

Highway to the Infinite

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The subject this morning: "Highway to the Infinite," "Highway to the Infinite."

First let us discuss what is the Infinite? What is the Infinite? What are we trying to achieve? Realize one thing; the Infinite is not something far away. The Infinite is the Presence of God within you. The Presence of God within each one of us. It is the Divinity within us. If we are made in the Image of God, then we are Divine. His Presence within us is the Infinite. Only He's knowable. It is that Consciousness within us that does not change. It is that Consciousness within us which is always the same. Never ceases to be. And in your moments of silence as you turn your attention inward you will feel the Infinite.

The Infinite is with each and every one of us. But we are looking for something far off. It's our own consciousness. Of course, it is not the ego consciousness. It is, in one sense, the ego, because the Soul is the ego, but the Soul has become attached to the transient vehicle. That's why it seems different. That's why the limited ego seems limited and is limited, because it is attached to this limited being. But you can break that attachment, if we free the Soul from being attached to the vehicle; then we will know the Soul is Divine, and also it is the Infinite Itself.

So realize, the "Highway to the Infinite" simply means the highway to the Presence of God in you. That's all. Brother Lawrence spoke of the Presence of God.

He spoke of the Infinite. And there is a highway that leads to that. It's like there's a highway that leads to Encinitas from whence I came this morning. In the highway sense God disproves¹ to His Presence. If we can somehow get onto that highway and stay on it, we will reach the Presence of God.

So, no matter what your church affiliation is. No matter what your creed is. Realize above that there is a Universality of Religion. There is something Universal. There is a Presence of God in each and every one of us. And that is Divine Intelligence is in each Soul. And so, let us not stop in our creeds or dogmas. Let us supersede those and find true religion, or find the Infinite within. And irrespective of color, caste, or creed, that Universality is us. That Universality is the Presence of God, nothing else, and it is knowable. Saints of all religions attest to this fact that it is knowable. It is realizable. Just to take our own Bible. In the words which we read, "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, and the word was

God.2” The “word” is the Presence of God in you and in me. Why not know it? Why not follow that highway that takes you to God’s Presence within? Now that “word” is the Holy Vibration. That “word” is the Great Comforter. That “word” is God’s Great Love in your heart and in my heart.

Now that “word” is knowable. It being a vibration; it being the first manifestation of God; it is vibration. It is movement. Otherwise we cannot prove consciousness. Therefore, when God’s Great Consciousness moves, it becomes perceivable as the Holy Ghost, the Om Vibration, the Great Comforter of which Jesus spoke. It has, it has three main aspects, of which I’ve spoken many times. Perhaps, you’re sick of hearing it, but I’ll wager not all of you know them all yet, because it is so subtle, but it is within each and every one of us.

The Sound is the Sound of God’s first manifestation of His Great Consciousness moving, to create universe upon universe, and to create you and to create me, and all things. That’s in the sound which you can hear within you. And we read in Revelations, 14th Chapter the 2nd verse, “And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping on their harps:” Now, this sound as characterized in the Bible in these different ways – the sound of many waters, the sound of thunder – the first is the Sound of the Presence of God within you and within me. Realize that! That’s the Presence of God. That’s one of aspect of Him.

Now, another aspect is Light. And we read in Matthew, Jesus said, “...if thine eye be single, thy body will be filled with light (sic).” That Light is another aspect of the Presence of God within you, and if you can perceive it, you are in the Presence of God. Just like when you perceive the Sound. You are in the Presence of God. With your feet on that highway you will reach God, because that highway goes both places to the Presence of God within you and each and every one of us. So Light is another aspect of the Presence of God within.

Another aspect is feeling, feeling. What would this world do without feeling? Now in one sense it wouldn’t be too bad because you know it’s the pain that keeps us in line or keeps us outta line. The feeling aspect is the most important thing, perhaps, in this worldly existence. Isn’t that true to say? If it wasn’t for that fact, it wouldn’t be too bad. That fact causes a greater havoc. And so the truly natural trait within you is what? Love, love! And that’s truly natural, or that Bliss is an aspect of the Presence of God within you.

