

# What is Heaven?

## (Classification of Heavenly Beings)

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In that beautiful song, which was just played, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but that "somewhere" can be known through right meditation; following one who knew about Heaven and its characteristics, so each one of us can know that vibrating realm just behind this outward realm of existence, this outward realm of existence we are familiar with. But there is a realm behind this, which is Vibrating Astral Energy from which this realm has come. And that realm can, can be known by those who will take time to look within, rather than looking without all the time, in this worldly existence.

Because we are made in the Image of God, and as such we can know all of His creations. This gross creation, plus the finer creation just behind this, or the Realms of Heaven made up of Vibrating Astral Energy plus the Causal planes. And the matrix of these realms is the true Light of Spirit plus God's Consciousness. Let us realize these things, that because we are made in the Image of God, we can know His creations, because His Consciousness is within us.

And so these Realms of Heaven constitute the Luminous Astral Region – Vibrating Spiritual Energy. But infused through that region is the Bliss of God, and His Peace, and His Joy. Heaven is a real place; it is not an imaginary place. We do not record the vibrations of Heaven with these ordinary eyes, as you know. But those who will meditate, and allow the Power of God's Presence to flow through them, will sensitize the different aspects of our being as sight, and touch, and taste, smell, and so forth, so that those finer vibrations of Heaven can register, and can be perceived. That's all.

We should not be satisfied just with the perceptions of ordinary sight, hearing, and so forth, but by meditation, contacting the Presence of God within, the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost. It is that which will change us and allow us to record the finer vibrations of Heaven and the other spheres, which are beyond this worldly creation.

We have to know those things. Otherwise, when we are through on this plane, how can we expect to know something we know nothing of? That's why we must realize, we must know God here and now. Otherwise we will not know Him after this existence. As we read in St. John, 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse, "In my Father's house are many mansions." This is just one mansion, so to speak, in the Great Consciousness and Energy of God's Presence. This mansion we are familiar with – beyond this are the finer mansions, or mansions of finer vibrating energy. "In my Father's house are many mansions."

And those who meditate regularly and supersede this worldly existence will see, will see the aspects of Heaven which lie just beyond. And finally, through the Grace of God, they will know, as Jesus said, the kingdom, "My kingdom is not of this world." My kingdom is of Christ Consciousness – the vibrationless Sea of Spirit beyond even Heaven. Heaven is a place of rest. Heaven is a place of finer Astral Vibrations. And then we come back from there, if we have desires left within us. But finally, when you are filled up, so to speak, with desires, and want no more of them, and want God alone, then you will reach that sphere, that Vibrationless sphere of the Sea of Spirit, in which is God's Bliss. And from that, if you wish, there is no return. In other words, as Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations, be of good cheer, I am overcome the world." He means that I have overcome this worldly existence, with its trials and tribulations, by rising to that supreme state of vibrationless sphere of Bliss and Peace of God.

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." When he said that, he was not speaking just of Heaven, the kingdom beyond this world. He was speaking of what I have said. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," he said. Even Heaven itself, that place of finer vibrations, will pass away. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not." The words, or the force, which Jesus spoke from was not from Heaven even. It is from the Sea of Spirit. That vibrationless Bliss of God, because he said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away." But that Consciousness which I feel, the Presence of God within me, will not pass away. That's the final resting place. That's the Heaven that we want.

The first Heaven, just beyond this realm, is most beautiful – vista and vista upon vista of templed, castled, mansions, so to speak, in multi-colored sea of lights – impregnated with the Bliss of God. That's a wonderful place. But even from that we have to return, if we have desires. But beyond that is the Vibrationless Sea of God's Presence, in which the Sun of Righteousness rises, never to set again. That's the final resting place. That's the Heaven we must strive for. That's the place from which we will not have to return to this world of tribulation.

And that is attainable by each and every one of us. Otherwise, Jesus would not have said, "The things I do ye shall do and greater things," because I go to that Sea of Spirit, my Father. Every one of us can do it, because we're made in the Image of God. Let us not underestimate ourselves. We are God's children. But we must demand what is our birthright. We must realize it. We can realize it, being His children, and made in His Image.

