

# What is God Like?

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Quite a huge subject: "What is God Like?" "What is God Like?"

I think we better change that a little bit to, and say this, "what aspect, or aspects, of God can we comprehend?" That's the point. What aspect, or aspects, of God can we comprehend? If we can discuss that subject, and understand it, then I think we'll have some idea of what God is like.

And so, we must approach it, this subject, in a practical way, pragmatic way, and not just in the way of imagination, or "I" thinking. But in a practical way, that we may know something about what God is like, and then apply it to our everyday life. Let us first remember that Lord Shankara said, "I am He, I am He, Blissful Spirit, I am He." Patanjali said, "All I can say is 'He is'." And Jesus said, "I and my Father are one."

And so, as we approach it in a practical way, we can see that the saints and the sages all agree to the possibility of awareness of God. That's the important thing. We can be aware of God. Let us say that, as we discuss this subject, "What Is God Like?" We can be aware of God. This is the testimony, not only of the saints and the saviors, but of each and every one of us, if we will try to get beyond this duality of outward consciousness, this worldly living, into the Presence of God within. Now realize that. There is, it is possible to be aware of God. That's the testimony on which we will go. And so, we can ask these questions, "what is the awareness of God like?" "What is the nature of that awareness?"

Now we know, from the SRF teachings, and also from the scriptures, that God is One Substance - the One Substance from which all things have come. And that Substance is Ever-existing Consciousness, Eternal Consciousness, Blissful, and Existent. That we know. So that's what God is.

One aspect of God is "Consciousness." Now you close your eyes...Now you're fully conscious that you exist. Realize that. Close your eyes. You've looked outside long enough. So have I. Look within a little bit. Now aren't you fully aware that you exist? That is God's Consciousness in you, even though attached.

Let us approach this matter of God in us in a practical way. That's God's Consciousness in you, though attached. Forget that for now. Now make that consciousness permanently blissful, and you have the aspect of God's Consciousness. That's what He is like. That's one aspect. God is a state of consciousness. He is Consciousness. Now, if we can make that consciousness permanently blissful, then we know that aspect of God as Consciousness

For Master has said – and this is very important, and do not forget it – he has said, "There is not a shadow of doubt as to the absolute identity of Bliss Consciousness and God Consciousness." Do you realize what I mean? Now, when you, when you feel that consciousness within you in a blissful way, that's God in His Fullness. Now, if you can make that permanent, then you have what God is like. You understand? God is Consciousness, One Eternal Substance, and that Substance is Consciousness. It is Ever-existent, Ever-blissful, Ever-eternal. It is Eternal. We have to realize that – make that our own. The trouble is His Consciousness is attached to the vehicle. Therefore, it is not permanently blissful. Do you see? Well, if you wanna know what God is like, look within. Make that State of God's Consciousness, which is your own consciousness, permanent. As the Master has said, "God's Omniscience is our omniscience."

But there's a break in it, isn't there? Now, you can know just what God is like if you can remove that break. Remove the separation between you and God. Feel the oneness, permanently. Then you know what God is like, as to His one aspect of Consciousness. There you have a direct proof of God in you as Blissful Consciousness. You have the awareness of it, have you not? You closed your eyes, you knew you existed, and, if you had sufficiently thrown out the thoughts, you would be Peaceful, Blissful, and, if you could have stopped the return of this outward consciousness of delusion, you would have been permanently in the Bliss of God, because the Master says, "There is not a shadow of a doubt that state of Blissful Consciousness is God's Consciousness." They're the same. So there you have the awareness of God as Bliss, Consciousness. You know what God is like as far as that goes.

So now let us go on a little further. When this One Eternal Substance, or Consciousness of God, moved – when it moves – it becomes the Power of Vibration. It becomes the Holy Vibration, the Great Cosmic Vibration. "The Spirit of God moved," as it says in Genesis<sup>1</sup>. And so, this One Consciousness, which you felt within yourself, that Blissful, Eternal, Blissful, Consciousness,

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:2

when that moves, it produces vibration. The Power of God's Consciousness is in the Holy Vibration, and that Vibration manifests as Light. "In the beginning," it says in Genesis<sup>2</sup>, "God created light." From what? From His Own Consciousness; and so, you see the Power of God's Consciousness is in the movement of it, and that movement is Light. The great Cosmic Light, "the Light beyond the atoms," of which the Master spoke; that Light from which all things have come. Now there you have another aspect of God.

