

Cosmic Destiny

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Subject this morning: "Cosmic Destiny," "Cosmic Destiny."

Destiny means: "an inevitable necessity." And so, this cosmos having been born, so to speak, having been created, must, inevitably, dissolve once more in that from which it has come – God's Consciousness.

So that's the destiny, which each and every one of us, as part of this Cosmic Dream, must pass through. We must once more dissolve into that Great Consciousness of God from which it has come. But, we can dissolve in an unconscious way, as this Drama of Life, and this creation will pass into God's Omniscience, or because we are made in His Image, we can consciously know Him, and dissolve in His Great Omniscience, without waiting for destiny to take its toll. We can do it anytime we are ready to give the effort, and invoke the Grace of God to help us realize that we are not this Cosmic Dream, but we are one with His Omniscience, which has produced the Cosmic Dream.

So, it is not necessary for us to follow Cosmic Destiny, because we are made in the Image of God; with free will, His children, we can break the Cosmic Dream without waiting for ages to pass, when all His creation, once more, will resolve into the One Eternal Consciousness from which it has come, God's Consciousness.

We read about this in Genesis, in the 1st Chapter<sup>1</sup>, to substantiate what I have said: "In the beginning God created heaven and earth. 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." God created this Cosmic Delusion, this Cosmic Dream, first in Consciousness, as an Idea, just like you dream. You create that dream first as an idea. So, God created this Great Cosmos as an Idea. First, in His Great Consciousness, then, then, he created Light. "And God said, Let there be light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night<sup>2</sup>." So a portion of God's Consciousness produced the Holy Vibration – Light – and from that Light has come all things.

So this creation had a beginning. This cosmos had a beginning. What has a beginning must end. And so, it will be resolved, reconverted, once more, in time, back from whence it has come. Just as in your own dream – this is the way to understand Cosmic Destiny – just as in your own dream, a portion of your consciousness – and it is God’s Consciousness in you and me – a portion of that consciousness produces a dream – produces light – and that light passes through a film, and produces your dream.

Now, doesn’t that dream have to be resolved? Doesn’t that dream have to once more return to your own consciousness? Yes. And when you wake up in the morning, sometimes you feel, “Oh my, am I glad that’s over,” because you have broken the dream. So, as you can break your own dream, and once more be free from the attachment to that dream, so by waking up in God’s Consciousness, as Cosmic Consciousness, you can be free from His Dream, and you will not have to wait, until, according to Cosmic Law, it is once more dissolved in that from which it is come – God’s Great Consciousness.

So you see it is up to us. It is up to us, being free agents, being given free will, to stay in, for ages, in this Cosmic Dream, or we can break the Cosmic Dream that we once more – without waiting for it to pass through ages, being identified with this illusion – we can once more wake up in God, and be free for ever, and for ever, from the pain and suffering of this Cosmic Dream.

We have this pointed out the same, in the same way, in the Bhagavad Gita. I like to give you these references of scriptures, plus the Master’s words, which point out these eternal truths, so difficult to understand by ordinary waking consciousness. So in the Bhagavad Gita, in the 8th Discourse, the 16th to 19th Line, we read: “The worlds beginning with the world of Brahma,” – that is, that’s the Idea world created in Spirit first – “they come and they go [O, Arjuna], but he who cometh unto me [O, Kaunteya], he knoweth birth no more. The people who know the Day of Brahma, a thousand ages...” a thousand yugas, “in duration, and the night, a thousand ages...” also, “in ending, they know night and day.”

Those who are one with that Consciousness are subject to those great lengths of time according to outward consciousness. But, “From the unmanifested all the

manifested stream forth at the coming of the day; at the coming of the night they dissolve, even in That called the unmanifested." But those, those, as it says, "...he who cometh to me," – he who cometh to me, he who knows the One Consciousness which has produced this Cosmos – "he who cometh unto me [O, Kaunteya], he knoweth birth no more." Because just as you break your dream, this is the way to understand the Cosmic Delusion, and the Cosmic Destiny; as the Master said, "Remember these two illustrations, your dream and the moving picture." Just as you, from a fragment of your consciousness produce your dream – whether it is unconscious or not, doesn't make any difference; you can do it consciously. Just as from a fragment of your consciousness you produce your dream, and you resolve it back into your original consciousness, so God has produced this cosmos by dreaming it – by using a fragment of His Great Consciousness. And when He withdraws it, all that's left is that one thing: God Alone; God's great Eternal Consciousness.

