

What is the Purpose of Life?



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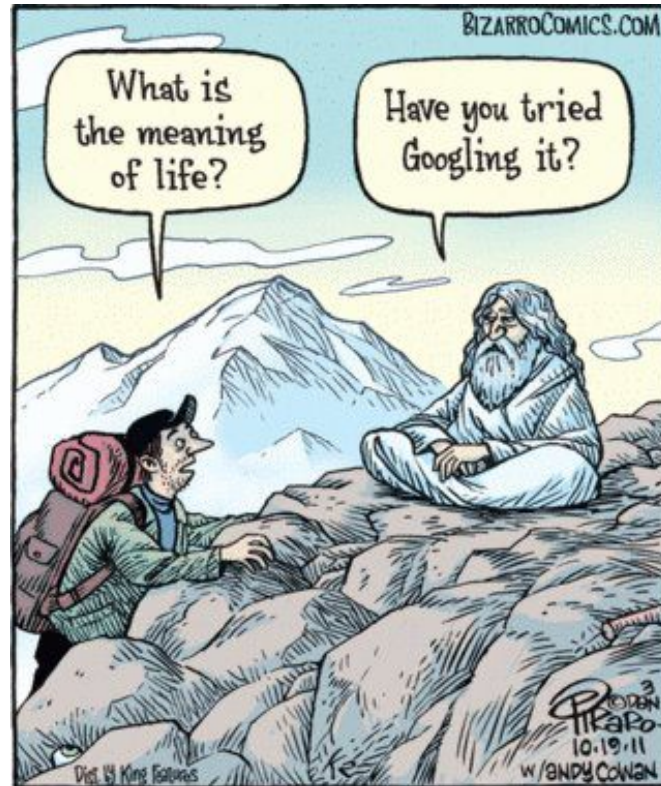
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Introduction



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In this small book, I post edited versions of articles on the purpose of life. They're edited to avoid repetition. Some repetition will be inevitable.

On March 13, 1987, Friday the Thirteenth, my life changed forever when I was shown a vision of what the purpose of life is.

I didn't have to climb the Himalayas to ask a sage. It came to me!

Never in a lifetime of study would I have arrived at what I was shown.

I'll save it for the articles that follow to tell the story of those eight wordless seconds, out of time.

But there is one aspect of the vision which I've never mentioned before and should mention here.

I discovered one year that I could take a piece of it and zero in on it, expand it, and move around in regards to positioning, angle. I could amplify it. I did not actually spend time on this aspect of it, but I did notice it.

What did it mean for me personally to know that Self-Realization, enlightenment is the purpose of all our lives?

For me to know the purpose of life allows me to constantly "true up" to the direction life is going in rather than, as Barry Stevens said, pushing the river.

This one overarching purpose achieved, everything else falls in place, I surmise, based on my own limited experience in higher dimensions, grace of the Company of Heaven.

In 1977 I had an out-of-body experience that removed the fear of death. In 1987, I had a revelation which showed me what I "should be" doing here. I no longer ask the question "What am I doing here?" I know.



The controlled media of those days ridiculed the growth movement as "the Me Generation." They knew nothing of the purpose of life - Self-Realization. And it probably threatened those of the deep state who did know. As far as they were concerned, we were narcissists.

The astonishingly rich spiritual culture of the 60s and 70s was finally killed off by the Recession of 1982, the first jobless recovery. So many workers, positions, and careers were lost to automation that no one could afford spiritual workshops any more and the growth movement quickly dried up.

Now the deep state is leaving the scene and the opportunity exists again to begin the spiritual inquiry into our true nature, to get back on track with life. I look forward after the Reval to reviving the growth culture in my region.

As the vibrations rise on Planet Earth, it'll be easier and easier to have spiritual experiences and finally to ascend.

But no matter how far we ascend, Fifth or Seventh, there's still more. There's always more. As Sri Ramakrishna used to say, go further. Beyond the copper mines, silver mines, and gold mines are diamond mines. Go further!

Beyond the Twelfth. Beyond the Transcendental. Go further!

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The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment - Ch. 13 - Epilogue



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When time stood still

What inspired this book? What motivates me as its author?

The energy I have for the subject arises from an event that happened on 13 February 1987, a vision. Rather improbably, it happened while I was driving my car. I'll try to describe it in as much detail as I can for interest's sake. You may recognize it as a variation on the spiritual parabola or Jacob's Ladder of consciousness.