Another aspect, and which you can be aware of, is the Power of God's Consciousness moving. The Cosmic Vibration, the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost, Divine Mother – whatever you want to call it. Now, it says in St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, the 1<sup>st</sup> Verse, which you hear quoted many times, it speaks just about the Power of Vibration, or the Power of God's Consciousness moving, and then it is known as the "Word." "In the beginning was the word, the word was with God..." but notice it finally says, "...the word was God." You understand now? If you can understand, and perceive, and comprehend the "Word," you know God. You know what God is like.

Now, that Word is called many things, it takes different names, it has the Cosmic Sound; it is called the Cosmic Sound, Cosmic Light, but the greatest thing is, it's, it's the Intelligence of God in that Vibration. His Great Intelligence, known as the Christ Consciousness. The Word has all those things in it. The Word is the Power of God's Consciousness. It is His Consciousness, moving. And, it is knowable. We can comprehend it. And, as it says in St. John, "The Word was God." Not just His Vibration – "was God."

Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." Why? Because he knew, he knew that Cosmic Vibration. He knew the Word. He knew God's Intelligence in it as the Christ Consciousness. From that he spoke. Therefore, realize that we can know this other aspect of God. We cannot be, we can be aware of it, because Jesus said, "I and my Father are one, the things I do you shall do and greater things." So we can be aware of God. We can know what He is like, if we contact His Power as the Holy Vibration. This Holy Vibration, as I have said, is known as the Light of Christ, the Holy, Divine Mother, the Holy Ghost. All refer to the same thing. What? God Himself. Now, if you can know that Word, you can know what God is like in His other aspect, the Power of His Consciousness. And it is possible, because those who try, will find.

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<sup>2</sup> Genesis 1:3

Now, this One Abode of Light of which I have spoken, the Power of God's Consciousness, which is All-pervading – beyond time and space – this Power of God is the One Abode of Light, our Cosmic Home from whence we have come. We've forgotten it, but that's what God is like. That's what the aspect of His Power is like – the One Abode of Light. As the Master said, "Make your lives a pattern for others to follow back home to the One Abode of Light – our Cosmic Home."

So realize, that's what God is like. He is All-awareness, Consciousness; plus the Power of that Consciousness, which is Light – your One Cosmic Home, my Cosmic Home. Of course, we must realize that from that One Light of God, the Power aspect of God, have come all things, as it says in St. John. It says that very thing. Saint John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse, this time: "All things were made by Him." Through what agency? From His Consciousness. Just like you dream, and I dream; through what agency – the agency of Light, the Word, the Holy Vibration. And science has shown that, and has pointed it out distinctly, that everything that you see, or feel, or comprehend, is Vibrating God Himself, or Light.

And so, that's what God is like. He Is. We come to that fully, in the end – He is Consciousness, Awareness, Blissful Consciousness, Eternal Awareness, Eternal Awareness – not just for a time being. Eternal Awareness, but the Power of His Consciousness, or Awareness; that is what God is like.

Now, there are one or two contradi...contradictions here, which we must clear up. Those of you, who have read the Bible, have read them. But don't be misled, as it says. Don't be misled by the words of the Bible. Go beyond them, and realize what is meant.

So it says here in St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, the 18<sup>th</sup> Verse. "No man hath seen God at any time." Well, what hope have we? Don't believe that, that way. It doesn't mean that at all. It means no man, who is in worldly consciousness has ever seen God, nor ever will. It's impossible, because God is not comprehended by worldly consciousness. That's what it means. You see the people say, they used to say to me, "Oh God, you can't know Him. He's the Spirit. He's beyond knowledge." It doesn't mean that at all. Jesus said, "The things I do you shall do and greater things." He said, "I and my Father are one." What is he talking about? He's talking about the Word, the Holy Vibration, the Christ Consciousness in him. That's what he spoke from, that's what he meant. And so, when it says here in St. John, 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse, "All things were," pardon

me, where it says, 1<sup>st</sup>, St. John, 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, 18<sup>th</sup> Verse: "No man hath seen God at any time." It's just what it means, exactly. No man in outward consciousness, using his senses, mind, and intellect has ever seen God, nor ever will see God. That's all it means.