Now on the other side, of course, there are some planes of existence which are dark, and cold, and dismal. In other words, we rise, or we fall. We rise, or we gravitate to those planes of existence which we have earned here on earth. Just like here on earth, we can gravitate to dens of vice and iniquity, because we have free will and we're made in the Image of God, or, on the other hand, we can rise to those planes of Peace, and Freedom, and Bliss, and Joy, as you feel in this meeting. And as those who follow Self-Realization will attest, that they feel that in their meetings, and in Self-Realization living. We can do that. And so, on the other side we can rise to those planes of Peace and Bliss, of a Heavenly nature, or we can sink into those dismal, dark, and cold realms of iniquity and vice, which persist. Nothing is lost. So it behooves us to lay up those things which we want, that will lift us to God's Presence and His Peace and His Bliss.

And so, Heaven is really an actual tangible place. A place of vibratory existence just like science has shown, and is proving every day that this worldly gross vibration is not the finality. It resolves into energy, and finally, into light. And so the matrix of these, this Heavenly Realm is Light, from which all things have come. Light, plus behind that Light, the Intelligence of God as Consciousness. So don't think that after this world, that's the end. It is not the end. And if you meditate regularly, you'll prove it is not the end while living here on earth. Isn't that better than waiting, guessing what Heaven's gonna be like? You do not have to do it. But you have to work here a little bit.

And it can be done. And the greatest thing is, as you're doing it, it's not disagreeable. It's filled with Peace and Joy. At first it is a little strange. I know some of you here perhaps, you have meditated this morning for the first time, were saying, "Well, when will this end? When will I get out of this business?" Try it again. There'll come a time when you will say, "When can I meditate again." Not "When can I get out of it." These are facts. There are many in this room that'll tell you that very thing. So let us realize that it is what we perceive, it is what the soul registers that is final, and do not allow it to register you this

outward existence only. Let it register the finer things of God and His Great Light and His Love.

And so every existence, every existence has three counterparts. For instance, the sun, which we see, borrows its light from the Astral Sun. The true sun first was made in the Mind of God, in His Consciousness. Then it was projected, so to speak, or created as the Astral Sun, and finally, as the physical sun, which you see. Everything is the same. Everything has those three aspects. So have we. We were created first in the Mind of God, in His Consciousness, which says, "let us make man in our image." We were created in His Consciousness. Then we were created in the Astral, or the Heavenly Realm, the Realm of Energy. And finally, from that has been produced this body, with which we are familiar.

And so, all things have those three counterparts. Realize that. We know this physical counterpart, we know it too well – gives us lots of trouble. But we can know the others just the same, if we will. We can know the body of Energy, the Astral body. You have a little illustration of its presence when somebody hits you in the head, or in the eye, and you see sparks. Those sparks are Astral Sparks; parts of your physical...of your Astral body. And when you meditate and lift your eyes to the Single Eye, of which Jesus spoke, at this point [Doctor points to the point between the eyebrows], you see a part of your Astral or Spiritual body. You see the Medulla Center at this point. That's the "eye" of which Jesus spoke. That's the Astral part. But the true Spiritual part is the Single Eye – the Universal Power of Sight which God has. That's in that eye. A little bit is in these two eyes with which we look around and think we know it all. We don't.

Open up the Single Eye at this point. Attain the Universal Power of Sight, which is God's and yours. Then you will see the creation in its fullness. Not just this outward part. You will see the Astral, the Region of Heaven, plus the Great Vibrationless Region of the Presence of God in which the Sun of Righteousness never sets. It's always there, and will always be the beacon light that leads you on homeward to God. "I have made Thee polestar of my life." Have you done that? Have you made God your polestar? Let's do it, because we're children of Him, made in His Image.

And so, we do not see Heaven, because we cannot see it with these eyes. We can see beautiful things with these eyes, but we cannot see the finer vibrations, because they do not register those finer vibrations. But through the Single Eye of which Jesus spoke in Matthew, "If thine eye be single, thy body will be filled

with light." It is through that eye at this point, which you can see and know about Heaven.

So our Master has said this, "That when you meditate regularly, and when you see the Spiritual Eye at this point, then you are looking on the Gateway to Heaven." And when through concentration, you lift your eyes, as we did in meditation this morning and look at this point. Then you are gazing on the Gateway to Heaven, the Single Eye of which Jesus spoke. And through that Single Eye you can realize the Heavenly Regions. And through that Single Eye you can commune with God. Just seeing won't satisfy you, will not satisfy me. But through that Single Eye you feel the Joy. That Joy, which you feel means that you are communing with God.

