

Intuiting the Scriptures

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I have a little story I must tell you here. It has to do somewhat with the Fourth of July. And this Frenchman was talking to an American and he said, "We. . ." he was speaking about his flag having the red, white, and blue, the tricolor, but he said, "When we, we also associated taxes with it when we think of our flag. When we think of the taxes we get red in the face, but when we get the tax bill we get white, and we keep paying until we are blue in the face." "Well," the American said, "well, we have a similar condition in America. Only with our condition we also see stars." So don't forget that, on this Fourth. You think of that story as you see that flag which means so much to us. And if it keeps on, I don't know what we will see.

Well, let us go on with our subject this morning, "Intuiting the Scriptures."

Intuiting the scriptures means to use the power of intuition to see the underlying truth. Realize that. We may read the scriptures, but, if you, as you read the scriptures, if you turn your attention inward, and use the Power of God in you as the intuition of the soul, then you will get the truth underlying the outward word of the scriptures, and you will find in all scriptures an underlying truth, a universality of religion. And that's what we must find as we read the scriptures; the universality of religion, because God is Universal. His Power is universal, and, therefore, that's what people must find, and need, and find, is the universality of religion, the Presence of God in all scriptures. Now, if you'll meditate as you are taught in Self-Realization, if you meditate, and develop that intuition within you, then whatever scripture you read you will see the universality underneath it. That's the wonderful part of it. There's nothing wrong with the different scriptures. The thing that is wrong is that we do not get underneath, and intuit them through the Power of God within us.

And so realize, that, that if you are to study the scriptures properly, you will not study them through reason, but through the intuition within you. Reason will not satisfy you, because reason is not intuition. Reason depends on mind, senses, and intellect – discrimination. But you cannot discriminate God. You cannot discriminate God. You can love God, that's all. And you love Him through the intuition within you.

As I have said, you will find in all scriptures – this is the most wonderful thing – and this was as Mr. Layton¹ said, “Sri Yukteswarji’s mission to show by parallel references the underlying universality of all religion.” And this morning I will give just one or two illustrations about such things. Before I do, especially with this great Cosmic Sound of Om, because that’s the, that’s the stepping stone, so to speak, across from worldly living into Godly living, and so, we must know about that, and we have to know it through intuition. Not by intellect; not by outward faculty.

Now in the olden days in India, I understand that the method of study was for the teacher to take a passage of the scripture, in their case the Bhagavad Gita, perhaps sometimes the Bible, and they would read it. Then they would sit and meditate upon it. In other words, they would get from outward discrimination into inward feeling. So that when you say that God is the Father of all, well by reason we understand that God is the Father of all things – we’ve got enough sense to see he has created universe upon universe – but that doesn’t satisfy, that’s not the reality underneath. The reality underneath is, that God is Consciousness, plus its Power, or Feeling. And so when you turn yourself within, and you feel the Conscious Presence of God as Love, that’s quite different isn’t it? That’s really intuiting the scriptures about God the Father just one illustration.

Now I have another point here, which I can use to illustrate the point about using reason rather than intuition will not get the real meaning of the scriptures. So in St. John, St. John 10th Chapter 27th and 28th Verses – most wonderful verses – I’ll read them first, then we will discuss them just for a moment through reason, and through intuition – through feeling. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.”

Now when we interpret that through reason, we know that God is. . .has created all things, and we’re part of those. . .that creation, and, therefore, we are His sheep, in a certain way, and being His sheep, He knows about us. And God being everything, creating all things, naturally, He can give, give those His children eternal life. Does that satisfy you? No. That is not intuitive.

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The point is this, "My sheep hear My voice. . ." That's the key. In other words, those who know God as the Cosmic Sound, that's His Voice, and in that Cosmic Sound see His great Light; hear the great Sound, the tread of His footsteps, or greatest of all feel in their heart His great Love, they're the ones that know Him.

My sheep know Me. . . I know them. . . they hear My voice; I know them, and knowing them, being one with them, as I have Eternal Life; as I am Bliss and Joy; as I am all Consciousness and all Power; so they being one with Me, likewise, have the same thing. Now doesn't that give you a different idea about the scriptures? Doesn't that make you feel that you are one with God? Doesn't that make you feel that you are one of His sheep? And He's got His eye on you. He's watching you, and, if you follow, because the Love in your heart tells you so, you, too, will have Eternal Life, Eternal Consciousness, as God has.