Now, we can do that. We can break that Dream by becoming one with His Consciousness, which has produced it – no other way. And you have the method, through the Great Channel of Self-Realization, which God has sent. And so, it is inevitably necessary that the Cosmos, which was produced from One Eternal Substance, God, and His Great Consciousness – must end. Must end, must resolve into His Great Presence, His Great Consciousness.

Now to help us understand this Cosmic Destiny, I want to read just a word or two from one of the Master's Preceptor's. He explains, wonderfully, about God alone. It is the fact that we are attached to duality of consciousness, which produces all our trouble. But, if we will realize God alone is the Sole Doer, then we will understand the Cosmos and Cosmic Destiny. But as long as you are attached to duality of consciousness, ruled by the ego, you cannot understand it. That's why the pure in heart shall see God<sup>3</sup>. Unless you become like little children, you cannot understand God Alone, and you cannot understand Cosmic Destiny.

So let us read just a bit from one of the Master's Preceptor's: "Who is it, who knows all the secrets of all the souls whoever lived, dazzling the world, and who are now lost and gone? Where are they? Who knows? God alone." Because it's His Consciousness that has made each and every soul. "Who lived in the loneliness of the eternal void before the atoms blinked their glittering eyes, and danced through all creation? Who was it that produced first the Light?" God

created Light, and from that Light has produced, has come all things, by shaping the atoms of that Light, which science has proved. Who has done that? "Who existed before that Holy Ghost? God Alone<sup>4</sup>. We came out of something, we know not what. We know that we live, laugh, and linger now, and most of us will not know what lies in the wilderness of the great beyond when we fall asleep in the arms of peaceful death. Yet, who knows the secret of life? Who knows the secret of life both before and after this existence? God Alone."

God Alone is the Sole Doer. Remember the illustration of your dream. You produced the dream from what? From your own consciousness, isn't it? And the dream is so realistic. When you're in it you suffer; you feel; you wish it would end. When it ends you say, "Ah, just a fragment of my consciousness, that's all it is." So the same with this Great Cosmos – God has created it the same way. Get out of it. Rama, Great Lord Krishna said, "Get out of my delusion, get out of my Maya." Know the One Consciousness, which has produced all things, because the destiny of the cosmos, if you are attached to it, is to be resolved into nothingness. We cannot afford to be attached to the Cosmic Dream. We must be attached to the Consciousness, which has produced it, which is God alone.

Now going on just a little bit, realizing how this happened, this Cosmos; One Eternal Spirit became many. One Eternal Spirit, the fraction, fragment of the Consciousness produced creation; when it produced that, when creation was produced, when the Spirit of God moved<sup>5</sup>, then came God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Vibration. When the Spirit of God moved, that same Consciousness of God the Father is in, is in the Holy Vibration, as the Son. And so, God the Father, the only begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, are one and the same thing. These three are one.

Take your own consciousness. Your consciousness produced the dream. That entity which is over your dream can be likened to God the Father. And the dream made of Light, Astral Light, is the Holy Vibration. And that Consciousness of God the Father, in that Holy Vibration, in your dream can be likened to the Son, the only begotten Son. Isn't it all your consciousness?

And so, in this great creation, remember that simple illustration. The One Spirit, a fragment of it said, "Let me dream creation." Now, that is God the Father, the Author of Creation. Then, He said, "Let there be light." And that light is the

Holy Ghost, the Holy Vibration; and the Intelligence of God, His Great Consciousness in that creation, is the only begotten Son, Christ Consciousness. And yet, they are all one and the same. That's why, each and every one of us can say, as we feel within us any aspect of the Holy Ghost, the Light, or the Cosmic Sound, or the Love in our hearts, "I have God. God is with me." We must never forget that. That's what we do forget. Whenever you feel any aspect of God the Father, or Christ Consciousness, or the Holy Ghost, as the Light, and Sound, and the Love in your heart, you can say – and it is an eternal truth – "God is with me."

Now, if you keep doing that, soon you'll realize the eternal truth. It is so. How do you taste? How do you touch? How do you smell? How do you think? How do you wish? How do you write? How do you drive the car? Because God's Consciousness is in you, that's why you do it. He has suggested that you're separated from Him. But you are not. It is God who is doing all things. "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God<sup>6</sup>." The "Word" is the Holy Vibration, and in that is God Himself.