So, there you have in a few words what you are searching for. And the highway which you are following will take you to the Presence of God. You will know it in those three words, ways, with the Cosmic

Power of Om reverberating through every cell in your body; reverberating throughout Eternity. You will see the Great Cosmic Light of God pouring throughout all Eternity. And you will feel the Love of God which is in, and there's lots of it. That's the Presence of God within you. And the highway will take you, the "Highway to the Infinite" will take you to the Presence of God.

Now, the followers of the different religions should unite in recognition of these eternal truths, which have been stressed by all the Masters of all religions. They have all said the same thing. You could go through them all, I'll just take one or two. For instance in the Koran, it speaks about Souls who are following the highway to God as the one with "rivers of bliss." Another place it speaks about the nearness of God. Now Master, as I said this morning, Master says, and points out that "bliss consciousness is God Consciousness."

In the Avaster, which is the sacred book of Zoroastrianism, it states about: if you follow the Ahunavar, the Ahunavar will lead you to the Ahura Mazda, which means the Great Light of God. The Ahunavar is the same as the Om vibration. The same as in Amen.

And so, going to the Bible; in the Bible we read, "The peace that passeth all understanding⁴." In the Bliss which you feel within, don't you feel the satisfaction? Don't you feel the contentment? Aren't you complete at that moment? Why? That's the Presence of God within you.

And finally, and I think perhaps this is the greatest lesson, it's in the Vedas, and it says: "He who knows Om," he who knows the Amin of the Mohammedan's; and the Amen of the Christian's; the Ahunavar of the Zoroastrian's; He who knows Om of the Hindu's knows Brahman, "knows God⁵." That's the highway to God. That's the "Highway to the Infinite." Be in that Om vibration. You have the ways and the means. You have the techniques. And we were so fortunate in having a real Son of God come as our guru, the Beloved Master. Follow him. If he is your guru, follow him as Sister Gyanamata says. People came to her complaining about this and that, about their discipline, she said, "Is he your guru?" They said, "Yes." She said, "Follow him." So follow. Follow the Omniscience of God which came to you, and came to each one of us, and comes to us now as our guru, the channel back home to God.

Now, we have a Bible reference at this time. Following this "Highway to the Infinite" will take you back home to God, which is the purpose of life. The purpose of life isn't to make a million dollars. I guess most of us know that. It's too difficult, so we resent that. But it's not as difficult as knowing God. But, it's more important, because in the end what are you gonna have? You gonna have something real, tangible; something you cannot exhaust. If you have the million you may lose it, and when they take it

away from you, or worst of all, you have to give up when you're through with it. God you do not have to give up. If you once can catch Him, so to speak, lay hold on Him, He will never leave you, and you'll never leave Him. Such is the Love of the One Father.

And so, in our reference this morning about this purpose of life, let us just turn to the 40th Chapter of Isaiah, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Verses⁶. And this speaks about the "Highway to the Infinite" so wonderfully. First it says: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness..." You know when you first started to meditate it was surely a wilderness within. There wasn't anything there was there, but this darkness and void. But there was a voice there. And as you meditated and kept on that voice became more tangible. And so it says: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare (sic) the way of the Lord..." The "Lord" is Christ Consciousness, or Cosmic Consciousness, in creation: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Doesn't that point out the "Highway to the Infinite?" "Make straight." That's the straight way to God; to follow, to follow His Presence in you. Make straight, as the aspect of His Voice, the Holy Vibration, the Sound.

"What will happen if," you're gonna to say, "if you follow the 'Highway to the Infinite'?" Most beautifully it says: "Every valley shall be exalted, and the mountains and hills shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." (Sic)⁷ All your problems, and only in God, will all your problems be solved. Everything you will find, if you trust in the Infinite Father, are really simple; no mental reservations. Fully trust Him; really want God; really feel His Love in your heart, and know that's the only thing you want, the only thing you'll ever be satisfied with; you will find His Hand working. You will see the rough places made smooth. You'll see the high problems, the big problems as mountains dissolve before the Love of the Infinite Father.

