has given each one of us, in this particular realm we find ourselves, free will to be one with the dream, to accept it, and, if we think that's the reality, to follow it, be one with it. But He has also given us the free will, and the power to be one with His Consciousness, which is dreaming all things.

And so, you can see that when His Consciousness is withdrawn at the end of the Cosmic Day, everybody has to go back to Him. Therefore, everybody will be saved, but in an unconsciousness way. But those of us who elect, right now, to merge in Him, whose Consciousness is projecting the dream, when the dream is withdrawn – I mean the Great Dream, the Cosmic Dream – we, being one with that Consciousness, which has produced the dream, will be eternally saved.

So, you see, Salvation is for all, those who will – will – give the time, and effort to be one – not with the dream itself – but with the Dreamer. And just as you dream your own dream and when it resolves, it resolves into your consciousness, so this Cosmic Dream resolves into the One, God Alone Consciousness. And those who understand that, right now, while here on earth, they're the ones who are saved. Because unless you understand it here on earth, now, you cannot pick it up after this dream is over. You must know now; God Alone. And that it is His Consciousness, which is dreaming.

So let us remember, Salvation is for all. Why? Because all have the ability to know God and His Great Love. Saints attest to that. Those who meditate a little will know that; and those who merge in God Alone have absolute Salvation.

Now, the Master's words come to me at this time, when he said, "If you understand, if you understand the Dream Consciousness, and the illustration of the moving pictures, then you absolutely understand life." Isn't that wonderful? He didn't pay much attention to other things. He didn't go into science of life, and so forth. He could, if he wanted to. He just said those two things. "If you understand the Dream Consciousness, plus the moving picture, then you'll understand life itself."

And he said this one thing in a letter to me, "Remember, all is filmed in the Imagination of God." Just like all your dreams are filmed in your imagination. "So," he goes on to say, "forget this dream of life for lo, in the Chamber of God's Imagination, life is already filmed and finished." How can we afford to be identified with the film and the dream? When, when it's completed there, it's a delusion, suggested by God. We must know the Giver, He who produced it, this Dream, this Cosmic Dream.

Now, to substantiate these statements which I have made, that Salvation is open to all, and that we all can absolutely have Salvation, I want to give a few references from the Bible and the Bhagavad Gita. You will remember that when Babaji met Sri Yukteswarji, I think you've read it perhaps in the Autobiography of a Yogi, that he told him to show, to show by parallel references, how the different scriptures, and especially in this case, the Bible and the Bhagavad Gita, to show that the underlying truth in all religions is the same. And in this case, this morning, the fact that all is produced from God's One Consciousness, His Light and His Love, and that those who merge in that can absolutely have Salvation.

And with that in mind, I want to read one or two parallel references. First, in St. John, the 9th Chapter, the 10th Chapter, the 9th Verse, this is what we read: "I am the door: by me, if any man..." any man. Not the elect, any man, "...if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." In other words, "I am the door" simply means the door is Christ Consciousness. And, if any man gives the time to enter in, he shall be saved. There are no qualifications necessary, except that it is a universal thing; that all who will – all who will – will be saved.

Now, in the Gita we find the same thing: "The same am I to all beings..." How could God be partial? The Gita, the wording of the Gita is most beautiful, "The same am I to all beings; there is none hateful to me nor dear. They verily who worship Me with devotion, they are in me, and I also in them¹." How could God be any different? How could He, when we're all products of His Imagination? And so, you see, there you have two references that point out clearly the underlying truth about Salvation – that everyone shall be saved, who will.

Now going on, two more parallel references. This, we might say, from saints to sinners, all are eligible. And so we read in St. John, the 3rd Chapter the 17th Verse, "For God sent not His Son..." and remember the "Son" is Christ Consciousness, "God sent not His Son into the world ~~not~~ to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Now "the world" doesn't mean just special people, saints, and so forth. That means everyone. Everyone from saint to sinner, if he will, can be saved.

And in the Bhagavad Gita we read the same thing: "Even if thou art the most sinful of sinners, [yet] shalt thou cross over ~~all delusion~~ all sin by the raft of wisdom²." "Even if the most sinful worship Me, with undivided heart..." Why not? The sin is simply a product of God's Imagination in creating this Dream. And so it says, "...if ~~even~~ the most sinful worship Me, with undivided heart, he too must be accounted righteous, for he hath rightly resolved; speedily he becometh dutiful and goeth to eternal peace, [O Kaunteya,], know thou ~~oh Arjuna~~, for certain, that my devotee perishes never³."

