

God's Cosmic Plan

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Seems to be presumptuous to try to explain to one another what God's Plan is, because some of the various prophets have said, "What God is, I don't know." But still, Jesus said, "I and my Father are one."

And so, that gives us courage to go ahead, realizing, that if we are to understand God's Cosmic Plan, we must first realize that "God's Omniscience is our own Omniscience," and that we, being made in the Image of God, therefore, have the same attributes and qualities of God, Himself. Because, I know, it does say in the 82nd Psalm [5th, and 6th Verse], "I say ye are children, [and] all of you, [are] children of the most High." "...Ye are gods."

And so, with that in mind, let us discuss the subject, "God's Cosmic Plan," but fully realizing that we will never understand it until we can be one with the Presence of God in us, of which we are sure. Those who meditate know that; those who do not, take the words of the Scripture.

Now ordinary man is what – a man who has not realized the One Great Light behind all things, or the One Cosmic Consciousness behind his own consciousness, and the consciousness of others. He acts in a certain way. Why? Because he is the product of the effect of his environment – habits, and latent impulses – he does not act as a true child of God. He acts in an automatic way. He is an automaton, being the product of his karma, the law of cause and effect. And so, the ordinary person is just that. Realize that he is acting in an automatic way.

Now this does not come through the dictates, or the wish of God. God didn't have that in His Mind at all, I'm sure. But God did give us free will, free choice. And, therefore, we can act as we like. And man has done just that. He has allowed his free will, and his individual nature, to interfere with God's Plan. God's Plan was not that he be separated from Him – seemingly so. God's Plan was that he realize, His Immortal Nature, and also, realize the Drama of Life, but not to be attached to it. That was God's Plan. But man, as I have said, because he has been attached to one side of God's Nature, the Dreaming side, he has, therefore, become an automatic being – acts from these things, of which I have mentioned: environment, latent impulse, and habit – and is not a true child of God. If he had acted from the other side of God's Nature, the Immortal side in us, then he would have been entirely different. That's what God wanted us to do, and that is what we have not done. Until we wake up and realize, that within us, is

God's Presence, and, if we can know it, we, too, can act like God does – dreaming the universe on one side, resting in His Immortal, Ever-present, Ever-conscious Existence on the other side. And so, in a few words, that's the gist of God's Plan. And let us discuss a little further, bearing those things in mind.

And so, as I have said, man, ordinary human beings act thusly. But what is man really? Man, body, man's body is a kingdom; kingdom governed by his Soul. Some call it the unconscious mind, or the subconscious mind. Nevertheless, it is a bodily kingdom, and the ruler is his own Soul, which is God in him. And the throne is the Thousand-rayed Lotus in the brain, and the subsidiary regents are the Centers of the spine. Because there, in those places, we find the Spirit's Power, and the Intelligence of God.

Now that is what we really are. And there are, as I, if I remember correctly, 27 thousand billion cells, subjects of the Soul, subjects of our Soul, and they obey everything. They are obedient subjects. And this is illustrated by the power of different cells to pick up different elements from the bloodstream – just one instance. How do those individual cells know to pick up say oxygen, or different elements in the bloodstream? Why? Because the Intelligence of God is there, and, if they're left alone, so to speak, things would be all right. But man put his individuality in the way, and by his free will, doing this and that – what he shouldn't do – he interferes with God's Plan, and the kingdom of our Soul gets into trouble.

There are also 50 million different kinds of thoughts, states of consciousness, and emotion passing through us. Imagine! But it is all in order, if we do not interfere with God's Plan. Man has interfered with it, and that's why we have trouble, and sickness, and all sorts of things. But the main reason is that through man's individuality, and his free will, and free choice, he has interfered with the Cosmic Dream, and become attached to it. And becoming attached to it, he has forgotten His Immortal Nature, and that changes the whole picture, you can see.

If you are watching a movie, and I'm sure those of you who have been in the movies have seen this happen. If you're watching a movie in the right way, you're watching it, you're enjoying it. But you're not boohoo and getting attached to it, and getting into trouble by feeling hatred for the villain, and the most love for the hero. No. You should watch it, realizing it is a dream. Some can't do that. They become one with the picture – how they suffer; how they enjoy it. That's because they're attached to the thing.