Now that Holy Vibration in us manifests as the Great Light of the Logos, the Word, the Holy Vibration, the Sound, or the Great Love in your heart. Contact any, or all of those things; you have God with you. If you do that, you can break the Cosmic Dream, and then you'll understand Cosmic Destiny. The inevitable end of this cosmos is to resolve, once more, into the Great Omniscience of God. We are simply a little fragment of that Cosmic Dream. Why wait? Why wait for ages? We don't have to. We're made in the Image of God. We must understand Cosmic Destiny. How? By resolving it right now, just as you resolve your own dream into the One Great Consciousness from which it has come.

There are two Great Forces of the Holy Ghost: the One Great Light, which has produced all things, which it is necessary just to say a word about. That Great Spirit of God moved, and one Force, one aspect of the Force – it is all One Force – the Spirit of God moved. One aspect is the Great Creative Will of God to produce this huge cosmos. Imagine! And the other aspect is the Great Pulling Power. As the vibration goes out, there's a Pulling Power, which is greater than that which goes out. That's the Love of God. That's the Great Force of Attraction. That's why Ramakrishna said, "All will go back to God." But who wants to wait for ages? We do not have to wait. We do not have to wait, because we can, having free will, having free choice, being made in the Image of God, His Power being in us, we can break the Cosmic Dream without waiting for the Destiny of the Cosmos.

Now going on just a bit, for practical understanding of the question, let us read just a little more from the Master's Preceptor. We cannot do better than that, to help us understand, have a practical understanding of this Cosmic Destiny. Remember, as I said, your dream, that's the greatest thing,

because that's right with you. And remember the illustration, as the Master said, "...of the beam of light from the moving picture projector." As that beam of light comes down, you see it passing through. Does it seem possible that on the screen, all those things will come out, true to the five senses of touch, taste, smell and so forth? So, with God's Great Beam of Light, He has projected the same way. And in that Beam of Light we find all things, just like in this beam from the movie. All things are there, because we see them when they strike the screen.

So, God has produced this cosmos on the screen of space, and everything is in His Light – everything. That's why our first thing is to contact that Light, the Holy Ghost, the Holy Vibration, which is a real thing. Contact it. Everything is in there, even God's Presence Himself. So let us read just a bit what the Master says.

God First

God has produced the cosmos. Before the baby sky was born as the blue out of the dark breast of Eternity, who existed? God first. It was He, who, with His Omnipresent Brush spread blue all over the ceiling of dark space; Who peopled the hall of space with the family of planets? God first. Naught could breathe without His First Breath. That is why, God first. If all my friends are taken away, I shall remember that God is my foremost Friend, For He never leaves me, even when I ignore Him.

How much we ignore Him, but He never leaves us. We breathe; the heart beats; we get up in the morning forgetting God, completely sometimes – there He is.

We live, we move, we have our being. God is the Sole Doer.

God first. And when I am called to be free once more in Him, I shall not moan to leave this prison, and prison furniture, But I shall repent of my vagrant wanderings, My prison term, due to the intoxication of ignorance we are attached to this dream

And I will joyfully think of my long-left Home of Omnipresence, And my Ever- Welcoming Father; God first.

Everything came from Him. And when we go back, if we are not attached, there He'll be, waiting. Waiting once more to merge with us in that One Love from which all things have come. If you have that idea, if you have that consciousness about Cosmic Destiny, you will not regret leaving this prison, place of pain and sorrow, because, if there is no attachment, there is the One Consciousness from which you have come – all things have come. And the greatest part of that Consciousness is God's Love. Greater than His Will is His Great Pulling Power. And when you, through regular meditation, see the Light of the Holy Ghost, and feel the Love of God, you'll be drawn up into it. No Force can equal that. Such is the Power of God's Love.

Now going on just a bit, for practical application, remember, we must approach these things. As we were talking, coming down this morning, a disciple and I – unless you can take a practical approach to these subjects like Cosmic Destiny, of what use are they? So let us approach it in a practical way. And we read in the Bhagavad Gita, in the 7th Discourse [27th Line], words of Krishna, when he says this: "All beings walk this universe wholly deluded [O, Parantapa]." Imagine it! We're wholly in delusion, and that means Cosmic Destiny must play its part, unless we get out of that delusion. So, then he said – after saying all beings walk in delusion – Krishna was an incarnation of God Himself – then he says, "Get out of my delusion, get out of my Maya." That's the only escape.

People talk about the world becoming better, and this, and that, and bringing peace, and everything. There'll be no peace as long as you're in this Cosmic Duality – as long as you're in this Cosmic Dream. The way to bring peace is for each one to get out of it; get out of it into God Alone. That's the way, that's the way to understand Cosmic Destiny.

