

God – Father or Mother?

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The subject this morning, "God – Father or Mother?"

God is a very accommodating Entity, or Power, you can worship Him in any aspect you want, because in His Omniscient Consciousness we find all aspects of being, all aspects of consciousness, and so that's why God is what He is, the one indivisible Spirit from which all things have come.

Now if to think of God only as an abstract spirit – cuts us off from Him, does it not? We would be left aside from Him. That is His impersonal side. But He also has a personal side. The impersonal side of God is what? The Word, the Holy Vibration, that from which all things have come. When that Holy Vibration manifests, then it becomes the personal aspect of God, because has not all things. . . have not all things come from Him? Worlds, you, each one of us, the smallest atom, nature, all things come from God. And so that's His personal side. And you can see that from that one Holy Vibration, known as Divine Mother, when It begins to create, from that Divine Mother, the time and space element of the Word, the Holy Vibration, all things have come. That's why it is called the Mother aspect. Because anything you want – if you approach that aspect of God, in a sincere way – He will grant it to you. But you have to be real sincere with God, and really want it, really want Him.

Just a word about these aspects of God. As all things come from the Holy Vibration, with its different aspects of Sound, and Light, and Feeling combined in the miracle of creation, as all things come from that, then we can have any aspect, or take any aspect, of God we want. Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved, God. All things are in His Omniscient Consciousness, because in that Holy Vibration is not just vibration, which is nothing but movement, but is His Great Omniscient Presence, and His Divine Love. It is because of that that you can worship God in any aspect you want to, because all things are there. And that's why Master has instituted this prayer: "Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved, God." All of those relationships can be had, some are preferable to others, depending on your nature, and my nature, but all, all can be worshipped, and will give you the Presence of God. Some are easier than others.

And so, we can approach Him in any of these ways – and He will respond. Now isn't that the personal aspect of God? Isn't that, surely, as if God were a personality responding to us? Certainly. He has made

all things. And so, we can approach Him in all of His Creation: in the flowers, in nature, in the mountains, in the sea, and in human beings, because all things have come from Him.

In one of the Master's books we read about when the Spirit moves macrocosmically, what do we have? We have Cosmic Consciousness, Cosmic Energy, and God's Body. And what is His Body? Universe upon universe. And when the Spirit moves microcosmically, what do we have? Human consciousness, human energy, life force, and this body with which we are so familiar.

We are made in the Image of God, and so, as we are constructed, so is God constructed or, of course, it comes the other way. That's what God is, and, therefore, God responds just as we respond. For instance, when we exercise our human consciousness as thought, what happens? Then we require energy to project that thought, or manifest it. And also as you are listening to me, you hear the sound of my voice – and so with God. His Consciousness, His Great Thought requires Cosmic Energy to project that thought, and the result is Sound, the Great Holy Vibration. And different rates of that Holy Vibration produce the different aspects of Creation.

Now, as we respond in a personal way, so God responds in a personal way. One response, as my voice is on the external plane, and one response as the intuition within me, or in you, which you feel for one another, is the response of your consciousness plus energy on the internal plane, or interior plane – so with God. Sometimes He speaks. Sometimes He responds as you hear my voice. More often He responds on the internal plane through the intuition, or His Great Power.

So you can see that God, surely, is personal. In the words, when you – as we read in the Master's comments – when you meditate deeply, go beyond this Creation and the Shadow of this Creation passes away, and you see the All- Pervading Presence of God, His Great Light throughout Eternity, that's the impersonal aspect of God. That is, having that, nothing else exists, or can trouble you anymore. But the personal aspect is right here with us now, and God is more personal than we are to each other.

Master told me one time, he said, "God is so human. The least little thing that you feel you want, He responds, because He is always talking." God is always talking to us, through, as I have said, nature, and people, all things. But we do not hear His Talk. We do not hear His Response, because our minds are engaged in too gross things, things of grosser vibration. But He is always talking. He is always communing with us, if we lift ourselves so that we can receive His Blessings and His Communications.

So God is really personal. God is ever responding to us, as I have said, through nature, and even human beings. Just as you hear my voice, sometimes God responds, and you hear His voice. This is, as I have said, when He responds on the external plane.

