

# The Cosmic Masquerade

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Subject this morning: "The Cosmic Masquerade," "The Cosmic Masquerade."

I notice by the definition of a "masquerade:" "it is a false show or disguise."  
And so, this creation is a false show. It is not as it seems to be.

I always remember the illustration the Master used several times. It was a simple illustration. I use it quite often. I think it is well if you'll remember it. You take the illustration of a cake of ice. Due to certain conditions, under certain conditions, that ice remains a cake of ice. It has solidity, you can feel the cold in it, it has weight, it occupies space, it is a real thing, temporarily. So is this life. Now when you change those conditions, of temperature, and pressure, what happens? The ice melts into something stable. It melts into water, which remains, and for our purpose, we will say that that is the stability – the stable part which remains.

So, with creation. Behind this creation, is something that is Eternal that does not change. But due to conditions, this Cosmic Masquerade, this Dream of God, is temporarily true. But we must not make the mistake of being one with that temporarily true thing. We must be one with that which does not change – the Eternal behind the Cosmic Masquerade. And so, with this life, when things are changed and the Soul withdraws from the body, then the body disappears. And so, we must not be one with that thing that changes. We must not be one with the changeable body. We must not put our faith and trust in this Cosmic Delusion, in this Dream of God, in this Cosmic Masquerade, because just as sure as it had a birth, it will pass away. And we are something that does not have a birth, and, therefore, does not pass away. We should know the Eternal part within us. We should know the Eternal part within us.

How to do this? Break the attachment to that which is not Eternal – this body, this Cosmic Masquerade. This masquerade is the Dream of God. He is the Dreamer. Therefore, we must be one with the Dreamer. Not the Dream. That's what we must watch out for, and be careful of; to be one with the Dreamer – not the Dream.

Take your own dream for instance. You can dream, you can dream a universe. You can dream this church, just as you see it. We're all sitting here. But, when you break the dream, when you become one with the Dreamer, which is nothing but yourself and your consciousness, then where is the dream? Where is the masquerade? Its true nature is realized, and you realize that you have created your own dream. So, with God; He creates His own Dream.

Now, God knows He is dreaming. But we, in this Cosmic Masquerade, do not realize that. We do not, we have forgotten our real heritage, and we have become one with our dream bodies, so to speak. We have become one with these dream bodies of God, and we've lost the realization that we really are one with the Dreamer Himself. We have to once more, bring that back, and making, make it dynamic to our consciousness. Now, because we are one with the dream bodies – this is important – because we are one with the dream bodies, we are bound by the Wheel of Birth and Death. We are bound by that. In the [Bhagavad] Gita, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Discourse, the 9<sup>th</sup> Line<sup>1</sup>, we read this very thing, we are bound by the wheels of birth and death until we break the dream. How? By waking up in the Consciousness of the Dreamer; so, this is what we read: "He who thus knoweth [my divine birth, and action,] Me in [its] essence..." That is, you know the Eternal part behind you, which is God; he who knows that, "...having abandoned the body, cometh not to birth again, but cometh unto Me, O Arjuna."

And so, we do not wanna go on with this Wheel, being caught in this Wheel of Births and Deaths. We wanna get out of it, because as long as we stay in it, we are in delusion. We do not realize our Free Soul, Unlimited Soul which we really are.

Now the great saint, Patanjali, he said one or two very important things. First he said this: "Out of our identification with the body," with the dream body in the Cosmic Masquerade, out of that, remember, "out of that is born that ego consciousness," the false self. The Master used to say the self-appointed Viceroy of the Soul. That's nothing but the Soul attached to the body. That's what has happened. Why? Because we're attached to the dream body of God. What goes with that attachment? Limitation; we're very limited – attachment – and the ego is the cause of the whole thing. But, we are so strongly attached, that the worst thing happens. What is it? We feel separated from God. That's the worst thing. It wouldn't be so bad to be attached to the body, but we're separated from that

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<sup>1</sup> The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant 1939, Page 69

Great Love of God due to that attachment to the dream bodies in the Cosmic Masquerade. Therefore, it is very essential we break this dream – break this dream. Understand the Cosmic Masquerade. Understand that it is a Show. But you can only understand it when you become one with the Dreamer Himself.

The other thing Patanjali said is this. First, because we are so strongly attached to this body, to this ego, and this is the important thing, that when the body dies, the ego, feeling itself one with it, and remember the ego is the Soul, “the Soul, feeling itself one with the body, when the body is no more, and passes away, the Soul loses its consciousness.” Now that’s death, sure. Death to what? Death to our birthright – Oneness with God. That’s the important thing, which Patanjali stressed. “Attachment to the dream body creates the ego, and the Soul, thinking it is the body, and the body is no more, and passes away, loses its consciousness” – or its oneness with God. That’s the first great thing that Patanjali said.

The next is this. He said: remembrance of this phenomena, “Remembrance of this being created as a body over incarnations, the repeated remembrance of that is very difficult to eradicate.” How easy it is to think, “Oh, here I am.” “Oh, this is me, here I am.” But that really isn’t you. But because it has gone on for incarnations, it’s very difficult to break. So Patanjali called that “the mental cancer,” which we must get rid of – the idea that we are this body; and it’s very hard to eradicate it. But it can be done. It can be done, as I will point out shortly.