Now that's intuiting the scriptures. You see the difference? Reason is not sufficient, because reason does not give that feeling so necessary to fully understand the scriptures. Now intuiting the scriptures shows, as I have said, the underlying universality of religion. You will find in all the scriptures there are certain points of unity. Remember those. Never mind the history, so much, but there are certain points of unity in all scriptures, and you will find them universally there. And every follower of any scripture, true scriptures, will find the same universality underneath. Now that's the thing to remember.

Now these points of unity are for instance: God is the only Reality. God is the only Reality. There's nothing else, but Him. But as we look about us, and see this multitudinous creation, creation of multitudinous things and beings, we wonder. But, nevertheless, underneath, underneath all scriptures is that point of unity. There is One God; the Author of All Things, God Alone. He is the Reality. That is the first point.

Now another point is this: that in the scriptures, the Power of God, the Power of God is the Holy Vibration. The Power of God's Consciousness is this Cosmic Vibration. That's another point of unity.

A third point of unity is: that all things come from the Holy Vibration. All things are made from that. Just like science has shown, matter resolves into energy, and finally into light. All things come from that great Light of the Holy Ghost.

And the last thing is: the method of God contact, the method of knowing the underlying reality of the scripture that you are a child of God, is the same in all scriptures. What is it? Contacting God as the Holy Vibration.

Now there you have the main points of scripture reading. Get those. Get the contact with God. The rest He can give you, if it is his Will. So realize those points of unity. I'll just take them up briefly, one by one. I have quite a few references, which are necessary in such a subject as this. I hope it will not tire you too much, but, if you can jot them down. Read them. That satisfies that kink in your mind which demands to see it written out; to see it on paper, so to speak.

Now let's take the first point of unity. Now God is the only Reality; as all the saints say, "God Alone Is." God Alone Is. Well now in our own scriptures, in the Bible, which is the textbook, so to speak, of Christianity, we find God as follows, God the Father, the One Eternal Father, in 1st Corinthians the 8th Chapter, 6th Verse. This is what it says, "There is but One God, Father of all, Father of whom are all things, and we are in Him."

Now let us just pass on to the Vedas, or to the Bhagavad Gita, with which we are somewhat familiar. Their God is known as Ishwara, and also keep in mind the Hindu religion – Hinduism. Where. . . what do we find God spoken of there? Same thing – the Supreme Brahman, the Supreme Brahman, Primal God, Unborn, Omnipresent - so you see the similarity there. The underlying truth is the same. And that's found in the Gita, 10th Discourse 11th, 12th, and 13th verses.

Now let us go on to Zoroastrianism. The sacred book of Zoroastrianism is the Avesta. Remember, the first point of unity, you will find underneath, is that God Alone is Supreme. That's the first point of unity, God the Father. And what do we read? We read God is spoken of as Ahura Mazda. Mazda means Light, as you know. Consciousness and Light, Consciousness and light, as Jesus said, ya gotta be saved by the water and the blood – same thing, same Consciousness and Light. Now you cannot know that through reason, through outward form, through the intellect, but you turn within, and you'll feel it. You'll feel this underlying unity in all scriptures. Now in this Avesta, which is the textbook, so to speak, of Zoroastrianism, we read as follows, "[God] Ahura Mazda, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Eternal, Imperishable, Infinite. . ." They're all the same. All the same underneath, same point of unity, God's Supreme.

But the thing we must learn, is we must not realize that through an intellect or outward learning, we must turn in and feel it. Feel His Consciousness as

Supreme within you. And when you supersede this outward consciousness, you will feel that Omniscient feeling of God. You understand? You can read it, but you have to turn within, and through intuition feel the Omniscience of God in you. Master said, Master said "There's not a question of a doubt but the Consciousness of Bliss within us is God Consciousness." And God's Omniscience is our own omniscience. That's the underlying thing, which you must know through intuition. You cannot know through intellect.

And, finally, in Muhammadanism, of which the book, the holy book, is the Koran, we read as follows about God, He's known as Allah - same thing, "Supreme Builder." "It is to God, that the end and the beginning of all things belong," the 8th Surah of the Koran. But now, remember in these things, they all say the same words, but you will not know it to be true until you intuit it through your intuition. Then you will feel, as I have said, whether you are in a Mohammedan Mosque, a Hindu Temple, Self-Realization Church, or any church. You will feel, as you turn within, and through your intuition, feel one with God, you will feel that Omniscient Consciousness of the Eternal Father. You see the difference now between reasoning the scriptures and intuiting?