And finally, from the 5th verse, "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together..." That is, God will not be perceived as outside of you, but as a part of you, your own life-consciousness, and being. That's what it means. "...for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." The "mouth" is in Om. It is that Great Mouth of God in which His Great Conscious, Cosmic Energy from His Love has made us; sustains us, and, if we can but be one with that, and that is indestructible, and that is beyond time and space, and that does not die, does not lose it's continuity of consciousness, so will you, so will I, do the same thing, if we become one with the Presence of God within. That's the "Highway to the Infinite."

Now, I have another Bible reference in Isaiah, which points us, out to us who, who shall travel this "Highway of the Infinite." To travel the highway, number one, we have to have an automobile, and there

are various requisites. There are surely certain requisites to travel this “Highway to the Infinite.” And they are fairly pointed out in this reference in Isaiah, the 35th Chapter, the 8th, 9th, and 10th Verses⁸.

“And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness...” To travel that highway we must free our consciousness from outward consciousness of delusion and worldly things to the Higher Consciousness of God’s Presence within you. You have to change your consciousness. It has to be elevated from low vibration of worldly things to the high vibration of Spiritual things. That’s the first requisite. For it says, “...and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over (sic)⁹...” “...the unclean shall not pass over.” You cannot travel the “Highway to the Infinite” with worldly consciousness, because God’s Presence within you is not of a worldly nature. It is Spirit. And so, you have to change. You have to change your consciousness from sensations, mind, and intellect to the Presence of the Infinity of God within you. Those are the ones who follow. Unclean consciousness means consciousness that is not Spiritual, that’s all. And finally; Who shall travel there? And it says: “...but it shall be for those, the redeemed, shall walk there:” (Sic)¹⁰

Everything has such a meaning to those who have overcome the delusion of this worldly existence. If you overcome this delusion and feel the Presence of God, aren’t you redeemed? That’s what it means. You have to overcome the attachment to this worldly consciousness, which gives you nothing in the end but disappointment. There is no, no reward, like there is for following the Presence of God within. They are the ones who shall travel this road. You are being so wanted. Those who simply make the effort to overcome this consciousness of delusion they can travel that “Highway to the Infinite” because then they can proceed to the Presence of God. They are the ones.

Then it goes on, “...the ransomed of the Lord (sic)¹¹...” Those who are lifted up from this worldly living and consciousness into the Christ Consciousness within, of which Jesus spoke when he said: “The things I do ye shall do, and greater things¹².” Everybody can do it. Don’t think it’s a deal for just the saints. Every one of us can do it, because we’re made in the Image of God. Those are the ones who can travel the “Highway of the Infinite.” “...the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:...” (Sic)¹³ You will know when you are traveling the “Highway to the Infinite.” How? By the Bliss which we feel; by the Joy which we feel.

In your meditation a few minutes ago, I know, many of you felt the Peace of the Presence of God. You’re on the “Highway to the Infinite.” Every time you contact an aspect in the Holy Vibration – Sound, Light, or the Feeling of God throughout – you’re on the Highway. And that highway takes you straight to God. And you stick on it. And you stay on it. It is simple. And yet, the attachment to worldly things is so difficult.

“...they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall see an end.” (Sic)¹⁴ That’s the time to go on the Highway; to feel the Peace and Bliss of God. If you don’t meditate, how can you feel it? How can you feel it? You must do your part. If you do your part, you will know you’re on the Highway to God. Master said: “We know we are progressing in Self-Realization by the Joy which we feel; by the Bliss which we feel.” If you keep on, that Joy and Bliss is All- pervading. You will not give it up for anything, because that’s God Himself. That’s the Presence of God within. That’s the end to the Highway. It is Pure Peace; the Presence of God within.

Now, comes the question how, how, how to travel this “Highway to the Infinite?” By the practice of yoga – scientific practice of yoga – and the science of religion. “Finding God is the science of all sciences,” Master used to say to me. “Science, science of all sciences; most exact. It just demands all of your love. Not a portion of it.” And so, we can follow this “Highway to the Infinite” by following yoga, the science of yoga.