I'll tell you a little story. When I was quite young, I had a very mischievous nature. And so, having that nature, I caused lots of trouble, 'specially to my brothers and sisters, and in this case it was to my sisters, and I was having a grand time, and it got out of hand. My mother was a real spiritual mother, and she was up at the end of the hall in the house where we lived in her room, and I was down at the other end, as I have told you, having a wonderful time in my way, which wasn't good. And right in the midst of it came a voice out of the ether, and it says, using my name which, by which I was known, "Stop teasing your sisters, and be a good boy, and go downstairs."

Well I stopped – and that voice was heard, not only by me, but by two others: the maid down in the kitchen on the next floor, and my mother up in the other room. As I spoke down to the maid, "Did you hear that voice, Margaret," my mother said, "I heard the voice. I heard the voice. . ." calling me by name.

And so you see, once in a while God speaks just as we speak, but not often. Usually he speaks on the internal plane, but it is more near to us than the external plane. Realize that.

And so, he speaks also through the flowers, through the things of nature. and through devotees. As Master said, "God loves us so wonderfully, and sincerely and silently." That's through His intuition – and through His devotees. God is in each every. . .in each and every one of us, and He is Vibrating in every one of us. And those who are in tune with Him will feel Him in others, especially in His devotees. So God really talks to us.

Now, as I have said, God talks to us in the same way as we talk to one another – from His Great Consciousness, His All-Pervading Consciousness. When Spirit begins to move it becomes God the Father, Cosmic Consciousness, and in that is all that Spirit is. And then comes Cosmic Energy, which He utilizes to talk. How? Through vibration. And from that vibration comes Sound, known as the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, of which Jesus spoke. And when he said, "I shall send you the Comforter," when I'm gone, can't you see that in that Holy Vibration is God's Presence Itself, in all aspects of Him. Multitudinous aspects are there. That's why God can give us anything we want, if we approach Him in the right way.

And so, this Holy Vibration, realize, is the Mother of Creation. It's the Mother of Creation, because all things come from Her. Everything comes from the Mother, and so She materializes Herself as the atoms, of water, earth, fire, and air, and ether. And those are combined to make the external universe. And so, the Mother of Creation is that aspect of God which gives us everything. And so, don't you see, that's why you appeal to Her in a stronger way.

The Father, He can be appealed to also, but He's Just and sometimes too Just, because He works through the Law of Karma; and He says, "You did this, now pay. You were a bad boy, now pay. It'll do you good, you'll learn." Which is true. But you go to the Mother, and in spite of all your troubles, in spite of the many times you have fallen, and no matter what you are, no matter how low you are, She says, "Come on." She receives you.

And so the Mother aspect of God is the Mercy aspect of His Presence. And that's why Divine Mother is utilized so much, because we, as human beings, are very frail, but we know through the soul within us that no matter what we have done or will do, if we go to Her, She will receive us, as our own Mother has always done. And that's why Master has said that the Mother aspect of God is most beautiful, and most to be desired.

Father, you're not sure whether He's going to let you off or not. But you're always sure of the Mother. And that's why, if you appeal to God as Divine Mother, sincerely and persistently, She will answer you. Never forget that. And so God can be Father, or Mother.

Also, God can come to us in any form, because in His Conscious, is infinite variety. As you meditate, He can come in any intuitional form as the Spiritual Eye, just to give you an illustration, or any other aspect of His Astral or Spiritual Creation, He can come to you as that, as a direct personal response.

Also, God comes to us as His great saints. Realize that, because isn't He in the saint? If He's in the flower, and He's in the mountain, He surely is in the saint. That's why those who worship saints sincerely and honestly, not only with mind but with heart, God will respond through His saints.

St. Francis saw the living form of Jesus in Assisi. He saw His form. St. Teresa, those of you who have read about her, said that her Lord appeared to her in a more tangible way than as if she had seen Him and conversed with Him. That's why I told you in the beginning, that the intuitional response of God is closer than just the outward form, because that's the feeling aspect of God Himself. And so God appeared, or

the Lord as the Christ consciousness, appeared to her, not in form, but in a more tangible way. He talked to her so that she knew, although she didn't see Him with eyes, or didn't hear the Voice, she knew. The Celestial Response is very difficult to explain, because it is God's Presence itself. St. Thomas Aquinas also had that realization of the Response of God, without form.

And so, sometimes, especially in the Final Vision of God, that's the greatest thing, because then that Celestial Response cannot be described, because it is not only with mind, but it is with your heart, and the heart response is what gives you the final freedom. Mind will give you contact with God. But the love of God from your heart will give you freedom, final merging in Him.

