

The Kingdom Of God Is Within

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"The Kingdom Of God Is Within" is the subject this morning.

We have a good attendance. I suppose everybody wants to where the kingdom is. Well you have the answer right in the subject, the kingdom, kingdom of God is within.

Last Sunday when the announcer spoke to you, he said as follows, "There is a rift in the northern sky. An area where no stars are visible, through which, through are not visible through telescopes. And this is thought, by some, to be the place where the kingdom of God is found." And, as I understand, on, on authority that that rift is near the Constellation of Orion. Some of you folks, who are astronomers, or know something about it, look there. You will see that there's no manifestation of God at that point, as stars and so forth.

But, he went on to say, "...that others believe that the kingdom of heaven is on earth." Well, I question that. As I look about me and see what's going on, I don't think it means just that. It is on earth, of course, but not in that way. And then, he finally said, "That Self-Realization members look within to find the kingdom of God." Why do they look within? Because the scriptures say so; the saints say so. And so, from that point, let us discuss this subject this morning "The Kingdom of God Is Within."

And we have two, three references, which I'll give, that distinctly point that out. And the first is Luke; Luke in the 17th Verse, Luke the 17th Verse, 3rd Chapter. Pardon me. Luke, the 17th Chapter the 21st Verse, where we read as follows: "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." The kingdom of God is within you.

Then we have another reference in Revelation; Revelation, the 21st Chapter, the 3rd Verse, where we read as follows: "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God," the tabernacle of God, "is with men."

“The tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.¹”

Now it couldn't be any clearer that the kingdom of God is right within us, with us, and it being there, God is with us. And in St. John we read that, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God."² And the Word is the Holy Vibration, the Great Cosmic Sound, the Holy Ghost; and that's the kingdom of God. And that's with men, if we will know it, make it our own.

And finally, the last reference for consideration about the kingdom of God being within is the 48th Psalm, 1st and 2nd Verses: "Great is the Lord," the "Lord" is Christ Consciousness, which is God in us. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness."³ So, the city of God is right within us, in the mountain of His holiness, which is none other than the Great Thousand-rayed Lotus of the brain, the Great Spiritual Center of the brain, right within us located at the Crown of the head.

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."⁴ Now, the sides of the North is simply the North of the body is this portion [the Crown of the head]. The East is the portion in front, in which you see the Spiritual Eye, the Star of the East. The Centers of the spine, the Chakras, are in the West portion, the back portion. And the lower portion of the South, is at the base of the spine [Kundalini], where the Great Spiritual Power of God is just waiting for each and every one of us to arouse it, and give us the realization that the kingdom of God is right within us in our own spine and brain as Spiritual Consciousness – a high vibration above worldly consciousness.

And so, when we supersede this worldly consciousness, lower vibration, that it perceive the kingdom of God within, we'll have it, we'll know it, we will have made it dynamic to our consciousness. The kingdom of God is not way up in the sky in that vacant place. It's not in this world of worldly consciousness. And yet it is right in as we're living now. The kingdom of God is with us. God's

¹ Revelation 21:3, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

² St. John 1:1

³ Psalm 48:1, "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness."

⁴ Psalm 48:2, "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

consciousness is in everything. It's in you, it's in me. That's the kingdom of God, right in this world, yet it is not of this worldly consciousness. That's the difference.

Our body of consciousness is everything we have. Our being is consciousness. We are consciousness, but it is attached to this Dream, this Cosmic Dream. And, therefore, we being attached, we cannot perceive the kingdom of God, of which our consciousness is a part. That's the catastrophe, that's the thing which is so destroying, and of such a destructible nature. It keeps us from realizing what we are – children of God – one with His Own Consciousness.

And so, our world, our world is our consciousness. That's our only reality. Realize that. But the delusion is so strong, we get a new car, we think "That's mine." It isn't. The only thing that's yours is the idea of that car. In your consciousness, with the different colors, and the power steering, and the power brakes, and all that are ideas – matters of consciousness – that's what you are. That's the only reality, because every night when you sleep, or you drive that car too fast and hit something, and are knocked unconscious, where is it? Where is your world? It's gone. Your world is a matter of consciousness.

So on that premise, realize that the kingdom of God is a State of Consciousness. The kingdom of God is with you, says the scriptures. The kingdom of God is a State of Consciousness, and that consciousness is there – but the vibration is high. The vibration is high, and we in worldly consciousness are vibrating at such a gross rate of vibration, we cannot perceive the kingdom of God. But it's there – right within yourself – right within everything that's living, moving, is the kingdom of God. It is not far off. It is right within each and every one of us.

And so, let us realize that this kingdom of God is a State of Consciousness. That State of Consciousness is our Cosmic Home of Light. Our Cosmic Home of Light, "Where all," as the Master says, "must meet, will meet, who live right;" who supersede this worldly consciousness of delusion. In that Consciousness of Light, our Cosmic Home, everything has come from there. Everything returns there. So will you; so will I. There we will find everything that ever was, existed. Those who have left us are there; and God's Consciousness, the kingdom of God is His Own Consciousness; and the Power of that Consciousness as Light; from that all things have come. That's the kingdom of God; and that kingdom of God can be knowable. It's not something far off. It can be knowable "to all those who live right," as the Master says. That simply means to give some portion of your day to God – to scientific meditation.

