

# Man's Need for God

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Our subject this morning: "Man's Need for God."

We need to know God that we can enjoy the Ivory Palaces<sup>1</sup>, which you have just heard played. The "ivory palaces" constitutes the Kingdom of Heaven; a reality; not something in imagination. And those who follow God, really want Him, through the channel He has sent, the channel of Self-Realization, will know those ivory palaces as a reality. Let us never forget that. Let us realize that we are made in the Image of God, "children of the most High."<sup>2</sup>

And so, "Man's Need for God" is paramount. Our Master has written these words: "In the scriptures of every true religion we read that God is all-powerful, infinite, eternal, but our minds, conditioned to this outward duality, cannot comprehend that spiritual part of ourselves, which is the same as God's Omnipresence – Infinite, All-pervading, Ever-attentive, All-knowing, All-loving, Blissful, Eternal, Free."

That's what we must know. That's what God is, and His Consciousness is our own consciousness. When it is attached to outward things it is finite, it is limited. And when it 'tis expanded into the One Presence of God it is Unlimited, Omniscient. And so, we find that we live within the circle of our minds. We live within this little circle of outward consciousness, governed by the perception of our minds. But God is both in the circle and beyond the circle. When we live in duality; we live in, within that circle. When we expand our consciousness beyond duality, we live beyond that circle in the Omniscience of God.

Master has also said these words. I like to quote some of his words, because they cannot be improved upon. He said that, "The Lord has created all men from the limitless joy of His being."<sup>3</sup> And although He has made this duality very enticing through Maya and delusion, so that it seems very real, does it not? And yet He expects us, made in His Image, to ultimately rise above the attachment to

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 45:8, "All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad." Also and American hymn "Ivory Palaces" by Henry Barranclough 1915

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 82:6, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

<sup>3</sup> Autobiography of a Yogi, 1946 Release, Chapter 14. "The Lord has created all men from the limitless joy of His being. Though they are painfully cramped by the body, God nevertheless expects that Souls made in His image shall ultimately rise above all sense identifications and reunite with Him."

this duality, and be one with Him. So that's our mission here, that's our goal in life, is to do just that. But because, too often, we are engrossed in this outward consciousness, and attached to this Cosmic Dream, we forget our Immortal Nature and are engulfed in that, and we do not carry out what we came here for – to be once more one with Him, from whence we have come.

And so, because of this attachment we cannot realize the One Great Life underlying this duality. That's why our greatest need is to know God, because He is beyond duality. He is both in it and beyond it. We, as human beings realize are in this duality. As Spiritual beings, we are beyond it, and our Souls cry for that Spiritual food. And we will never be satisfied until we rise above this duality and know that One Omniscience of God, wherein we will find All-fulfillment; greatest of all, His Peace and His Joy, in a conscious dynamic way. And so, realize that we are children of God. Our Souls are rays of the Great Ocean of Spirit, and we will never be content until we know what we truly are, as I have said, God's children, "children of the most High."<sup>4</sup>

Now, as far as our worldly existence goes, we are quite familiar with that. And we have also, man, through science has harnessed the Laws of Nature to the benefit of this worldly existence. But because our Eternal Nature is forever crying for that Spiritual food – even though this human life is quite complete, quite satisfying – because of our nature, we are Immortal, made in the Image of God; we will never be satisfied until we supply that Spiritual food, rise above this duality, and once more merge in the Great Omniscience of God. And God knows, He knows that we are imprisoned in these little, narrow cages, these limited bodies, and yet, He realizes that we will never be satisfied until we return home to Him. So, He has left with us pain and suffering to prod us, to keep on, until finally, we once more, gain our birthright. Not limited human beings, but Divine Beings: His own children.

As children of the most High – I like to keep repeating that, because we think we are small little human beings – we are not! We are made in the Image of God, "as children of the most High." Realize, we have His Omniscience, we have His Omniscience, His All-pervading, All-knowing, Ever-attentive, All-fulfilling, Eternal, Blissful Consciousness and Full Freedom. That's what we are. That's what we have. But due to our limitations we forget that. That's why our paramount requirement is to know God. Our greatest need is to know God. And we can know Him, because our own consciousness is His Consciousness.