Now what are the requirements for response? What are the requirements for the Response of God as Father, or Mother, or whatever way you want? The requirements are the same. First, we must have a definite conception of God, in any aspect. Most people say, "You worship God?" "Sure." "What is He?" "God – Spirit." That's no conception of God. The conception of God must be clear, and true, and understandable. And that's why when we read the scriptures, St. John, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God." Therefore, that conception can be known through mind, through mental powers. So the conception must come first. In that Holy Vibration, remember, as I have said, is God's Great Intelligence – so it's not just a dead vibration, or a cold vibration – it has His Omniscience in it. And so we first, through mind, must have a conception of God.

And secondly, we must be sincere and persevering. And how many people following religion are that way? In business you have to be, otherwise you don't eat. How much more so, in worshiping God in any of His aspects, must we be sincere and persevere? And if we do that, God will respond, because that's the law of success is sincerity, really wanting God, and keeping at it until you get Him. Wanting Divine Mother – if you have that persistence, she cannot help but respond. That's Her nature. That's God's Nature as Divine Mother.

And the third, is that, if we are sincere, if we have the right conception of God, if we are sincere and persevering, that is conducive to the welling up within us of Love, Unconditional Love. That's the third, that's the greatest requisite to receive the Response of God. Unconditional Love. Unless you have that, She will not come, because, until that comes within you, you have many other movements within your being, which interfere with the silent incoming of Divine Mother. Understand that, but sincerity and perseverance arouses within you the Love, which is not satisfied until Divine Mother responds. Unconditional Love is the greatest requisite.

Mind, remember, and as Master says, "Mind plus heart." He goes on to say, "Most people, the average person prays to God with his mind only. . ." – these are his words – "not with all of the fervor of his heart." And those prayers are too weak to get the Response of God. Now the both are necessary. Mind – you must have the conception, but the greatest thing is the heart – the fervor of the heart demands that God comes to you, or that Divine Mother responds. So these are most wonderful things to remember. Master's final words: "God is moved only by love." God is understood by mind, but He is moved – aroused – only by love.

And so, we come, finally, to the Divine Mother aspect of God, which is, as I have said, the Mercy aspect. God as Father is Just, but sometimes too Just. But Divine Mother, Divine Mother's Mercy is always ready, no matter how many times you have erred. She will receive you. That's why it is called the Divine Mother aspect of God.

Master's written these words. I like to read some of his words always in my talks. He has written this, "More than any other relationship we may rightfully and naturally demand, a reply from Spirit is in its aspect of Divine Mother. God is constrained to answer." He can't help Himself. "God is constrained to answer such an appeal, for the essence of a mother is love and forgiveness, and no matter how great a sinner Her child may be. . ." – that's what it means in the Bible, "His mercy endureth forever" – "The Divine Mother aspect of God is always there, ready to receive us, it endureth forever." And so, Master said, "It is the closest, and most beautiful of all relationships that the Lord has given."

And, therefore, in conclusion, pray to Divine Mother unceasingly. Pray to Her in the words, as the Master uses, "Naughty or good I am still Thy child and as such you must come to me." We have to pray to Her that way. And, perhaps, the greatest part of the prayer is "You must release me. You must release me from this turmoil of this creation. You must release me." And that's what we all want. We want to get rid of this separation from Divine Mother. We want to feel one with Her. We all want to know and realize that we are not this transient, tangible, changeable, body. We are that Eternal Presence of God, which does not change.

And so, if you sincerely, persistently pray, finally, will come the Vision of God. The Vision of God, which does not change – the Vision of His Great Light. And in your soul, and in your consciousness will rise the Sun of Righteousness and no more shall you be afraid. No more shall you doubt. No more shall you feel insecurity, because you know then that that is your own consciousness as a ray of Eternal Spirit. That is what you are. That is what each, each one of us is, if we pray sincerely and persistently enough to Divine Mother to remove the delusion of separation from Her. And having this, having this Vision of God's

Great Presence, His Great Light, we will want nothing else. We will fear no more. We will be satisfied with all things.

Now this Celestial Response, Master has written, "Is difficult to describe." Why? Because it comes through God's own Feeling as Intuition. You cannot put it in words. And as he also says, "My heart was thrilled." That's the response we want of prayer, and God, and Divine Mother. Having that, we shall want no more.