Now, it is the same in this Cosmic Dream. We should realize our Immortal Nature, and as such, view the Cosmic Dream as a motion picture – without attachment. If we can do that, then there'll be no trouble. Then you can enjoy the picture without the hurt, and the pain, and the disappointment. But it is very difficult to do that, but it can be done, and we will come to that in a moment. So realize, in the kingdom

which is within us, God's Kingdom, our Soul, the Soul, the Kingdom of the Soul – the Soul is the Thousand-rayed Lotus, the brain with the Centers of the spine, and the subjects are all the billions of cells within us – but there's law, and harmony there, if we do not interfere with it. But interfering with it, becoming attached to it, then we get into difficulty. And realize that, that, if there is any trouble within you, or any inharmony, it is because of your own interference, and not viewing the Cosmic Dream as you should; realizing your Immortal Nature; and also the Nature, which is in you to dream, and that's this body, and its activity.

We have two Natures, just like God has two Natures. One is His Cosmic Consciousness, and the other is the Power of that Cosmic Consciousness, or the Cosmic Light, which we will come to. Now that Cosmic Light is which, is that which has produced, and is producing, and will produce, all things. So, likewise, we have the same Nature as God.

One part of His Nature is the Cosmic Dream, the Great Cosmos. That's His Light, as we read about in Genesis – Vibrating, producing all things. That's one aspect of God. The other, is that which remains apart from the Cosmic Dream, this Cosmic Dream, this Universe that seems so tremendous, is a very small part, according to the Prophets and the Masters – a very small part. There's a Great part of God's Consciousness beyond this Cosmos. So that's the other Nature of God. That part which remains apart from this creation: Peaceful, Blissful, Ever-conscious, Blissful, Eternal, Existence. That's one part. The other is the commotion, so to speak, of the Cosmic Dream.

Now we're made the same way. You take your own dream. You can dream. You know you can dream. And, if you just put a little attention to it, you can consciously dream, and you will find those two Natures in yourself; one which is dreaming, and the other which remains apart. The only thing is it's a little difficult to separate the Dream from that which produced the dream. But it can be done. And when the Dream breaks, you realize, if you think at all, that it is a product of your own consciousness, nothing else, and as such, when it passes away, it is nonexistent.

And so, with this Cosmos; this part, this dream, is God's Dream. That's the only difference. And your body, and my body, and everyone's body, is a part of God's Dream; and, as such, will pass away. But in that body, realize this, in that body, is the Immortal part of God also. That's the thing to realize.

Now God's Plan was that we not just remember the Cosmic part, the Cosmic Dream part of us, but the Immortal part, which is just behind the Cosmic Dream; and this body is a part of the Cosmic Dream.

Realize; understand fully; that as God has two Natures – one which is dreaming this universe – He also has the other, which remains apart from it.

So, have we two Natures; one which is attached to the Cosmic Dream – and we think we are this body with all its attributes. But, the other, is behind that. And in meditation, and calmness, we perceive, and know, the underlying reality – God's Consciousness and the Power of His Consciousness – the Cosmic Light within us. These two things are distinct. And until, by following right meditation, you understand those things, and perceive them, and know them – not in theory only, but actually know the Cosmic Light, see and be one with it – only then will you understand God's Plan. How can you understand until you become one with Him?

And so, how can we become one with Him? Jesus said, "The things I do ye shall do and greater things."¹ So, within each one of us is the same consciousness with which Jesus spoke – the Christ Consciousness – knowing that you can understand, to a certain extent, God's Plan. One thing you will know, what is producing the dream, and through the Intuition of your Soul, which is a part of God's Cosmic Intuition, you will know what His Plan is. But to know it through intellect, mind, and sensation – it's impossible. Just like the water and oil will not mix, so likewise, this external consciousness of duality, is not capable of understanding the Intuitional part of God, the Great Cosmic Consciousness.