We give lots of time to the science of producing things and making things for our worldly existence, and science is always looking, trying to see in these empty spaces, of which I spoke – for what? Trying to find God – only they don't know it. God is right within us. And, if we can somehow speed up the vibration of our Body of Consciousness – that's what is our reality – not this body. Don't be fooled. That's God. He's got to speed that up later. Let Him take care of that. But we have our own consciousness. If we can speed it up through right meditation, then we will merge in the One Presence of God, that high Spiritual, Celestial Vibration – the Word of God. And that can be knowable, right here on this earth. We don't have to wait until we find it some other place. In fact, we won't find it some other place, unless we know it, right now, in this existence. So, the kingdom of God is within; and that kingdom, realize, is your own consciousness.

Think of the different states of consciousness in all the universes you can perceive it, from the little flower, waving in the wind, and various things, up to the most intricate consciousness that goes on within the Thousand-rayed Lotus. What is it? It's God. It's God's Power, God's Consciousness. We have to make our consciousness dynamic to that. We have to rather make God's Consciousness our own. Make it dynamic to our little low-vibrating consciousness. That's the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is within us.

And so, realize, the kingdom of God is God's Consciousness and Energy vibrating before it has produced these outward world and conditions. Attachment to that is what keeps us from realizing that One Consciousness of God within us. That's the kingdom of God. But when it vibrates at a grosser rate, and we have duality – name and form – then we become attached to that, and we lose the other.

We have forgotten the kingdom of God. We have lost that hidden food, that hidden manna, and we don't know the Paradise of God, until we repent first – repent. Then we perform Spiritual discipline, which is scientific meditation. And then, we lift our low vibrating consciousness so that it vibrates, synchronized with God's Great Power within us, the Holy Ghost, the Great Word. And so, the kingdom of God, realize, is right within you.

Now, we come to an interesting point I'd like to bring out at this time, those of you who have a scientific bent of mind, is that man can express divinity; animals cannot. Many other creatures, of course, cannot. But man can express divinity.

Why? Why? Because of his particularly constructed, so to speak, or those possessions which he has of the Great Thousand-rayed Lotus, the ha, Sahasra⁵ Center of the brain, and the Spiritual brain, plus the Centers of the spine. Those are uniquely constructed so that man can express divinity. Now, the other animals cannot. And, even only one branch of man, or that branch of the Anthropeidea, known as you and me – man – can express that. Very interesting!

There was a gentleman, a Dr. E. O. Warren [the correct name is Dr. K.S. Warren. He performed experiments and published his work along with Dr. E.O. Domingo], the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who performed experiments with uric acid; just an ordinary thing, uric acid. But uric acid is related to caffeine and theine, of which some of us are quite familiar. They stimulate us. They stimulate the brain. And when you stimulate a thing, it grows. And so, those people who stimulate their ego, it grows big, so that they burst with egoism. Now, apply that to the brain.

This gentleman found that in man, in man, in the anthropoid apes, they cannot produce a substance – I've forgotten the name – which neutralizes uric acid. And uric acid, having the physiological action of caffeine and theine, keeps us awake, and we'd like to sleep, but we can't. God has made us use our heads, so to speak. And so, the brain is enlarged, the brain is enlarged due to this one particular thing that we can't neutralize that so-called caffeine and theine, which spurs us on and makes us think, and it is that which makes us different from the animals. It is that which has produced our brain. And in our particular branch – we should feel big now and good – Homo sapiens, for some reason, we have received the greatest-sized brain of the whole bunch in anthropoid apes. That's what makes us different. That's why we are human beings and not something else. Not these apes.

We are human beings, because of these intricate little things. But, "Never mind how it comes," as the Master used to say, "what comes of itself, let it come." And so, we have been made in this peculiar way so that we can express divinity due to the large size of our brain. And in our particular branch, it is larger, as this gentleman says, for some unknown reason. And, therefore, man can think, he knows a little more than anybody else.

⁵ Sanskrit, roughly translated, "freedom from all fears." There are many other ideas associated with this word in Sanskrit, which the user may want to investigate.

It's quite nice the way he put it, but it is due to this one point, that man is so constructed, that he can express divinity. And the proof is that his brain is largest of any of the creations of God, due to these intricate things, which shows one thing, which we must never forget, and that is the Intelligence of Divine Mind and God's Power. Think of it. Think of the, this one little thing that I have pointed out that shows the Great Consciousness of God. And so man, realize, can express divinity. We have the power to express divinity. If we can express divinity, don't you think the kingdom of God is with us? God's kingdom is not someplace like New York or Chicago. God's kingdom is a State of Consciousness, and that State of Consciousness is God's Great Consciousness and His Power.

