

# Where Is Heaven?

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The subject this morning is, "Where is Heaven?"

Where is Heaven? Before we discuss about Heaven, let us realize a little bit about the three universes which have been created. For instance, we know about the Physical Universe. Then there is a much more expanded universe – the Astral Universe, the Universe of Light, or Heaven – from which all things have come. And then beyond that is the Causal Universe.

And so, in Genesis, we read that "God created heaven and earth and they were without form and void." They were created first in the Causal Universe. Then, it says, "God created light." And in that Universe of Light we find all things. And from that Universe of Light – the Astral Universe, or Heaven – is frozen, so to speak, the Physical Universe. And those three universes constitute the Macrocosmic Universes.

Now we are the microcosm. And we, too, have three miniature universes. We have the Causal Universe within us; we have the Astral Universe, in which we find our Spiritual Body of Light; and then we have the Physical Body, with which we are familiar.

And so, with those few words of explanation about the three universes, let us ask the question, where is Heaven? Well, Heaven is the region of Finer Forces. That is, Heaven is the region of the Astral Universe, and our Spiritual Body is an inhabitant of that Astral Universe of Light. Heaven is the Land of the Fourth Dimension – Heaven – the abode of angels, or Rays of Spiritual Light, or Spiritual Forces, and Spiritual Consciousness. Heaven is the Spiritual, or Astral Region, which is the cause of, or that which lies behind, material things. After the changeable things pass away, the Astral Forces and the Astral Realm remain, plus its inhabitants; that is, plus the Spiritual bodies of those who have cast aside the physical garment. And so this realm of Heaven is a great ball of Light.

Now our Soul, a Ray of Spirit, with its Body of Astral Light, with which you are familiar, is an inhabitant of Heaven. Right now, at this moment, our Spiritual Body is dwelling in the Astral Regions, or in Heaven. Our Astral Body is made up of what? It's made up of 19 elements, of which we have discussed: the ten

senses; the five electric pranas; mind, intellect, ego, and chitta. Those constitute our Spiritual Body, our Body of Light, and that is existing right at this moment in Heaven, because it is a constituent of the Heavenly Forces.

Now, temporarily our Spiritual Body – our Heavenly Body, the Electronic Body – is manifesting through the physical instrument. Why is it that we cannot see Heaven and the Heavenly Forces? We can ask the question, we do not see x-rays when it is passed before us – magnetic rays, electronic rays – but they are there just the same. So is Heaven. We cannot perceive Heaven because of its subtlety. A Veil of Vibration lies between Heaven and earth. In other words the earthly vibration is grosser than the Heavenly vibrations. And when you are engrossed in worldly vibrations, you cannot see the Finer Vibrations of Heaven.

But, although tied to this body through the law of karma, still, because of our unique construction, that is of self-consciousness, and the Spiritual Electronic Centers of the spine and brain, we can perceive Heaven, travel therein in Heavenly Consciousness, while here on earth. Now those who meditate deeply can perceive parts of their Heavenly Body, their Spiritual Body, and they can see parts of the Region of Heaven.

In St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, the 51<sup>st</sup> Verse, Jesus was speaking to Nathaniel, and he told him in words as follows: "Verily, verily I say unto you, Nathaniel, hereafter ye shall see Heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man," because Nathaniel was completely without guile, having done away with his ego, because of that, because he had done away with outward and worldly consciousness, he could perceive the Heavenly Ray, spoken of as angels, ascending and descending from Heaven.

Going on now – this earth, and our bodies, are condensed, frozen Heavenly Energy. In the Heavenly Forces, the Heavenly Energies, we find the Light atom from which all things are produced. In physical existence there is some difference between the atoms of our body, and yet, if we did away with that space between the atoms, and put the atoms themselves into a little jewel box, that jewel box would weigh our total weight of 150 pounds. So you see, there is quite a bit of space, even in physical existence – in the Physical Universe.