I have a reference in the AY¹⁵, I’d like to read to you at this time about yoga. Of course, yoga, as you know, was mapped out by the ancient histories of old. And in following yoga, do not take anything for granted. Remember most ideas of God cannot be trusted. Your ideas; but you follow yoga, go within, and practice the methods which one has left to you, our beloved Master, who knew God, and then you will know. Don’t take anything for granted, the AY tell us. But follow these scientific methods of God-contact. Then you will know. Don’t go on faith. Know God. Know God. Be satisfied only when you feel and know Him. Don’t take my word and don’t take anybody’s word just do it and find out for yourself. That’s what yoga is.

And so, in the Bhagavad Gita, the AY we read, that yoga can be practiced by anyone. There was a time when we thought it was only for the Easterner, but I know many people in the West, and so do you who practice yoga. And I am sure they’re better off in the world. I know they are. You know you are better off. And so, yoga is Universal in its application. Realize that.

So in the AY it says this: “Yoga is a method for restraining of the natural turbulence of the thoughts, which otherwise prevent men of all climes and lands from glimpsing the true nature of Spirit.” (Sic)¹⁶ Or put in plain words, from realizing the Presence of God, that’s all. Yoga helps you to what? Do away with the turbulence of the mind: the thoughts; those things that bother us. If you practice yoga the thoughts will fall off; especially, if you practice Kriya Yoga. These thoughts which bother us, to keep us from hearing the Cosmic Sound; seeing the Great Light of God; Feeling the Great Love in our hearts. Those things fall off as you practice yoga, and the science of religion. That’s why it’s so important to do so.

And then he goes on to say, "The thoughts of most men are restless and capricious." (Sic)¹⁷ A man oppressed needs this, the yoga the science of mind peace. We all know that. We all have been told that we need something to help us control thoughts and emotions in our minds. Yoga is the answer.

Now, in yoga, our master, Paramhansa Yogananda the Founder of Self- Realization Fellowship says that Kriya Yoga, the technique of Kriya Yoga, he considered to be the fastest Spiritual accelerator known to man. Now we want that. We need that. Without question of a doubt, it is the fastest accelerator, Spiritual accelerator, known to man. That's why Kriya Yoga is so important. Ordinary yoga will help you to free your attention from this bodily vehicle. Even from that octopus grip which sensation has upon us, and mind, and intellect. Free it. If we take that Life Force, or Cosmic Energy, and use it for higher purposes, the AY says. What are those higher purposes? Contacting the Presence of God. That's all. If your Life Force, which is none other than God's Cosmic Energy in you, is attached to this body and outward living, how can you put it where it belongs? How can you apply it to the Presence of God within you as the Comforter; as the Holy Ghost; as the Holy Vibration? You cannot do it.

And so, yoga helps you free your attention, and gives it to you so you can apply it to the Realization of the Presence of God within.

Due to the lack of time I will not go into too much of attention, of just how it works. Just to say, most of the energy of our hearts and internal organs has to be free that we can use it to magnetize, magnetize the spine, and thereby draw the Life Force, or God's Cosmic Energy, into that spinal highway, which leads to the Consciousness of God in the Supreme Center of the brain. Now, if we do Kriya Yoga, and create this great magnet in the spine, then it pulls all the Life Force in there. That is what activates the Kundalini power. That is what stimulates the Centers of the spine. That is what enables you to perceive the Presence of God within you.

Do you see why I say yoga is so important? Kriya Yoga enables you to procure more energy, more Spiritual Power, more Cosmic Energy, as the Presence of God within, so that you can arouse the sleeping presence in the Kundalini Power in the base of the spine, and in the Centers of the spine, and in the Supreme Lotus of your brain, that you be able to proceed onward to God. That's the Highway, that's the true "Highway to the Infinite;" is that path which is followed when you, and all of us, practice Kriya Yoga, which is the fastest accelerator, Spiritual accelerator, known to men.

Understand that, that if the carbon, that if your body is filled up with carbon dioxide; you're heart is pumping to get rid of it. And your lungs are "huh-huh" (Doctor pants into the microphone) to get rid of it. Well, how can you put your attention on God when we receive that? And so, the yogis found out that if they could get the carbon out of the blood, and yoga tells you how to do it, then the heart would slow

down. And the breath, specifically, would slow down. And then the Life Force would be free, and you could apply it to the spine and awaken the Presence of God in those Centers, and in the Thousand-rayed Lotus, and know Him in a dynamic way.