Now, we have a reference to this, which I'd like to give at this time, and then I'll be through in just a few minutes – that man can express divinity – in [1st] Corinthians, 3rd Chapter, 16th and 17th Verse. Listen: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"⁶ We have God's consciousness. Remember, Master said, "There's no difference between bliss consciousness..." which you feel right now, as you sit and listen, or meditate. That's the Presence of God. And so, it says that right in [1st] Corinthians. Also, in the 17th Verse: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy..."⁷

What does He destroy? He doesn't destroy the body. Nature puts up with an awful lot. We get away with an awful lot. But what does He destroy? He destroys man's consciousness of his oneness with God. That's what he destroys. And it says: "If any man defile this temple of God..." That is, if you do not discipline yourself to keep up in the high vibration of the Presence of God within, what do you lose? You lose the temple of God, which is your State of Consciousness. And it says just that: "...for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

So, that's what we really are. The kingdom of God is with us. But we've lost it. We've lost that Paradise of God. We had it. We used to have, as it says in Ezekiel, the Consciousness of the mountain of God, and we walked up and down in the Centers of the spine, the stones of fire.⁸ We had the consciousness of the

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⁷ I Corinthians 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

⁸ Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

kingdom of God, until what happened? Iniquity came in upon us.⁹ Delusion, that's all. And we began vibrating at a lower rate of consciousness, and got all mixed up in this worldly realm, this Cosmic Dream of God. It's very simple. Science has shown that matter resolves into energy and finally into light. And so, the yogis show that their own bodily consciousness finally resolves into that Celestial Vibration of the Presence of God within.

And so, the kingdom of God is within. Remember Master's words, "Bliss consciousness is God's Consciousness." Now, the kingdom of God is found in the Seat of Virtue. You can remember easily by this illustration. The Seat of Virtue of the ancients was ten fingers from the Christ Center at this point, to the Crown of the head. From there to there, you will find the kingdom of Heaven. That's why your meditation is, takes you to that realm. And from here to here, is the region of the Great Thousand-rayed Lotus within you, the Sahasra, plus the spinal Centers are contacted at the point, the Seat of Virtue. That's where the kingdom of God is.

Now, how will we know the kingdom of God? How will we know the kingdom of God, the Internal kingdom? We will know it when we meditate unceasingly, regularly – not just once in a while – but regularly, giving 1/24th part of the day to God. We will know the kingdom of Heaven when we meditate, unceasingly at the Seat of Virtue. Because when you do that, you elevate your consciousness of the body, your bodily consciousness – this vehicle – you elevate it to the high vibrations of the Presence of God within you as His Word, the Holy Vibration, and that is found at the Seat of Virtue.

And that's why you see the saints with their eyes converged up there. That's why the Master says in his Autobiography,¹⁰ "long, continued meditation on the liberating spiritual eye..."¹¹ (*Sic*) Liberating from what? From worldly consciousness. Long continued meditation on the liberating spiritual eye takes away all illusions of matter from the humble devotee. He knows he is not the body. He knows his bodily consciousness is not reality, and he knows reality – the kingdom of God within. And so, realize that, that bodily consciousness

⁹ Ezekiel 28:15, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

¹⁰ Autobiography of a Yogi, by Paramhansa Yogananda, First Release 1946, (available on the Internet)

¹¹ *Ibid*, Chapter 30, "Long concentration on the liberating spiritual eye has enabled the yogi to destroy all delusions concerning matter and its gravitational weight; thenceforth he sees the universe as an essentially undifferentiated mass of light."

vanishes when you merge your bodily consciousness into the Holy Presence of God, the Celestial Vibration of God within, at the Christ Center.

And finally, just as gross vibration of matter, when it is accelerated – realize these two points – gross vibration of matter when it is accelerated, becomes what? Becomes Energy, finally Light. And so, the gross vibration of your own consciousness, the bodily vehicle of consciousness, becomes just that, becomes Light, when you accelerate it to the speed of the high vibration of God's Presence within you; the Celestial Vibration; the Holy Sound; the Great Light which is within you; the Word spoken of in St. John. When you do that, you, too, become Light. And what is the kingdom of heaven? God's Consciousness, His light, His Great Cosmic Energy.

"Into Thy Light and Thy Love, O Father, we will melt." When we accelerate our consciousness, our bodily vehicle; consciousness of all what we are. That's all we are. When we accelerate that through proper technique, then, and receive the Celestial Vibration of God's Presence within us, we become what we really are: children in God's kingdom. His Consciousness is our consciousness. There's no difference. We have to know it.

And so, finally, as the physical scientist uses outward means, external means, to accelerate matter to the speed of light, so the true yogi, who is the Spiritual scientist, he uses scientific meditation to accelerate his consciousness, from worldly consciousness, to the Presence of God within.

And that's why it says in Titus, "Not by works of righteousness shall you be saved...¹²" (*Sic*) not by doing good in worldly things – that's not enough – "...but by the washing and the regeneration..." (*Sic*) of that Celestial Vibration within you, "...the Holy Ghost." By that alone we are saved. Because when we do that, then we become children of God; we know that we are His children. We know, without question of a doubt, that our consciousness is God's Consciousness, and that there's no separation between us. Knowing that, knowing that you are not separated from God, as God is all, so you must know, you will know, that the kingdom of God is within you – your own consciousness – God in you as Light and Love.

¹² Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"