From this consciousness, as I have said, the worst thing, the worst thing is not so much the attachment to the body, but what are we separated from – The Master of the Universe, who has all things, and has created all things. That’s the sad part of it. That’s the sad thing. We feel separate from God. We have to break that. We have to understand the Cosmic Masquerade, and once more realize our oneness with Him.

So that’s why Krishna said what? He said “Get out of my delusion,” get out of my Maya, get out of the idea that you are this body. Jesus said the same. He said what? Seek first, seek first, oneness with the Dreamer. Seek first the kingdom of heaven<sup>2</sup>, which is the same thing. And in the Gita<sup>3</sup>, same; 4<sup>th</sup> Discourse, the 5<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Line, we read as follows. This is wonderful:

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<sup>2</sup> Matthew 6:33

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, Page 68

"Many births have been left behind by Me and by thee, O Arjuna." Thus speaks Krishna. "Many births have been left behind...I know them all, but thou knowest not thine, O [Parantapa] Arjuna." See Krishna is one with the Dreamer. Still, he was dreaming. But he knew he was dreaming – Arjuna wasn't. Arjuna was in the dream, but he didn't know the Dreamer. That's most beautifully said. And so, we have to break that idea of separation from God.

Now, going on about science and the Cosmic Masquerade – science is catching on fast. Science is catching on fast about this Cosmic Dream, this Cosmic Masquerade, because it is proved that matter is not lost. That matter resolves into free electrons as light, and from that Light of God all things have come. Science is proving that – science is proving it fast. I wanna quote just one, or quotations from some of the leading scientists proving this fact, that they are understanding the Cosmic Masquerade as a Play of God's Light on the screen of man's consciousness, in our case, and on the screen of space, in the case of the Universe. It's simply a Play of God's Light; a play of that One Substantial Unity of His Presence, behind the duality of this Cosmic Masquerade.

Now the scientists say that very thing, and [G.K.] Eddington says this. He says: "Forever solid matter melts into unsubstantial radiation, forever tangible changes into the intangible." Then he says, "Perhaps radiation," which is energy, "is matter moving with the speed of light, and matter is radiation moving with less speed than that of light." In other words, they are finding out that the whole business of this Cosmic Masquerade is simply a play of one thing – the Eternal Substance of God, His Great Mind. Spirit moving is God's Mind, that's all – or Divine Consciousness is better. They are realizing, the scientists are, that it's simply a play of that. Like a moving picture, the beam coming down. Who, who would think that in the beam of light is all that, which you see on the screen, it's there. So this whole Universe is the Beam of God's Light, striking on the screen of space, giving us the delusion of solidity, touch, all those things. That's the Cosmic Masquerade, that's the Dream of God.

Now Jeans James [s/ be James Jeans] said the same thing. He says: "Matter and mass is indestructible." All right, it must come from something that isn't destructible then. It must come from something that's Eternal – sure. It comes from the One Great Light of God. He says, "Mass is indestructible, matter is indestructible. If the atom loses part of its substance, its mass and radiation, the light, or photon gets it." Isn't that wonderful? Then he goes on to say, "If the proton and the electron are completely finished, annihilated, the photon will have the combined mass of both." In other words, they are proving that this

Cosmic Masquerade is simply a play of One Eternal Substance – the Presence of God, His Great Omniscience and His Great Love. It is His Love which is the Force that does it.

And then finally, one other quotation, then I'm through, from Professor...forgotten his name now...Oldenberg. He's at Harvard. Professor Oldenberg says this: "Not only has science proved that matter is resolved into light," which the yogis knew years ago, "but now they have proved that they can change the light back into matter." They can change the energy, the gamma rays back into positrons, proving, proving without a doubt, that this Cosmic Masquerade is simply a play of that One Eternal Substance of God, which is behind all things. He says this: "Our present result, however, represents a still more radical violation of the old age principle of the conservation of matter, that nothing is lost." Then he says, "Here we explain certain observations by the complete annihilation of the two particles creating radiation, or vice versa, the production of particles from radiation; the production of matter from light and electromagnetic forces."

So you see science, now, science is proving that which the yogis used to preach ages ago when Krishna said "Get out of my delusion." He mean don't, he meant don't be attached to the Cosmic Play. Be attached and know the Dreamer.

And so, going on just a little bit, I'd like to read just one or two things from the Master's Autobiography [of a Yogi]. This is a wonderful book. I hope you will read it in reference to this Cosmic Masquerade. First, on page 426, 426 we read this: "...the physical cosmos is not primarily constructed of electrons, nor is the astral cosmos basically composed of lifetrans - both in reality are..." what? They "are created from the minutest particles of God-thought, ~~chopped~~ [clef] and divided by *maya*, the law of relativity ~~which intervenes to apparently~~ [that apparently intervenes to] separate ~~the noumena from the phenomena~~ [the creation from its Creator<sup>4</sup>."

