

Man – The Image of God

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"Man – The Image of God." "Man – The Image of God."

I suppose I'm supposed to prove that to you this morning. But you'll have to prove it yourselves. I can tell you something about it theoretically. I can show you how it can be done. And I can refer you to the meditation technique of Self-Realization Fellowship yoga. But you have to prove that, by realizing that you really are made in the Image of God. In Genesis it says, "God created man in His Image." "God created man in His Image, in His own image created He him."¹ (*Sic*) Therefore man is like God. But what is God? That's the question. What is God?

Spirit has two Natures. "...the spirit of God moved..."² One little part of Spirit is vibrating this whole creation. Now, the Consciousness behind that, remember, is God the Father. That Consciousness which has created all things, and which is in all things as the Holy Vibration, forms all things, is God's Own Consciousness, or the Son. Remember there's no difference between Christ Consciousness and God the Father, or Cosmic Consciousness. They are the same. The only thing, one is engrossed in the creation. Now remember, man is the Image of God, therefore, that Consciousness of God in the Holy Vibration, in the creation, must be in man, and it surely is in man. Now we have to realize and make that our own.

We have reference to this manifested part of God in St. John, the reference we use so much, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God."³ In other words, that Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, is simply a little portion of God moving, creating all things. It says – God is in the Holy Ghost. So, that Holy Ghost must be within us. God the Father must be within us. His

¹ Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

² Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

³ St. John 1:1

Son, His Consciousness through creation, must be in us, because we are made in the Image of God, man is His Image. Therefore, we must contact that God within us as the Christ. We must contact, and know that Cosmic Vibration, in which is all power, which made the universe, universe upon universe, is right within us, because we are made in His Image.

We have the macrocosm, which is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In the great macrocosm, we have that same thing right within us. In the microcosm, as God the Father; His Son, as Christ Consciousness; and the Holy Vibration, the Great Om, which you hear in meditation. It must be so, because it says in the scripture, in all scriptures, God created man in His Image. Therefore, God must be within us in all completeness as the Father, as the Son, and as the Holy Vibration. Let us get that, and understand that, right off, now. Then, perhaps, we can contact it, and make it a reality. Make it known completely, and fully that we are the children of God made in His Image.

God, these three aspects of God – the Causal universe; the universe of Force, or Power known as the Astral Universe, the Electronic universe; and the Material universe – are made of God's Consciousness. And so, we, being His Image, have within us, in small form so to speak, the microcosm. We have the Causal universe; we have the universe of Force, or Spiritual Power, the Light of which can be seen; and we have the Physical universe, as this little body. We are made in the Image of God.

Now those three universes are controlled, or created and controlled, by rays of the Great Consciousness of God, known as angels. One controls the Causal universe, one the Astral, and the one the Physical. And, likewise, a ray of God's Consciousness controls within us the Causal universe, the Astral universe, and this physical body. That's why it says in Revelation, pardon me, in Genesis: "...let us..." let these rays which constitute God's Creative Power, these six rays, these angels, "...let us make man in our image..."⁴ So man is made in the Image of God, and we can prove it by proper meditation.

And so, there is One Eternal Substance: God's Consciousness – God's Consciousness, the only Substance in the universe. Now, that Consciousness of God, moving – "...the spirit of God moved..." that's all. Moving creates two: the Great Eternal Flame, or Light of God, plus His Omniscience. The Flame, the

⁴ Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Light of God, is the Power of God. The Omniscience is His Great Love. They are the same. Can you separate the fire and the burning power? No. Can you separate the Light of God and His Omniscience? No. They are simply God's Consciousness – the Eternal Substance, moving, vibrating, giving off these two great forces of the Eternal Flame, or Light of God, which you see at this point [Doctor points to the Spiritual Eye], and His Omniscience, His Love, which you feel in your heart. That's what God's Consciousness is. That is the only Substance in the universe.

But look what nature does to it. Look at the multitudinous forms of the, that one Consciousness of God – the flowers, mountains, microphones, everything; automobiles, everything, from the One Eternal Substance. That's what we have to know. And it says in The Holy Science⁵, by the Master's Master, Sri Yukteswarji, these words – on page 34, those of you who have it, read it – "...creation is substantially nothing but the mere ideal play of Nature on the only Real Substance, God, the Father...⁶" or His Consciousness. That's what the whole thing is, that's why the saints all say – know God Alone. Don't be satisfied with anything else. Know God Alone, because it is His One Eternal Substance, His Consciousness, through relativity, light and shadow, that causes all the confusion of delusion, and, therefore, know God Alone, and you will know that you are made in His Image.