Now let us pass on to the next point. As I have said, the Power of God is in the Cosmic Vibration. We have two things in the Supreme Father, we have Consciousness plus His Power, and the Power of that Consciousness is the Holy Vibration: Divine Mother; Holy Ghost; Great Cosmic Sound; whatever you wanna call it; Light beyond this outward visible universe. The Vibrating Light is the Power of God. The Power of His Consciousness is no difference. No more than you can separate the fire and the burning power; you can't do it, can you? You can't separate God's Consciousness, His Omniscient Consciousness, plus the Power of that Consciousness. And the Power of that Consciousness is the Holy Vibration.

Now let us see if in these few scriptures, the ones I've taken - Christianity, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and Muhammadanism, and Buddhism you can put in with Hinduism; you can merge them all in there, they're all the same, you'll find the underlying truth - I'll just taken these four. There are many others. Now what do we find? We find about this Holy Vibration is God's Power.

Now in Christianity that Holy Vibration is spoken of as the Amen. In Hinduism it is Om. In Zoroastrianism it is Ahunavar, and in Muhammadanism it is Amin.

Now the underlying truth is what? That that refers to the same Cosmic Vibration. There was an instrument in one of the World's Fairs where they spoke these words into it and the underlying graph was the same – showing the universality of that Power of God in that vibration. Do you see? Now that's the Holy Vibration, which is the Power of God. And that Power of God is in each and every one of us. That Holy Vibration is in you, I'll come to in a moment. We have to realize it. We have to know it. We have to be one with it. So the Power of God is in the Holy Vibration, spoken of in the Bible as the Amen.

Just one or two references; Revelation 1st Chapter, 10th and 11th Verses [see correction next paragraph], "Thus saith. . . These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God." Don't ya think that's God's Power? Everything comes from that Om vibration. That's the Power of God.

We have another reference. Revelation 1st. . .first reference was Revelation 3rd, 14th. Second is: Revelation 1st, 10th and 11th, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice. . ." The Cosmic Sound of Om, the Power of God, ". . .as of a trumpet saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Isn't that wonderful? Shows, shows, the Power of God is in the Holy Vibration – the Amen. But, don't forget, to know that you have to be one with it. To realize it; everything is come from that one vibration.

Now going on to the Vedas; the Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita, the Great Creative Power of God is spoken of as the Om vibration. The creative sound of the Vedas, we read.

And, finally, in the Koran or rather the Avesta, the Holy Vibration is the Ahunavar, which is spoken of in the Avesta as "The Lord's Word." You see the difference? In our own Bible, "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, the word was God." In the Avesta of Zoroastrianism, we find the same thing: "The Lord's Word." You see the universality underneath? Don't forget ya have to merge in it to know it.

And, finally, in the Koran of the Muhammadanism we find the same word. The Power of God, the Word of God, spoken of there as the Amin, corresponds to the Christian Amen, the Hindu Om. So you see how wonderful. . .wonderfully it works out underneath the outward spoken word is the underlying unity. That has to be known through intuition. Not through intellect, mind, and reason.

Now let us go on to another point of unity. The Holy Vibration is the source of all things. All things come from Divine Mother. If you want something, where do you go? 'Specially if you're in trouble. "Divine Mother, give me this, give me that, all things." What is Divine Mother – the Holy Vibration, the Light aspect, the time and space element of the Holy Vibration, from which all things take form. Science has shown that all things come from light, and that Light is the Holy Vibration – Divine Mother aspect of it, of the Holy Vibration. All things come from that. Therefore, all things come from this Holy Vibration within us. Therefore, if you want something, if you want something from Divine Mother, what should you do? You should be one with Her – One with Her within you. Everything comes from that Womb of Eternal Life, the Cosmic Light, everything comes from that, be one with it, then you can receive what you need from Her.

As I have said, we have in the Bible direct reference to this wonderful thing – that the source of all things is the Word, the Holy Vibration. We read in St. John the 1st Chapter, first few verses, 1st, 3rd, and 14th, listen: "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, the word was God." Now from reason you will say, "Wait. God is in the Holy Vibration." But, also, it says, "The word was God," so that, if you merge in the Holy Vibration, you'll become one with His Consciousness. That's how to intuit the scripture. Not just be satisfied with the reasoning aspect, but feel it. Feel it, by being one with it. So we have in St. John those wonderful words. "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God. . ." Not something way off in the distance. Not something we cannot approach. "The word was God," is God – right within you, right within me.