And so, realize, that as we proceed now, a little bit further, that God has, He has two Natures, two Natures, and so have we, and that He really wanted us to know and enjoy this Cosmic Dream, but not be attached. Because when we become attached, what happened? We forget our Immortal Nature. We forget that we never can die.

When you're attached to the Cosmic Dream, and you see bodies dying, you see civilization passing into nothingness, and you see world cataclysms, and all such things happening; we must realize that's not the real part of us. That's the Dream part of us, that's the Dream part of God. But behind that is a Cosmic Light, which does not change, which is the same Light which you will perceive in your meditation, which was perceived by Moses and Abraham, and all the old prophets – Krishna, Confucius, Mohammed – all see and saw the same Light. That does not change. See it! You know that's the same Light, and you will not know it until you attain Realized Knowledge, which is seeing, facing things, not just talking about them.

And so, if you meditate and follow one as the Master, who had that realization, you also will know, and know beyond question of a doubt, that that one Cosmic Light has produced all things, and that this

universe is simply a manipulation of that One Eternal Thing which does not pass away, the Power of God's Consciousness, the Great Cosmic Light. Now you cannot know it until you know it through meditation and realization.

So you can see, in understanding God's Plan that it is necessary to have Realized Knowledge, as I have called it – Realized Knowledge. You can say, "I know a thing theoretically." You know all about sugar. I like to use that, because the Master used that simple illustration. You know all about it. Women know more about than men, because they understand all the different kinds of sugar – powdered and brown – and all sorts of things. But that doesn't change sugar a bit. When you taste it, whether you're a man, or woman, or anything, you know what sugar is.

So it is with God. You can know about Him, you can read all the philosophy, but until you get right down there to business, and go beyond this duality of this Cosmic Dream, and taste Him, you will not know. But we can taste Him, because, as it says in that Psalm, "I say ye are Gods, all of you, children of the most High," made in the Image of God. But as long as you sit there and don't do anything about it, you don't know that. So we must know that through realization; that's Realized Knowledge.

What did God do? God divided Himself into many. Why? That He could enjoy through many, that's all. But the trouble was the many got attached to the Cosmic Dream. So God's having an awful time getting them back, because He gave them free will and free choice, and He can't revoke that, unless He just destroys the whole business, and I don't think He wants to. So, God made Himself many to enjoy through many. He enjoys through the flower. He enjoys through each and every one of us, through everything. He became many, and the parts of the many became attached to the dream. And so, they have lost the realization that they are a part of that Immortal Nature of God and that It dwells within them.

And so, God has got quite a job on His Hands. The battle goes on, as long as we stay attached to this Cosmic Dream. But that wasn't God's Plan. Somehow, He made a little mistake there, but, nevertheless, we're all going back to Him. As Lord Krishna said, "Everyone will be saved." So cheer up. May take a couple million years, and we'll get back there. Because what comes out of God has got to go back, if you look at it that way; and just like your own dream, when you break the dream, then you realize, "Well, it wasn't so bad. It was just a dream;" "so, that's the way we'll feel," as the Master says, "when we break the Cosmic Dream."

But you don't have to wait, now. You don't have to wait that million years. You can meditate, deeply, and you'll understand that you are not this body, and that this body is part of God's Cosmic Dream. But behind that is your Immortal Nature. You can know it, realize it, perceive it, be one with it, if you want to. Right here, now, while the Cosmic Dream is going on. Why is that? Because we are made in the Image of God; we are His children; children of the most High. But we have to want to do it, and then wanting to do it, we have to do something about it.

Now, one other point, and then we'll be through. God's Cosmic Plan revolves around the Creation of Light. That's an important thing. We read in Genesis, God created heaven and earth, but they were without form and void.² Therefore He created them as Idea films. Realize, Idea film. Then, it says, God created Light, and He projected that Light through the many, many, many films of His Omniscient Consciousness, and He has produced this Dream of light and shadow, that's all. Light and shadow has produced this Cosmic Universe. It doesn't seem possible. Well, we've added the touch, taste, smell, and so forth, and we've made it so real we can't get out of it. Or rather, God suggested it to us.