The previous weekend I had been at a rebirthing workshop and had had a full breath release, an event which left me feeling incredibly clean and clear.

Moreover, I was at the time studying for my doctorate in sociology and had been counselling people on a volunteer basis. This experience as a counselor contributed directly to what happened next.

At first, like so many counsellors, I used "problem-solving therapy," but soon became weary of trying to "sell" solutions to people who weren't inclined to buy.

They seemed to want to tell their stories no matter what and rebuffed any attempt I made to offer a solution until they had had their say.

So I started listening.

I found that people presented me with a puzzle and, when I listened and they talked about it long and deeply enough, they suddenly had an “Aha!” The puzzle turned into a picture which caused their upset to disappear. (Of course I'm simplifying a more complicated process.)

In all sincerity that day, I said to the universe in general, “If our early lives are a puzzle which turns into a picture, is it possible that life itself is a puzzle? And, if so, what might the picture be that life is?”

I'd turned the corner in my car and was travelling through a part of the city I knew well (Oak at Park Avenue).

After I asked my question, everything suddenly turned black. I forgot about my car and found myself staring at a wordless tableaux, a spiritual movie, if you will. All of it was relational, a cause-and-effect story in pictures. I was watching God's wordless way of speaking to me.

At the same time as I watched this spiritual tableau — and this is very important — I was filled with bliss. The experience of bliss resulted in greatly-increased comprehension. It somehow made it easier for me to take things in so that what I could not wrap my thoughts around before in everyday consciousness, I now knew and understood quite simply, intuitively, and directly.

I knew intuitively the identity of the actors in the film and the nature of the drama that was unfolding before my eyes. Words just arose in my mind to explain what I saw.

There was before me a large Golden Sun, which I knew intuitively to be “God the Father” (Parabrahman, the irreducible Essence, the Tao, the One). From it emerged a small golden star, which I thought of as “God the Child” (the Atman, the Buddha-nature, the Christ, the Pearl of great price). This small golden star streaked out into the blackness of space and disappeared.

I noticed that I had the capacity to follow the golden star wherever it went. I simply wondered where it had gone and I was there, looking at that corner of “space.”

In the corner where the golden star had gone, there was a kind of hazy cloud. I knew that cloud to be God the Holy Spirit, which I would now call “God the Mother” (Shakti, the Word, Aum/Amen, the creative universal vibration).

Within the haze, I saw a spiraling tube and recognized the Star-Child, moving through it. Now it had lost its brilliance and I could only see its perfectly-circular outline, as it wended its way through what I knew intuitively to be “lifetimes in matter.”

I watched for a time and then, suddenly, the Star-Child flashed back into brilliance and I knew that to be an experience of enlightenment. As soon as its luminescence returned, it left the tube and raced back to the Golden Sun in which it submerged itself. I knew this to be another, more senior experience of enlightenment.

The Star-Child having disappeared, I pondered what I had seen and the words formed in my mind: “Enlightenment is the purpose of life.” This understanding summarized my experience.

As soon as I had reached this conclusion, the vision disappeared and I was back behind the wheel of a car.

Knowing that part of the city well, I looked to the right and the left of me to see how far I had moved in the roughly eight seconds I had been somewhere else. I had not moved an inch. I concluded that the whole event had taken place outside of time.

I had been given a glimpse of God’s great Plan for life, a representation of the total journey of an individual soul. It went out from God, on a spiritual parabola, all the while spiraling forward, through the universe of matter, and back again to God once it had achieved a supreme level of mergence or enlightenment.

“It all works out in the final reel!”

Behind the wheel of the car again, I came to a red light and looked over at the worried expression on the face of the driver in the next car. I wanted to roll down my window and shout: “It all works out in the final reel!”

For the next three days, I remained in bliss. I saw that all of nature praises God and reveals His Plan. Trees raise their leafy branches to the sky as if in adoration. Their leaves drop off, as our bodies do, but the trees don't die. The birds flying through the air leave no trace; nor do souls journeying through life. The way the sand and sea mix and yet return to their basic natures reminded me of the relationship between the soul and the body. Everything natural was a metaphor of the Divine or one of Its created processes.