In other words, everything is from the Unity of God's Consciousness, which is behind His Thought – Spirit moving. Spirit moving is what? Spirit moving is nothing but the Holy Ghost. It is the Holy Ghost that is the Unity behind all things.

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<sup>4</sup> Autobiography of a Yogi, by Paramhansa Yogananda, Page 426, Revision 1951.

And so we are not as we think we are. Our consciousness is really Divine – Uncircumscribed, Unlimited, Unattached – but what do we find? Very much circumscribed, very much limited; but worst of all, very much attached. And it is this attachment that creates that barrier. This attachment to the Cosmic Masquerade, and keeps us from realizing our oneness with the Dreamer Himself. We become attached to the grosser part of His Dream, this dream body. We miss the Dreamer Himself. We must know Him. That’s why you feel so wonderfully when His Love comes a little bit, that’s the Dreamer Himself. Know that, and you will know the Cosmic Masquerade.

Now the unity of the testimony of science, and the unity of the intuitive introspection of man – now remember this, if you forget all else – the unity which science has found behind this Cosmic Masquerade, behind matter, and the unity of man’s intuitive introspection is the same. What is it? What is it? It’s the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, the Word, Divine Mother. That’s what the Unity is. “In the beginning...” as it says in St. John [1:1], “was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

So, the Holy Vibration which you see at times at this point [Doctor points to the Spiritual Eye], the Light of which you see, and the Sound of which you hear, is, the Unity is the Dreamer Himself. Science says so, and, if you meditate regularly, your own intuitive introspection will also tell you the same thing. So, science and religion have no quarrel. The quarrel is with the little fellows who don’t understand it. That’s all.

You take the greatest science, scientist, and set him down, make him do the Hong Sau Technique and the Om Vibration. He’ll see the same thing, whether he’s the greatest scientist, or the most humble devotee. There’s no difference. Why? Because the Unity is the same; Unity is the Great Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, which is simply God’s Consciousness, God’s Omniscience, God’s Love – moving, vibrating – that’s all, produced the whole business of delusion.

And so, science is proving more and more, as I have said, that behind this diversification of matter, is the One Unity of Consciousness. So, what do we have to do? We have to do the same thing. We have to prove it ourselves, that behind our limitations, and attachments to the body, we will find the same Unity, which science has found. How to do it? “Get into the,” as the Master says, “the Cosmic Booth of Eternity.” Get into that Booth from which the Beam comes. Be one with His Presence in the Booth, and then you can see His Light, striking, as it does, producing this Cosmic Masquerade.

How to do this? How to do this? By following one who understood the Cosmic Masquerade; who was far above it; who was One with the Dreamer; who was One with the Light in the Booth of Eternity, which produces this Cosmic Dream and Cosmic Masquerade. Follow him. Why? Because he knows the way; he has given you the way through the teachings, and the techniques, and meditations of Self-Realization. That was the Master's Mission on earth. A special dispensation for all who will follow the techniques – simply you will know, you will know the Cosmic Booth of Eternity. You will know the One Light from which all things have come.

In the technique, the Hong Sau technique, what do you first learn? Concentration, concentration, that you may apply that intuitive introspection, which you have within you to know these things. Hong Sau gives you the concentration to apply it on what? On the Holy Ghost within you. Now the Om technique does what? Gives you conscious contact, conscious contact with the Dreamer, right within you; conscious contact with the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, God's Presence within you Itself.

So, that's what Self-Realization will do. That's what the Master's Mission was – to give you the ways and the means. And, if you follow, with devotion and loyalty, to the path which God sent, you will, without question of a doubt, realize your oneness with God. You will break the idea that you are separate from Him, and you will understand, thoroughly, that you are not this body – not this dream body – you are in the Cosmic Masquerade, but you are one with the Dreamer, which produces this Cosmic Dream, this Cosmic Masquerade.

*Closing Meditation, Hymn, and Prayers*

Let us sit upright now.

Heavenly Father, help me to distinguish between the transient things of life, of this Cosmic Masquerade, and the Eternal things, of Thy Presence within me. Father, help me to feel Thee, to feel one with Thee, not separated from Thee, in every action. Be with me. Lift me, once more, into the Conscious recognition, of my oneness with me.

Om, Peace, Amen.

Now let us rise and sing our closing song. "In the Beauty of the Lilies." [On the .mp3 file Mrs. Kennell plays the organ and the audience and Doctor sing together.]

Raise the hands. Pray with me with your deepest devotion.

Heavenly Father, Friend, Beloved God, Divine Mother. May Thy Love shine forever, on the sanctuary, of my devotion, and may I be able, to awaken Thy Love, in all hearts. Make my Soul Thy temple, make my heart Thy altar, and make my love Thy home. Be Thou the only King, reigning on the throne, of all my desires. I bow to Thee, O Father, I bow to Jesus, I bow to the Great Ones, and with my deepest devotion, I bow to the Beloved Master.

Om, Om, Peace, Bliss, Amen.

[Mrs. Kennell and Mrs. Gonsullus play an organ and violin duet of "Beyond the Sunset" while people leave the auditorium on the .mp3 file.]