And so, also in the Gita⁷, The Bhagavad Gita we have the same thing. On page 138, and 136, and 139, just a word from The Bhagavad Gita, saying the same thing. The 10th Discourse, "...whatsoever is the seed of all beings, that am I...⁸" Sri Yukteswarji says there's One Consciousness, One Substance, from that all things have come. Then it goes on to say, "Nor is there aught, moving or unmoving, that may exist bereft of Me." "There is no end to My Divine Power...⁹"

⁵ The Holy Science, by Jnavatar Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri, 1949

⁶ Ibid, Release of 1963, Page 34, Quatrain 7-8, "As explained in the previous chapter, this creation is substantially nothing but a mere ideal play of Nature on the only Real Substance, God, Thje Eternal Father, who is Guru – The Supreme – in this universe."

⁷ The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939

⁸ Ibid, 10th Discourse 39th Line, "And whatsoever is the seed of all beings, that am I, O Arjuna; nor is there aught, moving or unmoving, that may exist bereft of Me."

⁹ Ibid, 10th Discourse 40th Line, "There is no end of My divine powers, O Parantapa. What has be declared is illustrative of My infinite glory."

Page 136, "Of creations the beginning, the ending, and also the middle, am I.¹⁰"
Naturally, everything comes from the One Substance of God.

And finally, "Having pervaded this whole universe with one fragment of Myself...¹¹" That's the manifested part of God, just a little bit of Himself. Having done that, "...I remain." That's the unmanifested part.

So these truths are, are really there. You can demonstrate them, if you merge in God – His Son, and the Holy Vibration within you. Then you will know these are truths that we are made in the Image of God. Man, being made in the Image of God, his consciousness, must be the same as the Infinite Father. He must have one moving, manifesting part, which we are familiar with – sometimes, too much so. But, he also has that unmanifested real part, unmoving – the Peace, the Bliss of God. Man is made in the Image of God.

Now, we have proof of this; many proofs. I'm just gonna give you one or two this morning. First in the Bible; the proof of God's Nature and man's nature; definite proof, said right in the scripture. You listen carefully. In 1st John, the 5th Chapter, 7th, 8th, and 20th Verses. In the 7th Verse we read this: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son," or the Word, "and the Holy Ghost...¹²" Now in the Great Cosmos we have those three things. They're all from One – from God's Consciousness. Now they are the same. You say, how is that so – listen. "...and these three are one." "...these three are one" from the One Eternal Substance.

Now going on to the next verse, the 8th Verse, in 1st John, the 5th Chapter, and there it says this: "And there are three that bear witness in earth..." and we are part of the earth – it means the body of man. There are three. They're just the same as in the Cosmos, because we're made in the Image of God. "...there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, (sic) the water, and the blood...¹³" – God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Vibration. And then it goes on to say the same thing as in the 7th Verse, "...and these three agree in one."

¹⁰ Ibid, 10th Discourse 32nd Line, "Of creations the beginning and the ending, and also the middle am I, O Arjuna. Of sciences the science concern the Self; the speech of orators I."

¹¹ Ibid, 10th Discourse 42nd Line, "But what is the knowledge of all these details to thee, O Arjuna? Having pervaded this whole universe with one fragment of Myself, I remain."

¹² I John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

¹³ I John 5:8, "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

They're the same thing. Man is made in the Image of God. Now, if you will meditate and look within, you will see God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Vibration right within yourselves. Then you will know you are made in the Image of God. If you meditate and follow the techniques given by the Master – look within – you will see at this point [the Spiritual Eye] the reflection of the Medulla Center, where the Great Light of God and His Omniscience is focused and comes in as a ray from His Eternal Spirit at the Medulla Center, and you will see there those three things.

You will see an Outer Ring of Vibrating Matter, lighter in color. And in the Center of that you will see a Dark Center, which is of such a high vibration there's no color to it. That's the Son. The Outer Vibration is the Holy Ghost. And in the Center of the Dark Center you will see a white, bright silver star, which is the epitome of Cosmic Consciousness, or God the Father. Now these things are there.

Man is made in the Image of God. But you must meditate – regularly meditate. You will see that, if you follow the right technique. And then, then, if you receive it, if you merge, and become one with it, then you will realize – not in theory alone, as I have pointed out, and you can investigate and find out – but you will realize, to actually experience. For, if you merge in the Outer Ring, or the Holy Vibration, you will feel your consciousness in all Vibratory Creation. If you merge in the Center, the Christ Consciousness within, you will feel one with that Vibration, the Creation of God. And, if you merge and become one with the Little Star, the epitome of Cosmic Consciousness, you will know that Cosmic Consciousness beyond this Creation. Those are right within us. The Image is there. See it, and then be one with it. Then you will know that man is made in the Image of God.

In the 20th Verse we read this, “And we know that the Son of God...has given us an understanding...¹⁴” If you lift your consciousness from outward things to the Christ Consciousness within, you will understand, because everything is in God's Consciousness as His Son in Creation. Then he goes on to say, we will understand “...that we may know him that is true, and we are in him...” and “that is true even in his Son Jesus Christ...” We have that right within us. We are one with Jesus the Christ. We are one with God the Father. We are one with His Holy Vibration. We have to understand, and know it. And, finally, it says

¹⁴ I John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

this, this spoken of above, the Cosmic Three, so to speak – God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that within us, which you can see. It goes on to say, "This is the true God, the eternal life.¹⁵"

And so, we have that right within us. These are not imagination, they are real. Those who have meditated have found it so. They are the same in each and every one of us, because each and every one is made in the Image of God.