So, nevertheless, realize that everything comes from the One Light. God said, "Let there be light."³ And science has shown, and, and has proved that the only atomic reality is Light. Don't take my word for it. Read it. Read, it's coming out in many of these popular magazines now. I read it in Reader's Digest, and that other magazine, Science and something, how everything resolves into light. And the only, realize the only atomic reality is light. Don't you want to know you're the only thing that amounts to anything? Meditate, you will see, you will see that atomic reality beyond the atoms – the Light of which the Master spoke, "beyond the atoms." So realize that.

As Master said in his AY [Autobiography of a Yogi], "The cosmos is a varied expression of one power, light..."⁴ But the scientists don't add this other thing, "...guided by divine intelligence." Isn't that wonderful? That makes the whole difference between these cocky, I was going to say, scientists, because one fellow met me the other day in India House. He said, "I'm a scientist, and they make me sick." Why? He says, "They're so egotistical, they won't listen to anything, but their own way of thinking." I don't know, I'm not a scientist, but, nevertheless, as the Master says, "The cosmos is a varied expression of one power, light." Not ordinary solar light, Cosmic Light, "plus the Intelligence of God." That's the thing. That's the thing which the scientists don't realize. They see the law working, and they see that this follows that, and that these "neesons," whatever they call them, jump here and there, and the protons go this way, and the neutrons this way, and all that. But what's behind all that business? What's behind that direct action of those subatomic particles? God's Intelligence.

You see, that's what we must never forget, that the action of Light, which is the one atomic reality, is guided by your Father, my Father, the One Intelligence of God. Realize that, know that Light, then you can understand just what God has in His Mind, because you are that Mind of God, or that Consciousness of God. His Omniscience, the Master says, is our Omniscience; His Power is our Power. But you can't utilize it with this little bodily vehicle. You have to be one with the Great Source of all Power, God's Cosmic Light. That's what we must realize and never forget.

Now, summing up God's Cosmic Plan; I think there is nothing better that I can do than to read just a paragraph from the Autobiography. Therein the Master points out clearly, better than I can put into words, God's Plan. And, if you will listen carefully, I'm sure it will help you. And then, when you read it in your own home, then you will fully understand, plus your meditation. You must meditate to understand.

The Master has written on page 281, most wonderfully. Listen carefully. Remember this much. If God's Cosmic Plan bothers you, remember this much. Then get busy, and make it your own. The first night I had the privilege of meeting the Master [Yogananda], he showed me wonderful things, the Great Light of God, the Cosmic Light, the Light of the brain, and those things. Then he said, "Now, if you'll get busy and discipline yourself, regularly meditate and make those things your own, then they'll always be with you." And so, as you read this, you'll be satisfied. You'll know, through your Soul, it is the truth. But then get busy. Make it your own through Realized Knowledge. And so, the Master said, listen carefully: 5

"The Cosmic Director has written His own plays..." "In the beginning God created heaven and earth and they were without form and void."⁶ So he says, "The Cosmic Director has written His own plays and assembled the tremendous casts for the pageant of centuries."

Imagine, universe upon universe dissolving and coming again. I think it's in two billion years. Now it'll be dissolved, then coming again; all that is written in the Great Omniscience of God's Consciousness. Then he says, "From the dark booth of eternity, [He] the Cosmic Director pours His creative beam..." That's the Cosmic Light which we must know, "...through the films of successive ages," think of, think of the films in God's Omniscience. Doesn't that make you feel rather humble? Where is your ego? It's got to go when you realize what God is. And so he says, "...His creative force, His creative beam through the films of successive ages and the pictures are thrown on the screen of space." "Just as a motion picture images, as the motion picture images appear to be real, but are only combinations of light and shade, so is the universal variety a delusive seeming."

Doesn't seem possible. Why? Well, we get the answer in a minute. "The planetary spheres with their countless forms of light are naught but figures, images," imagine, "in a cosmic motion picture. Temporarily," this is the key "true to five sense perceptions as the scenes are cast on the screen of man's consciousness." It is our consciousness that gives it the delusive power. We add touch, smell, taste, and so forth. That makes it seem so real. And so, he says that these figures in the Great Cosmic Motion Picture, "Temporarily true to the five sense perceptions as the scenes are cast on the screen of man's consciousness by the infinite creative beam."