But, on the Astral side – the Astral side is 100 times expanded, compared to the Physical Universe. Heaven and its Forces, these underlying Electronic Forces – Astral Forces – are the cause of physical creation, and, of course, our bodies. Heaven is made up of Subtle Energy – Light, the Holy Vibration. This is the one

Heavenly Light. Behind it is the cause of all things, the Causal Universe, and the Unity of God the Father's Consciousness. There is One Substance which has produced all things, the One Eternal Substance of God, His Consciousness. When that Consciousness moves, it becomes the Holy Vibration, the Creation of Light, and from that is frozen the Physical Universe. Now we have to realize that all things come from the One Eternal Consciousness. In the [Bhagavad] Gita it says that "the yogi realizes a stone, gold, or a lump of clay as the same" – the One Heavenly Light.

Now, where is Heaven? Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." We read this in St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter, the 36<sup>th</sup> Verse. "This world" means that "my kingdom" is not of gross consciousness and energies. Gross consciousness of this physical existence and energies, because they pass away, they change. While the Eternal Consciousness within us, does not change. The manifestation of Heavenly Energy and the perception of Heaven through which inhabitant – the Soul – takes place, in the Seat of Virtue.

That's where you can perceive Heaven; in the Seat of Virtue at the Christ Center, at a point between the eyebrows, through the crown on the head. That's the Seat of Virtue. That is where we can perceive Heaven and its Forces – the Land of the Fourth Dimension – and we perceive this through the door, or the Spiritual Eye, commonly spoken of – the Medulla Center.

Now this door has a definite shape, where the two aspects of the Heavenly Forces come into our being. It has the outer, lighter-colored ring of vibrating energy, and it has the dark center of God's Consciousness, in His Vibrating Energy, or the Christ Consciousness. Also in the little. . .in the center, there's a little star, which is the epitome of Cosmic Consciousness. Now that is the door to the Astral Region, or the door to Heaven.

There are two other doors similar to this: the door to Christ Consciousness, and finally, the door to Cosmic Consciousness. But, one has to enter into, or through, the Astral door to perceive the Heavenly Forces – the Region of Heaven. We must do that. As the Master has often said, "Long continued concentration on the liberating spiritual eye frees the devotee." That is, breaks the attachment of the devotee to worldly consciousness. Good intentions are not enough. We have to do, you have to be regular with devotion. As the Master said one time, "The road to Hades is paved with good intention."

The Astral Universe, or Heaven, is 100 times larger than the physical creation. God created Light – a great ball of Light, the Holy Vibration, the Spiritual Realm, the Astral Universe, the Universe of Light – and hanging from this is the little ball of the Physical Universe. As the Master has said, “This Physical Universe hangs like a little solid basket under the huge balloon of the Astral Sphere, or Heaven.”

In Heaven, there are various degrees of Heavenly Consciousness. There is the ordinary Heaven, where ordinary people go according to the law of gravitation. And then there is a subtler Heaven, where those go who have tried by devotional yogic methods to realize Heaven while here on earth – to realize the state of conscious sleep, and conscious death, while here on earth; they go to the subtler Heaven. After the subtle Heaven, then comes the Heaven of the Causal world.

Heaven is right within us. Heaven is the Land of Finer Forces, the Land of Astral Light from which this body has been projected. Each one of us has a Spiritual Body, which is an inhabitant of Heaven, right now, even though the physical body is tagging along, so to speak. And our Soul, which is encased in our Spiritual Body, is limited by the Physical Universe while here on earth. But in spite of that limitation, if one meditates, and follows one who has known Heaven – the Land of the Finer Forces – if one follows such a person, as our Guru and Master, he can, even while here on this earth, realize Heaven; see, as Nathaniel saw, the angels ascending and descending from Heaven. He can do that, because each one of us is made in the Image of God. We have within us in miniature, the Causal Universe; we have the Astral Universe of Heaven, as the Spiritual Body, the inhabitant of Heaven; and we have the Physical Body, with which we are so familiar.

The way to understand Heaven is not by intellect. Not by outward powers of mind and reason, but by merging in the Omniscience of God within, as our Soul. In that Omniscience, is all Wisdom. Everything comes from that Omniscience of God – including Heaven.

And so when we, by regular practice of devotion, and following the techniques of the channel which God has sent – the techniques given to us by the beloved Master – when we regularly follow this channel; then, we too, shall know and realize Heaven.