And so, Jesus said the same thing, did he not? "Seek [ye] first, seek first the kingdom of God<sup>7</sup>," that one consciousness. My Father, he said, My Father and I are one<sup>8</sup>. Seek that first, and all other things shall be added unto you. And what if you gain the whole world in this Cosmic Dream, and have everything, and lose your own soul, what does it profit you<sup>9</sup>?

So you see, to understand Cosmic Destiny, the only way is to break the dream – break the dream. Break God's Dream. It is very strong. Imagine! This body is a Dream of God, and we think it's ours. It is very strong. But by the techniques of Self-Realization, given by the Master, you can break the Dream. You break your own dream that you are this body. I am M. W. Lewis, and all that goes with it. In meditation, where is it? Where am I? Gone!

So, by meditation, Self-Realization Fellowship techniques of meditation, when we contact the superconsciousness within, we realize we are not the body; we are not this seeming entity, this ego. Now, by following those techniques of Self-Realization, deeper and deeper, with greater intensity, then you contact Cosmic Consciousness, wherein God's Dream is broken. Then you have solved and understood Cosmic Destiny. We have the method, right within us to do this, to break the Cosmic Dream and to be forever free from the attachment to this world. Many people say, "I've had enough of this place. I want to get out of it." Why? Because there's no peace in it; it is duality of consciousness, with likes and dislikes. There's no peace, peace. There's rest within God right within yourself. And so, we have the power to do it.

But the one great fact, which impressed me more than anything, when I was talking to the Master one day, coming across the desert I said, "Well, what's the use? We break this Cosmic Dream and then we resolve into nothingness, nirvana." He said, "What are you talking about? Never! Nothing is lost in the Omniscience of God. Everything is there; every life that you have lived. This incarnation of me, as Yogananda, will always be there. Nothing is lost. Everything is gained."

But the redeeming fact is this: once breaking the Cosmic Delusion, once understanding, breaking the Dream of God, then we are saved. Not for one great Brahmic Age – but eternally. We do ever, do not ever have to come back again in this Cosmic Dream. That's the thing that I like, because I said, "We get out for one cycle, say of twenty-four thousand years, we have to go back in again?" He says, "No. Once out, always out." And so, that pleased me very much, because what's the use of getting out of a thing when you have to get back in it again? We want to get out once and for all. And this is the eternal truth: once break the Dream of God, and Cosmic Destiny will be solved for you – eternally.

And in the Bhagavad Gita, my last reference, it says that very thing. And listen carefully, if you want to understand Cosmic Destiny. "I will again..." says Lord Krishna, in the 14th Discourse, the 1st Line, "I will again proclaim that supreme Wisdom, of all wisdom the best, which having known, [all] the sages have gone hence to supreme Perfection. Having taken refuge in this Wisdom and being assimilated..." you can be one, imagine, with God's Great Consciousness, "...and being assimilated to My own nature..." that is having broken the idea that you are separated from God, having broken the idea that you are one with this Cosmic Dream, having merged in His Great Omniscience, "...being assimilated..." to me, "to My own nature, they are not re-born even in the emanation of a universe, nor are disquieted in its dissolution."

Imagine that! Imagine the immensity of what we have before us. If we can somehow merge in that Great Omniscience of God within – and we have the way through Self-Realization – if we can somehow

merge in that Great Presence of God within; never again, never again, shall we be subject to the birth of worlds, which takes ages, and the dissolution of those worlds – which also takes ages. Why? Why is this possible? Why is it possible to understand Cosmic Destiny? Because we are made in the Image of God; each one of us is a child of God. And it is God's Great Presence, His Omniscience, which is sitting within the hearts of each and every one of His children. We are His children. We are made in His Image. It is God who is in each one of us.

#### Closing Meditation and Prayer

I have kept you just a little late, but I think, if we can understand this Cosmic Delusion, and understand Cosmic Destiny, and the necessity of realizing, reclaiming, our birthright, oneness with God, it is worth a little extra time.

Let us sit just for a moment, meditate together.

Heavenly Father, alone, we cannot solve this question of Cosmic Destiny. But when Thou dost come into us, and we realize our oneness with Thee, all things are possible, for Thou hast said. Bless each one of us. Keep us steadfast through the channel Thou hast sent. Aum, Peace, Amen.

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1 Genesis 1:1,2

2 Genesis 1:3-5

3 Matthew 5:8 —Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God“

5 Genesis 1:2

6 St. John 1:1

7 Matthew 6:33

8 St. John 10:30

9 Mark 8:36