Then it goes on in another place, and this, this gives the proof. St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 46<sup>th</sup> Verse: "Not that any man hath seen the Father..." same thing, "no man has ever seen God," or ever shall be, but it goes on, "...save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father." Isn't that wonderful? So there your contradiction is cleared up by the Bible's own words. When you become of God, when you become not a human being with mind, intellect, and sensation governing you; but when you become one with the Spirit of God in you as the Intuition of the Soul, then it says, "...he hath seen the Father."

What is the Father? Consciousness, Awareness, which life is, plus the Power of that Awareness emphasized as Light, or Sound, greatest of all His Love in that Holy Vibration. That's what God is like. God is perceivable, is knowable, but only as a Spirit, or it says in the Bible, "God is a Spirit and must be worshiped in Spirit."<sup>3</sup> We must comprehend Him in Spirit. So if you want to know what God is like, get into, get into His Spirit within you, as the Holy Vibration, the great Word from which all things have come.

And so to know God, we have to know, to know what God is like. We have to know that Holy Vibration, that Word. "The Word was God." Now this, as I have said, cannot be known by outward consciousness, cannot be known by the testimony of the senses, mind, or intellect. That's why God came to us in the form, in our time, as the channel of our Master, and he gave the ways and the means, the techniques, and the devotion. If we follow them, we will know this Word. We will know the manifestations of the Word as the Cosmic Light, the Cosmic Sound, the Christ Intelligence in the Vibration. As Jesus said, "My words shall not pass away."<sup>4</sup> He didn't mean his own personal words; he meant the words of Christ Consciousness speaking through him.

And so, God sent the channel, whereby each one of us, can, if we will, irrespective of color, race, or creed, know what God is like, by knowing what He is in us, as the Word, the great Holy Vibration, the Great Cosmic Sound, reverberating through space. And when you feel it, you know you're not this

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<sup>3</sup> St. John 4:24

<sup>4</sup> St. Matthew 24:35

little body that passes away. You know you are the Eternal Consciousness of God. When you see "the Light beyond the atoms," as the Master used to speak of, you know that's what God is like. That's your Eternal Abode.

But somehow, we've got sidetracked out this side, and got attached to the Cosmic Dream. We have to go back to our one abode...Abode of Light. But when you feel, by following the different techniques which God has sent through the channel of Self-Realization and the Master, when you feel His Great Love in you, then you have everything. Then you know what God is like. And in that Love is All-fulfillment, All-satisfaction, the Great One Consciousness of God Himself. That's what God is like.

Now, as it says in the scripture, "Be still and know that I am God."<sup>5</sup> You wanna know what God is like, follow what it says. Be still. That's what the techniques of Self-Realization help us to do, to be still, that's all; to do away with the movement of outward consciousness. And with that movement comes attachment, and all that goes with it. It, that's why I said, "be still." And the techniques with which the Master has left us, help us to be still. "Be still," and know that God is in you. Be still and know the awareness of God, which is within you. Be still, and know His Consciousness. Above all, know His Power. Greatest of all, know His Great Love in you. That's why the techniques came. That's why God answered us. And those who realize it, and appreciate it, will know what God is like.

It says in the Bible<sup>6</sup>, "The Son of man must be lifted up." There is the key. You wanna know what God is like, lift up, lift up the Son of man, which is your own Presence of God vibrating in this lower consciousness of this body. Lift it up. Supersede it into what God really is: the Great Cosmic Sound; the Cosmic Light; the Christ Intelligence in you. The Son of man must be lifted up, if you wanna know what God is like. I can tell you about it, as I am trying to do this morning, but you will not be satisfied until you taste it. Until you know, without question of a doubt, that that consciousness in you, with which you are aware, is God Himself; and that Light, which you see – All-pervading, all around – that is God's Power. When you know that, you'll know that you are that.