There, with just a few words, is the process of Kriya Yoga, which is so important to follow, if we are following the “Highway to the Infinite.”

And so, finally, one thing about Kriya Yoga; Kriya Yoga speeds up human evolution. That’s why it’s so important. You know how long it takes to get rid of this ego? We’ve all, we’ve discussed that before. Only a million years, that’s all; of ordinary evolution. I’ve forgotten how long we’ve been at it, but it’s a long time. And we’ve got a long ways to go, perhaps, yet. But, Kriya Yoga, imagine, in one-half minute, in one-half minute, of doing one Kriya, you’ll gain one year’s, one year of Spiritual advancement. Now multiply that by the number of minutes you do Kriya, and you can see that you can’t even in a lifetime supersede ego consciousness.

That’s why Kriya is so important. Just the half minute it takes to do it. And if you are sincere, and do enough of ‘em, your evolution will speed up, so that your, your Soul will be free as the ego from attachment to the body. It’s very difficult to tell these things in a few words, but that’s the important thing; that the Spiritual evolution is speeded up by the practice of Kriya Yoga. And in an ordinary lifetime, you can free the Soul from attachment to the body.

And so, understand one other thing. And you can indirectly see how, just how, Kriya worked. As you revolve the Life Force, which you have freed from the body, around this subtle spine, a very sensitive spinal region and the brain, as you revolve it around – just like as the earth goes around the sun and this is one year’s of evolution – when you do that around your spine you get one year’s, one year’s evolution. In that half minute.

What happens? You know we are made just like the universe. Within us are the signs of the Zodiac. The six centers of the spine in the positive and negative aspects correspond to the twelve signs of the Zodiac. So, when the sun of our consciousness, revolves around it cuts the magnetic lines of force in the Centers; it passes through the twelve signs of the Zodiac, and you obtain one year’s Spiritual evolution. Just in passing, it’s in the Lessons¹⁸. But, realize, if you can do that enough times, you will advance terrifically in your path back home to God.

And so, in conclusion, realize that Kriya Yoga, Kriya Yoga is the initiation that makes you a full-fledged member of Self-Realization Fellowship, because of it’s such a sacred, and such a wonderful initiation. And it is open for those who prepare themselves for the Spirit, the Great Influx of God’s Consciousness

through this creative vehicle. That's why we really need to wait 'til we have more ability. Those of you are faithful and keep at it, prepare the ground, and then when you take it you will see wonderful results.

I know, that in the beginning, when I first met the Master I was all for having Kriya right off, quick! He says, "There is, ya know, you'd be better off if you'd (file ends)

1 This word is quite inaudible. This is a best guess ass to what he said having removed every noise possible and using all electronic means available.

2 St. John 1:1

3 Matthew 6:22, "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

4 Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

5 Mandukya Upanishad 1,8,12, "The Self [atman] is of the nature of the Syllable Om. Thus the Syllable Om is the very Self. He who knows It thus enters the Self [Supreme Spirit] with his self [individual Spirit]."

6 Isaiah 40:3-5, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:" "And the glory of the Lord, shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

7 Ibid.

8 Isaiah 35:8-10, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:" "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

9 Ibid.

10 Ibid.

11 Ibid.

12 St. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

13 Isaiah 35:8-10, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

14 Ibid.

15 Autobiography of a Yogi, by Paramahansa Yogananda, 1946 Release

16 Autobiography of a Yogi, Release 1946, Chapter 24, "Yoga is a method for restraining the natural turbulence of thoughts, which otherwise impartially prevent all men, of all lands, from glimpsing their true nature of Spirit. Yoga cannot know a barrier of East and West any more than does the healing and equitable light of the sun. So long as man possesses a mind with its restless thoughts, so long will there be a universal need for yoga or control."

17 Autobiography of a Yogi, Release 1951, Chapter 224, Page 232, "The thoughts of most persons are restless and capricious; a manifest need exists for yoga: the science of mind control."

18 Self-Realization Fellowship Preceptor Lessons