So there you have, in a few words: God's Plan, God's Plan. Know His Consciousness, and He can let you know His Plan. But how can you know it, how can you perceive it, unless you become one with that Great Cosmic Consciousness, the Infinite Intelligence of our Father? How can you know it? How can you know it, unless you become with, one with the creative beam, as the Master says?

In the ordinary moving picture house, you look up, and you see the beam coming down, and you see it strike the screen of space, those who introspect a little bit. Then you see the light and shadow there, and what happens? You, your consciousness gives the reality to it. You understand? Your consciousness gives the life to it. It's nothing but light and shadow on that screen. Did you ever go up close to it and see it? It's just light and shadow, flickering. But it's the consciousness within us, God's Presence within us that gives life to the Cosmic Motion Picture.

And so, if you know that Creative Beam, coming down from the booth in the moving picture house, you'll understand the moving picture. In that beam that comes down, we find all those characters, which produce light and shadow. So, in the Great Cosmic Beam of God, the Great Cosmic Light, you will find all the shadow, all the ideas, which produce the light and shadow of this universe. Imagine, imagine the Intelligence, the Greatness of God.

And so, if you want to understand more about that Cosmic Plan of God, be one, be one with the Cosmic Dream. Be one with God's Consciousness, plus the Cosmic Light. Then you will understand. And you can do that, because, as it is said, we are made in the Image of God, and as the Cosmic Director is producing throughout the ages all these things. Now don't think, "Well, that's too much for me." It is not. Realize what the Master says: "God's Omniscience is your Omniscience." His Omniscience is my Omniscience. If that were not so, we could say, "It's too much for us," but that is so. Jesus said the same thing, "I and my Father are one," didn't he?

Master said, "God's Omniscience is your Omniscience." Think how wonderful it is. Only we don't realize it. I say, "Ye are children of God, children of the most High, every one of us." So doesn't that give us courage? Not to try to understand God's Plan through intellect, mind, and sensation, but to go within where we can see – not only see – but feel, and perceive, be one with, the Great Cosmic Light of God, which has produced universe upon universe, and is producing universe upon universe; sustains universe upon universe that is right within our grasp? Knowing that, knowing the One Cosmic Consciousness, plus the Power of that Cosmic Consciousness, Cosmic Light, the Great Holy Ghost, Divine Mother, whatever you want to call it. Knowing that, you will understand, through God's Grace, God's Cosmic Plan.

Closing Meditation

Heavenly Father, Our minds and consciousness, cannot grasp, the immensity of Thyself. Help us, to rise above, this outward duality, that we may know, the underlying reality within us, our Immortal Nature, which is none other, than Thine Own Consciousness, and Its Power. Father, may we from now on, not reflect the Spiritual Light, but receive the Cosmic Light, for in that Cosmic Light is Thine Intelligence, Thy Consciousness. We are Thy children. Father, reveal Thyself, as Thou art. Om, Peace, Amen.

Now let us rise and sing our closing song, "In the Beauty of the Lilies."

Closing Prayer

Raise the hands, pray together. Heavenly Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved God. 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, 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 love and devotion, on the altar of my heart, I bow to the Beloved Master. Om, Peace, Bliss, Amen.

1 St. John 14:12,13

2 Genesis 1:1

3 Genesis 1:3

4 Chapter 30, 1951 AY Revision

5 Chapter 30, Page 281 (1951 Revision) —The Cosmic Director has written His own plays and has summons the tremendous casts for the pageant of the centuries. From the dark booth of eternity He sends His beams of light through the films of successive ages, and pictures are thrown on the backdrop of space.“ —Just as cinematic images appear to be real but are only combinations of light and shade, so is the universal variety a delusive seeming. The planetary spheres, with their countless forms of life, are naught but figures in a cosmic motion picture. Temporarily true to man’s five sense perceptions, the transitory scenes are cast on the screen of human consciousness by the infinite creative beam.“

6 Genesis 1:1