How foolish we are, when we have the Presence of God right with us. Why not utilize it? Why not commune with Him? The Joy which you feel as you look at the Single Eye at this point is God's Presence. That's communing with God. Realize these things. And in that communion, God can give you everything. Heaven is nothing to Him. He can give you, finally, oneness with Him; oneness with His Great Peace, and His Bliss, and His Joy. And so, we have a great goal to reach, oneness with God.

Now last time we were here I told you if you came this morning that I would give you the opportunity to place yourself just where you find yourself in Heaven. I'm sure all are interested in that. And so just for a minute or two, let us discuss how, which Heavenly State is your destiny. Which Heavenly State now is your destiny? Right now! Now, you don't have to stay there, but let us see Master's Classification of Heavenly Beings, and see just where each one of us fits into that classification. This is a real classification, and those who meditate will find it so.

And so, in this Classification of Heavenly Beings, which through meditation, and devotion to God, you can realize. This is the classification. Heavenly Beings are made up of yogis, saints, and devotees. Those are the first three classes. Are you one of those?

Then we have the next class, the fourth, which contains the moralists. Good people, good people, moral people, ethical people, but do they feel a responsibility to God? Have they made God the first thing in their life? That's the fourth class.

Then comes the class of worldly people – ordinary run of people whose interests are not in these Heavenly things. They're in worldly things.

And finally we have those animalistic people, and suicides. Those are the final, the lowest class. Those are the occupants, the inmates, if you can call them that, of Heaven.

Now, the first three – yogis, saints and devotees – that's the, those are the important three. That's the important three. First, before I discuss those, let me tell you there are only two classes of people in Heaven, in spite of these six I have given you. There are only two classes. What are they: those who are conscious that they're in Heaven, and those who are conscious that they are not in Heaven. That's all. And if you, while on earth, will meditate regularly, and pass through the state of sleep and death, as our Master has said, "those who by regular devotional yogic methods, perceive and understand the state of sleep and death consciously, it is they who will retain their consciousness after death." None others.

And so there are two classes in Heaven: those who are conscious, and know they're in Heaven; and those who are not. That's all. And of those, we have the six classes: yogis, saints, and devotees, moralists, worldly people, and those who have given up hope, and can be classed as suicides and such cases.

Now there are three characteristics of the yogis, saints, and devotees. They have a varying degree of self-consciousness – all those three – yogis, saints, and devotees. And that includes, I'm sure, everyone in this room. You may not be a saint, but I know you're a devotee of God, because you wouldn't be here if you weren't. Now, they have different characteristics. They have certain amount of self-consciousness, first. Secondly, they all know that they are in Heaven. They're all conscious and aware of their Heavenly existence. And thirdly, they all will hear the Cosmic Sound of Om. And in that Cosmic Sound of Om, or the Great Amen, spoken of in the Bible, is God's Consciousness. And so, Heaven will not be too bad, especially for devotees even.

Now, they all have a varying degree of self-consciousness in Heaven. Now that varies from just realizing passing through death and being aware that they're in Heaven, to the entrance into the mother's womb, and finally those Great Advanced Souls are conscious of passing through the mother, and beyond, into this existence again. But those are few.

Now there you have the amount, or the state of your consciousness, which can be attained. But all, all of those three classes will know they're existing in Heaven, and will be conscious of the Great Voice of God, the Word, the Holy Vibration, the Great Amen, spoken of in the Bible.

And one very comforting fact is this; that in that Holy Vibration is God's Intelligence, and His Love, His Presence. So you see you must feel the Peace and Bliss of God, if you will just attain it on this life here. While you are here in this existence, if you'll meditate and know the Word of God spoken of in St. John, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God." If you know that, you will know it on the other side. And God will be very near to you, and you will fear nothing. "He who is stayed in me, I will keep him in perfect peace." That's why meditation and Self-Realization is so important, because it gives us the assurance that no matter what plane of existence we will find ourselves, if we know God here and now as the Word, the Cosmic Vibration, we will know it in whatever plane of existence we find ourselves.