As Lord Shankara said, "I am He, I am He, Blessed Spirit I am He." He knew what God was like, because He had superseded worldly consciousness with

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<sup>5</sup> Psalm 46:10

<sup>6</sup> Luke 9:22

Spiritual Consciousness within. As it says in St. John, 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter, 28<sup>th</sup> Verse, "Then said Jesus [unto them], When ye have lifted up the Son of man...When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then ye shall know that I am he..." "Then ye shall know," he says, that that Consciousness in me is God, as Christ Consciousness, "...and that I do nothing of myself." He pointed out clearly what God is like. When you have lifted up this worldly consciousness, broken the attachment of God in you, in your Soul, to the body, then you will know that your consciousness is God's Consciousness, and the Power of His Presence in you, as you see Light, is God's Power in you – Power of His Vibration, the Holy Vibration.

Most beautiful, when you have lifted up this Son of man, this personality, when you have superseded it, when you raise the vibration, ordinary vibration, vibrating in a lower rate as a stone; raise that same vibration, it becomes the Light of Christ. That's what God is. If God is all, that must be so. It can be nothing else. If there is One Eternal Substance, it must be the stone; it must be this organ; it must be you; it must be me. It must be all things. We have to know that. And, if you lift up this worldly consciousness, then you will know that it is God in you, just as it is in the stone, or the cow, or anything. For God is all.

"When the Son of man shall be lifted up, then," as Jesus said, "you will know that I am he." So each one of us can say the same thing, and we will not only know what God is like, you will be that. You will be that One Eternal Consciousness, plus Its Power, which is God in each and every one of us.

And so, finally, with the lifting up of the Son of man comes two things, what God is in you. First, comes the Consciousness – the great expansion of consciousness of all in One and One in all. That's what comes in your deep meditation. I know you all. When we get together Sunday night, which is a wonderful meeting, because we can put into practice these Spiritual Truths; I know you all feel that Consciousness which is the expansion of your own consciousness, into the Presence of God within you. There you feel, the proof of it is that you feel, a consciousness of all – the expanded consciousness of all in One, a unity. Everything is fulfillment there. There's no striving, no stress, and the Consciousness of One in all, God in all. There's no difference. When you see the Light of God all around, and you see the devotees sitting there like that, you know it is God's Consciousness and His Power in everyone.

So realize that's the first thing that comes when you have lifted up the Son of man. You will realize that aspect of God, His Eternal Consciousness – an

expanded state of consciousness, wherein you feel all in One, One in all. That's the first thing that comes.

Then the second thing that comes is, you will have, you wanna know what God is like, keep at your meditation. Keep at it. "Striving, striving, striving," as Lahiri Mahasaya says, "one day the Divine Goal." What is the Divine Goal - just what I've said - the expansion of consciousness, plus the second thing - a glorious vision of Light; not in imagination - Reality. And you will realize that you are that light. "A glorious vision of Light," the Master has said, as he often spoke, "the Light beyond the atoms."

Now, this is direct proof of what God is like; that wonderful expanded state of consciousness, which comes in your deep meditation. And when we gather together, with sincerity of heart and humbleness, "lamb-like," in the Presence of God, will come that state of expanded consciousness - all in One, One in all, plus the glorious vision of Light. God is Light. God is Love. But from that One Light, from that One Love, comes all things. And so, as it says in Corinthians<sup>7</sup>, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, the things which God hath prepared for them who love Him." Love God. Love God. Work for it. Discipline yourself. Follow the channel God has sent, and you will know, without question of a doubt, what is God is like.

### *Closing Meditation*

Let us just sit quietly for a moment. Make your union with God's Presence, right now. You'll feel that Consciousness - One in all, all in One - that completeness. If you pray hard enough you'll see the One Abode of Light, the vision of Light.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this communion, of our Souls, in Thee. We feel a great change, for Thy Power, has changed our consciousness, from a limited worldly consciousness, to Thy Presence, Thy All-pervading Consciousness. And we feel Thy Power, O Father, for Thou art with us. We fear nothing, for it is Thou, who art in each one of us. Father, keep us ever thus, until finally, there'll be no returning, from this state of consciousness - One in all, all in One - Eternal Light. Om, Peace, Amen.

"In the Beauty of the Lilies"

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<sup>7</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:9

*Closing Prayer*

Raise the hands. Concentrate at the Christ Center. Feel God. Know Him. Heavenly Father, Mother, 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, Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Sri Yukteswarji, and with my love and devotion, for thy sacrifices for so many, and for me, I bow to Thee, Beloved Master. Om, Peace, Bliss, Amen.

God bless you all.