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<sup>4</sup> Psalm 82:6

Now, can we do that? Can we attest that we have that Omniscience? And yet all the saints and sages say that. They say, "We are made in the Image of God." Jesus said what? "I and my Father are one."<sup>5</sup> Our Master has said, "There is no question of a doubt but the Bliss which you feel, the Bliss Consciousness you feel in your quiet moments, is the Presence of God." And so we have that. We must make it dynamic to our consciousness.

And in the Bhagavad Gita we have these most wonderful words. Realize, before I read them that God is in us. He is in all. He has made all things, therefore, He must be in all things and we are part of His Creation. God is in us. We need Him to once more realize His Omniscience as our own. Now in the Bhagavad Gita these wonderful words in the 9<sup>th</sup> Discourse, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Lines: "Hidden in nature, which is mine own, I emanate again and again all this multitude of beings, helpless, by the force of Nature."<sup>6</sup> We are helpless in duality. There is no question of it. We are bound by the Laws of Nature. But when we rise above that, know the Presence of God, we supersede Nature's Laws and are free.

And in the 11<sup>th</sup> Line: "The foolish disregard Me, when clad in human semblance, ignorant of My supreme nature, the great Lord of beings;"<sup>7</sup> So, there is no question but God is in us. His Omniscience is in us. We have to know it. We have to make it dynamic to our consciousness. That's why man needs God.

Now, although it is obvious that man needs God, as I have said, there is one great stumbling block standing in the way of that realization, and that is – I don't know whether I like it or not, I'm sure you don't know either – that God gave us free will to except Him or reject Him. That's the point. God gave us free will to be in this limited outward consciousness – mundane consciousness – or to reject that and be in the Unlimited, Omniscience of His Presence. It is this free will that causes us the trouble.

But, when through meditation, following the channel of Self-Realization, which God has left, you'll realize what the goal is, and what the reward is by superseding this outward consciousness, then you are perfectly satisfied to do God's Will. But as long as we're in duality, we have free will; free will to stay in the limited consciousness of this dual life, or to rise above it into the Unlimited Freedom of God's Omniscience. And so, we have that much free will. But all saints, finally say, even though they have command over all material things and

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<sup>5</sup> St. John 10:30

<sup>6</sup> Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

the elements, they say, "God alone," "God alone." Why? Because they know the Eternal Truth is that God does everything. All this creation is filmed and finished. God is the Doer. But we have free will while staying in this creation. We have free will to suffer or not to suffer. We have free will to rise above the limitations of duality into the Great Omniscience of His Presence.

Now, finally, we read in the scripture: "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world, but loses his own Soul (sic)?<sup>8</sup>" And so, realize, although we do have the power; we do have the power to gain the whole world, materially. There's no question about that. We do have that power. But we lose that great freedom of the Soul by so doing. And God has seen to it that we don't, do not gain the whole world and hold it very long. Because, as I have said, He has given us pain and suffering to prod us into returning to our One Cosmic Home of Light, where, as Master has said, "all will meet who live and do right."

And so, let us not forget that, being "children of the most High," we have that power to regain our birthright: oneness with God's Omniscience; oneness with His All-pervading Love. Supreme in the Universe stands God. So will we, if we unite our consciousness with His. And so, Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world."<sup>9</sup> "My kingdom is not of this world." Attaining that kingdom of which Jesus spoke: the kingdom of All-fulfillment; the king, kingdom of all Joy and Bliss; the kingdom in which there is a vital, yes, personal relationship with God, closer than any relationship you can imagine; the attaining of that kingdom of which Jesus spoke, surely necessitates the need of man to know God.

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<sup>8</sup> Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own Soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his Soul?"

Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own Soul?"

<sup>9</sup> St. John 18:36, "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."