And so, concluding, we have to realize, not just in theory, but we have to realize – consummate the Image. We have to know, without question of a doubt, that we are that Eternal Flame of God; that we are His Omniscient Love; and that He is in us – "Thou and I never apart." We have to know that, not in theory. "I am He, I am He, Blissful Spirit I am He." You've got to know it, not just theorize it. You can do that.

In St. John – not 1st John – St. John this time, the 10th Chapter, the 34th Verse, this is what we read, "And Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said Ye are gods?" Jesus attested that we are made in the Image of God. We are God. If you have the sun shining above, and here you have a bowl of water, and you keep the bowl still, you stop the movement of that bowl, you see the image. There's no difference between the image and that, is there? They are the same. So we are the same as the Eternal Father, His Son, and His Holy Ghost. Then he goes on in the 82nd Psalm, 6th Verse: "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you," every one of you, "are children of the most High."

Now, if we are made in the Image of God, then our consciousness is Eternal. That's the point. We think its transient. We see this body come and go in others. We see things come and go. There is no eternity in that. It is transient. But, still, there is something in us that is Eternal, because we are made in the Image of God.

One more Bible reference will prove that to you. In 1st John once more, the 5th Chapter, this time the 11th and 12th Verses. Now listen carefully what it says. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." That is in that Dark Center within, when you see the Spiritual Eye and that Dark Center, the Christ Consciousness is Eternal Life. Now, when you merge in that, you have Eternal Life. The scripture says so. It goes on to say, "He that hath the Son..." Now, that doesn't mean that you read about it, or that you

¹⁵ Ibid.

meditate, and once in awhile see the Light a little bit. No. It doesn't mean that. You've got to merge in it, and be one with it. Then it says, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Even though we are made in the Image of God, we have to merge in that to become a Son of God, and know, beyond doubt, that we are made in the Image of God.

And so, the key is this – the key to realizing that we are made in the Image of God, which is the only important thing – the theory is nothing – we have to know that. Now the key is here, in this one passage in St. John, the 1st Chapter the 12th Verse: "But as many as received him..."¹⁶ Now, when you meditate and see that Spiritual Eye, it's wonderful. But you have to receive it. You have to be one with it. You have to be one with the Outer Vibration, the Holy Ghost. You have to be one with the Christ Consciousness in the Center. You have to be one with the Little Silver Star – one with God the Father. You can do it.

Jesus said, "...the things I do ye shall do, and greater things."¹⁷ (*Sic*) So the key is in first, in St. John, the 1st Chapter, the 12th Verse, "But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God..." When you see that Spiritual Eye, when you see the Outer Ring, the Holy Vibration, and merge in it, then your consciousness expands to the Great Holy Vibration, the Cosmic Vibration. When you see the Dark Center, and merge in it, and receive it, your consciousness expands. Not, it doesn't stay just in this little body consciousness; it expands out to all Creation. That's Christ Consciousness. And then, when you see the Little Star in the Center and merge in that, and receive that; then your consciousness expands, not only through Creation, but beyond Creation into Cosmic Consciousness, God the Father.

And so you see, man is made in the Image of God. He is His child. "...I say, Ye are Gods," made in the Image of Him, every one of you. But in Luke it says: "...nor be you of doubtful mind."¹⁸ Have that faith in God. Realize you are one with Him. Never doubt it. You may lose sight of the Spiritual Eye in your meditation. Forget it. Have the faith, and realize, that you are still God's child. "...nor be you of doubtful mind."

¹⁶ St. John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

¹⁷ 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."

¹⁸ Luke 12:29, "And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind."

So we are made in the Image of God. We are His children. And through the effort of the channel of the beloved Master, who sacrificed for you and for me, we have the ways and the means, and the special dispensation, to know and realize the Image of God within us.

Closing Meditation

Let us meditate just a minute, now, in honor of the beloved Master, whose presence is here with us. Receive his blessing by opening your heart to him. And with the humbleness of a child, looking at this point to receive, feel in your heart, his presence.

Closing Prayer

Beloved Master. You are free, but we are here in delusion. But give us the realization that thou art walking with us, that we have a degree of thy freedom, until we finally merge, fully in the Light of the Holy Ghost in which you dwell.
Om

Now let us rise and sing our song. Sing to the Master who loved this song. Sing with your heart to him.

The audience participates in singing "In the Beauty of the Lilies."

Prayer to Close the Service

Raise the hands. Heavenly Father, 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, I bow to the beloved Master. Om, Om, Om, Peace, Bliss, Amen.
God bless you.