In the 3rd verse, "All things were made by Him. . ." this Word, ". . . and without Him not anything was made that was made." And so, all things come from that Holy Vibration, the Word of God, right within us. We have that right in our own Christian Bible.

Now we have it also in the Gita, which is. . .which comes down from the Vedas, the textbook, so to speak, of Hinduism. We find the same thing – the word spoken of what? In the Gita, in the 7th Discourse, the 8th Line, we read as follows about this word, and about how all things come from it. We read as follows, "...the word of power." There the Holy Vibration spoken of in the Christian Bible as the Word, in the same Gita, in the Gita is spoken of as "the word of power." And we read as follows in the 8th Line. "I am the surfeit of the waters, the radiance of the moon, the word of power." And the footnote is "The Om vibration." "In all the Vedas, sound in the ether, virility in men, pure

fragrance of the earth, life, the life in all beings, am I. And the austerity of the aesthetics, know thou Me, Arjuna, as the Eternal Seed of all things.” And so you can see, what is the source of all things? We find in our own Bible and in the Gita, the Word of God. The Holy Vibration is the source.

Now let us go on to the Avesta where we read the same thing. Here we find, that the Ahunavar corresponds to the great Om of the Hindus, and the Zoroastrians’ in the Hindu religion are sister religions. You’ll find the same eternal truths in the different scriptures.

And, finally, in the Koran, we also have spoken of there, the word as the Amin – almost the same, the Amen – Amin. There we read from just a little passage in the Koran as follows, “The end and the beginning of all things is the Amin.” So you see in all religions, underneath, is the universality of truth. But the thing is, if you are intuiting the scriptures, know that Holy Vibration. Know that Amen, that Amin, that Om.

Now to the last point of unity, which is most wonderful, and that is: all agree, all scriptures, I don’t care which ones they are, agree to this one thing; that if you’re going to contact God, that Source of Power, which has made each and every one of us, in whom is Light and Love, all things, if you’re gonna contact Him, you contact Him the same way in all scriptures. How? By merging in the Holy Sound; by merging in the Om; by merging in the Amen; by merging in the Amin; by merging in the Ahunavar. That’s what you must do. If you are gonna intuit the scriptures, you must see that underlying reality. Seeing it, you must do it. If you want God contact – spoken of in all the scriptures – merge in Him as the Holy Vibration within you.

Now let us take first Christianity. Christianity. . .in our Bible we find the same thing. The Holy Vibration is spoken of as the Word. Now this is the important part of the talk this morning. The Word is made up with the Cosmic Sound, the Cosmic Light, greatest of all the Cosmic Feeling – the Feeling of God in the Holy Vibration. What is it? Love. Realize that. If you want to understand the scriptures, feel them. Intuit them. And know, if you’re gonna contact God you have to know the Holy Vibration, and merge in it. All scriptures will say the same thing. I’m gonna point out to you, exactly; every scripture says that same thing. Self-Realization gives you the techniques to do it. Now do it. Then you’ll know how to intuit the scriptures, and you’ll realize the reality behind the scriptures, the universality of God in all things.

And so, in our own Bible we find reference to the Holy Vibration as Light, as Cosmic Sound – greatest of all – Cosmic Love; right in our own Bible, right in the Gita, right in the Avesta, right in the Koran. Now let me just briefly go through them. Listen carefully, because these are real things given by the Master, and which we all must know, if we're gonna save our souls, we're gonna intuit the scriptures in the proper way.

And so, we find in St. John, that one great reference, which I often use, "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, the word was God." There you have all aspects of the Holy Vibration. Everything is there. Merge in it. You have the Light, the great Cosmic Light; you have the Cosmic Sound; greatest of all, you have the Love of God.

Now we have references in our own Bible distinctly pointing out the Light, and the Sound, and the Love of God. You didn't realize that, did you? Listen, in 1st John, 1st Chapter the 5th Verse, "God is light, and in Him is not darkness at all." That's the Light beyond the atoms, of which the Master spoke. God is Light, and those who will merge in the Holy Vibration will see that Light. Finally, "they will be that Light," as Lord Shankara said. And so, we have there a direct reference to light.