That's the most wonderful thing. Everybody will be saved. If you love God just a little bit, you're His devotee. It doesn't make any difference your position in

¹ The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, by Dr. Annie Besant, Discourse 9, Line 29,

² Ibid, Discourse 4, Line 36

³ Ibid, Discourse 9, Line 30-32

life – rich or poor, literate or illiterate – that makes no difference. The thing is if you are a devotee of God, you will never perish. You will never lose the realization that you are His child. That's being saved.

And finally, finally, the last parallel reference is this. There is one important thing to remember. There is one uncompromising requirement for Salvation. You cannot escape, and it is this. And I used to wonder why the Master kept saying to me, "Doctor, you must last to the end; you must last to the end. No matter what the troubles come, no matter what your hardships are. If you last to the end, with faith in God, then you will serenely go into His Presence; into His Light and Love. You cannot escape Salvation."

And so, I have two parallel references for this. Remember that uncompromising requirement: unless you keep steadfast with God, when the turmoil of death comes, or not even death, when you approach the end of the Drama of Life, things look different. They look quite different. The body is not so strong, and also does not function as well. But worst of all, you see the paradoxes of this life, and you realize that there can be no end in this life. Now, unless you are stable, unless you are steadfast, unless you last until the end with full faith in God, when these states of consciousness come upon you, how can you pass over on the other side serenely? You cannot. And so, the requirement which all must observe, if they are to be saved, is that they last till the end.

And we have these two references. Matthew the 24th, the 13th Verse: "But he that shall endure..." and it is an endurance race, all right, "he that shall endure, he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Now, you cannot endure until the end, until you establish a steadfastness of consciousness. Until you are stayed in God⁴, by the discipline of regular meditation and Self-Realization Fellowship Yoga; you cannot endure until the end, until you have that stability. Until, as the Bible says, you are stayed in God. Then and then only, can you remain steadfast till the last. But, if you do that, if you do that, there is nothing to prevent you merging in His Light and Love. Nothing! But, if you do not, there's such a turmoil, a restlessness, that you cannot preserve your continuity of consciousness into His Presence.

And in the Gita, same parallel reference: "[And] he who, casting off the body, goeth forth thinking of Me only at the time of the end, he entereth into My being:

⁴ Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on the: because he trusteth in thee."

there is no doubt of that⁵." But the point is, "...he who, casting off the body, goeth forth thinking of Me only..." that's the key. Without discipline, without the discipline of Self-Realization Fellowship Yoga, and regularity, you cannot go through death, or even the last part of the Drama of Life, thinking only of God. You can do that only if you are disciplined, and schooled, and as I have said, you have the stability of consciousness, you are stayed in God.

And, therefore, as I have said, Salvation is for all who last until the end. Because, just to reiterate, as the end of the Drama of Life comes, we see the discrepancies; we see the paradoxes; we see the body as falling apart, so to speak; we realize that this cannot be the end. And, unless we are disciplined through the regular practice of Self-Realization, we cannot serenely pass over into His Joy and into His Light and Love. But those, who during life, through discipline and regularity of devotion, consciously realize God alone; realize He is the Doer of this whole business; and merge in that, and have that Realization, they not only serenely pass over into the other side, into the Spiritual consciousness, but they pass over consciously. That's the important thing. But we must have that Realization of God Alone.

And so we should make the effort. We should not feel ourselves as unworthy. That's, that inferiority complex comes. We should not feel that. If we realize that this delusion is the sole cause of all sin and such things, and realize our unity with God's Consciousness, what we were in the past doesn't amount to Hanna Cook.

And I want to show you by reading, just one or two of Sri Yukteswarji's beautiful words. These are most wonderful, because when we look back and think of perhaps, the many incarnations when we do not realize what we were, what we did, how bad we were, because the bad seems to stand out, and last. Remember his words, they're most wonderful. He says this. These are the words of the Master's great guru: "The vanished lives of all men are dark with many shames. Human conduct is ever unreliable..." until anchored in His Name, "until anchored in the Divine." Then he concludes with these words: "Everything in the future will improve..." everything in the future will improve, "if you [are making] ~~make~~ the Spiritual effort now⁶."

⁵ The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, by Dr. Annie Besant, Discourse 8, Line 5

⁶ Autobiography of a Yogi, by Paramhansa Yogananda, Revision 1951, Chapter 12, Page 122

And so, let us not forget, Salvation is for all. And let us establish within us that stability of consciousness by following one, as the Master, who had that stability of consciousness; who serenely, and consciously, was one with God's Great Love through his life. Let us establish that stability of consciousness; that stability of consciousness, which stands, unshaken, through the crash of breaking worlds.

Nobody can touch you, if you have God's Presence with you. The worldly universe, can fall apart, but His Word will not. His Love will not, because it is His Love that has made universe upon universe. And so, let us remember, in the stability of Consciousness of God Alone lies Salvation for all, if they will.