And so that is what Heaven is. A plane of finer existence, finer vibration, the matrix of which is the Pure Light of Spirit. Not the sunlight. Not the solar light, but Astral Light, and in that God's Consciousness as Peace and Bliss. That's the nature. And so there's nothing to fear to go to Heaven.

The thing is to fear that you do not contact the Presence of God here on earth that you will be able then to realize your oneness with His Presence in Heaven. You have to make God dynamic to your consciousness. Then who cares what realm you're in. If you have Him, whether it be the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh Heaven – they say there's a lot of them – if you have the Presence of God, that's the re...the real thing. That is what we must have.

And so, going on; the moralist's, once in a while – one in a thousand – will have consciousness after death. That's why the First Commandment is what? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy strength, and thy might, and thy soul." You must love God, that's the important thing. You may be a moralist, a high ethical person; makes no difference, unless you feel the Love of God. Therefore, of the moralist's, one in a thousand, say, will have consciousness beyond death.

Of worldly people, once in a while, the Master classifies them as having consciousness after death. How can you expect anything else? What do they do? They live in outward existence. Their tendencies and their interests are in worldly things. That's what they're gonna have, without question of a doubt.

And those who hate themselves, and live like animals, and have enough of life, and want no more of it, and take their own life. Naturally they'll have no consciousness after death.

So that's a wonderful classification the Master has given to us. Remember it. But the greatest thing to me is that the highest class of the yogis, saints, and devotees, they all will be aware that they are in Heaven, and they will all hear the Cosmic Sound of Om – the Great Footsteps that God is with them. Let us remember the Master's classification.

And finally, finally, in this place called Heaven, as I have pointed out to you, there are many mansions of many colored lights, which are beautiful, stretching beyond time and space. No time and space in Heaven. Time and space is of this worldly existence. But those who meditate, and get a peek through the other side, will see there's no time or space, but Great Oceans of Light. But the greatest thing that in, in your God-Intoxicated Spiritual vision – then you feel His Presence – that's the greatest thing. If that were not there it would be just a nice, another good show. But the Presence of God's Bliss is what makes Heaven Real to those who really strive for it.

And so, to have this privilege of seeing after death, consciously, the Heavenly Realm means, or even seeing the Heavenly Realm while living here on earth, it can be seen, if you practice your yoga and meditation. To attain those things, means that you must live a life of God communion here on earth. Otherwise it will not be for you. If you do not do that, you cannot expect, as most people do, [who] live a life of worldly attachment, as our Master says, "then Heaven will just be dimly visible." But if you live a life of God communion, it will be absolutely yours.

"You'll be fully conscious," as Master told me one time. I said, "What's the use of living here? We enjoy each other." And all the early members were with him. I said, "What's the use? We have to give it all up and forget it all." He said, "What are you talking about? In Heaven we will realize each other in a far greater way than we do here on earth." Well, that satisfied me. That was many years ago. But knowing, and feeling the truth of his words, I was satisfied.

And so, on the other hand, when the Sun of Righteousness rises within your Soul, and you see that Great Light from which there is no return, the Sun of Righteousness, or the Great Spiritual Sun from which all things have come.

When that consciously rises within your Soul, and you feel the Peace and Bliss of God's Presence, and realize that you alone could not have attained it. But through His Grace He drew the curtain back, and you see the Great Kingdoms beyond this worldly existence. Then, then, then comes the ineffable Peace of God's Presence, beyond all understanding.

You cannot explain it. You cannot put it into words, when you realize how much God loves you and me, to give us that experience. That's why all the saints say, "God alone." "Alone, I can do nothing," they say. God alone is. He's the one. He's the Real One. And when He gives you that experience, then you know what Jesus meant when he said that Peace and Joy and Bliss which passeth all understanding comes to you. Such is the Love of God for us, and for each one of us. Knowing that, you will know what Heaven means and what Heaven is.

In Revelation, 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, the 5<sup>th</sup> Verse, that spiritual sun gives light, Sun of Righteousness, the real sun from which this sun is a part, borrows its light. When that Sun of Righteousness rises within your soul, then you will know, as Lord Shankara said, "I am He, I am He, Blessed Spirit I am He." In Revelation, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, the 5<sup>th</sup> Verse, "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light."

So God is the One. He's the One we must know. He will give us anything and everything we need. As our Master said, "We must know the Storekeeper. Then we will know all."