Now let us go on to sound. You didn't think it spoke about the sound in the Bible? Yes, you did. You remember in Revelations, it said ". . . I heard a great voice behind me. . ." But, here's another one. In the 89th Psalm, the 15th Verse, "Blessed is the people who know the joyful sound. . ." Proving distinctly the Psalmist is referring to the Cosmic Sound, because when you hear it, you feel the Bliss of His Presence. ". . . they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy continence. . ." There you have the two together. You have the Light and the Sound together.

Now the last, perhaps is the greatest – is the greatest. Unless you can feel a thing, what good is it? Unless you feel in life, the real Feeling of the Presence of God in it, what good is it? And so, this Love, an aspect of the Word of God, the Holy Vibration, we have a reference in 1st John, 4th Chapter, 16th Verse: "And we have known and believe God is love. . ." God is Love, ". . . and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him." Could it be any clearer? Could it be any clearer than that? That's an aspect of the Holy Vibration, the Word of God. The Light, the Sound, greatest of all, is the Feeling – Love. It's diluted, I know, in this world, in all sorts of ways, but when you clear the rubbish away, right within your own heart, and get rid of the meanness of the heart, what do you

find? You'll find the Love of God. The greatest Force in the Universe. The Force of Attraction, which is pulling all things back to God. Planets, luminaries, are pulled by the Attractive Power of God. That's Love. No wonder "God is Love" is a truism. Let us realize it, by feeling it through the intuition within us.

And so, there we have in our own Bible direct references to the fact that, if we are to contact God, we must merge in that Holy Vibration. That's the method, and that method is the same in the rest of the scriptures, which I will now read. Let us take for instance the Gita. Representing Hinduism, and the Holy Vibration is known as the Om. Here we read in the Gita the 8th Discourse, 12th Verse, "Om, Om, the one syllable, eternal reciting. . ." – that's the Eternal Vibration, "reciting it" means merging in it – "Om, the one syllable, eternal reciting, thinking upon Me, he goeth on the highest path." Isn't that wonderful? There in your own Gita you have the same thing, merge in the Holy Vibration, the Presence of God in you as the Word.

Let us go on now to Zoroastrianism, that religion of ancient times, and the sacred book is the Avesta. Zoroaster was the chief one who promulgated Zoroastrianism. What do we read about merging in the Holy Vibration? Most wonderful. Listen, when it says in the Avesta, "Zoroaster begin to chant the Ahunavar. . ." Zoroaster merged in the Holy Vibration. Chanting Om, chanting Amin, chanting Amen, chanting the Ahunavar is not just saying it, it's not hearing it, it's merging in it; and that's what Zoroaster did.

And, finally, the Koran. Koran, which is also most wonderful in there, the Cosmic Sound, the Word of God is the Amin, and this is what we read; in the various parts of the Koran, we have reference to true happiness, bliss, as nearness to God. Nearness to God. Can you get any nearer to God than merging in His Presence within you as the Holy Vibration? And so, in the Koran we have that spoken of most beautifully. But, there is one other thing which shows it absolutely. In the Surah 10th, 9th Line, "Thou who believe and work righteousness, their Lord will guide them because of their faith." Then it says, "Beneath them, beneath them will flow rivers of bliss." Master said, "There is no difference between Bliss Consciousness and God Consciousness." There's no difference.

And so, throughout the various scriptures, the Bible, the Koran, the Avesta, all scriptures you will find the same underlying truth. That God is the One Father; and that His Power is the Holy Vibration. All things come from that, and that the way to contact God is to be one with that Holy Vibration. That Om vibration.

Be one with it. Supersede this worldly consciousness in which we find trouble, changeableness, transient consciousness. Supersede it by that great Light of God within; the Holy Vibration. If you do that, you will not just be reading scriptures, you will be intuiting them. You will not just be saying words about scriptures, you'll be feeling them. You'll not only be dreaming about God, but you'll be one with Him.

Know Him. We are His children. Remember the words, "My sheep know Me, I know them. I give them eternal life." But greatest of all, and this comes from. . .by. . . by being one with the scriptures – through intuition – greatest of all, "No man shall pluck them out of My hand." No man can take God away from us. Now you will not be able to know this by reading the scriptures, but by intuiting them. Feeling God's Love, then you will know no one can take you out of God's hands.