Thereafter my doctoral studies seemed insipid. I tried to enrol my professors in allowing me to study enlightenment for my dissertation but no one at the university, including the religious studies department, would hear of it. Religious studies said that the university regulations prevented them from studying such a subject. I was amazed.

Empirical materialism was the dominant paradigm at my university in those days. Only what could be known through the senses was considered real. None of what I'd seen was known through the senses; hence none of what I'd seen was, to the university, real.

I felt confined by the academic paradigm, was glad to leave it, and have never looked back. Moreover, I've never allowed my research, since that day, to be subject to academic scrutiny to preserve my freedom to wander where I will.

I remained entranced by the vision. I had to find words to express its wordless message. One by one, as I read the classics, statements appeared that explained what I had seen. Jesus saying that he came out from the Father out into the world and now returns to the Father was an exact description. Jacob's Ladder was a depiction of it. Here it was discussed in Ibn Arabi; there in Krishnamurti.

I spent almost twenty years trying to put that eight-second movie into words and, in fact, this book is the latest attempt. And now it's done.

May your efforts to achieve the purpose of life and consummate God's Plan for you be blessed with success. May you be filled with divine joy and love. May all God's children be enlightened, fulfilled and reunited with God.

The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment

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We're here for a purpose

As it turns out, we're not here as robots or automatons. We've much conscious and creative work to do.

We're here for a reason. Sufi sage Al Ghazzali hints at that reason: “Know, O beloved, that man was not created in jest or at random, but marvellously made and for some great end.” (1)

“Although he is not from everlasting, yet [man] lives for ever; and though his body is mean and earthly, yet his spirit is lofty and divine. When in the crucible of abstinence he is purged from carnal passions he attains to the highest, and in place of being a slave to lust and anger becomes endued [sic] with angelic qualities. Attaining that state, he finds his heaven in the contemplation of Eternal Beauty, and no longer in fleshly delights.” (2)

When we as individuals detach ourselves from our attachment to all that is sensory and temporal (“purge ourselves from carnal passions”), we're ready and able to

realize the true nature of that body celestial or spiritual. (3) Realization of this Spirit (ultimately God) proves to be the end, the goal for which we were made. We become “endued with angelic qualities.” What results is called, in many spiritual traditions, “enlightenment.”

“Enlightenment” is, as we shall see, not a name that applies to a single event. The name applies to all events in which the individual directly and immediately perceives, in a discontinuity of knowledge, something sacred, beyond this material dimension. It may be the Child of God, God the Mother, or God the Father.

Or it may be beyond all Three.

The Child of God is called by various religions, the Self, the Christ, the Son of God, the Atman, the Buddha Nature, the Inner Fire. It's the Transcendental in the Phenomenal, the Treasure buried in the field; specifically, in the deepest reaches of the heart, the so-called “seat of the soul.”

We may recognize this as Jesus’s description of it; he also called it the pearl of great price, the mustard seed, and the leaven in the bread. Most of his parables were about this Christ, this “I,” this Self.

It may be seen as a brilliant point of Light in which one recognizes his or her true nature. It may be experienced as a stateless state of consciousness. Or it may be known in another form.

Or enlightenment could be of another level of Reality: a glimpse of the Divine Mother, called by religions the Holy Ghost, Shakti, the Divine Energy, the primal or universal creative vibration, and the Phenomenal.

It's called by Jesus the Comforter, the Revealer of truth, and the Amen or true and faithful Witness of creation. It's called by Hindus and Buddhists the Aum (cf. Amen), Prakriti (Procreatrix), and Dharma (Nature or the natural law). It may be seen as a brilliant Light that suffuses all of material creation or it may be known in other forms.

Or it may be a glimpse of the Holy Father, called by religions Jehovah, Allah, the Transcendental, the Way.

Jesus called it the Father, the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Truth revealed. Hindus call it Brahman (God), Paramatman (the Supreme Self), and Satchidananda (Being,

Awareness, and Bliss Absolute). It may be seen as the Light beyond creation – or not seen at all, since the aspirant's mind usually (but not always) stops working and leaves no observer.

While I could turn directly to plain statements of the purpose of life, I'd like to examine one more: Sufi sage Rumi, even though he, like Al-Ghazzali, doesn't answer our question directly. I do so because his evocation of our mission is so well-crafted.

The indirectness of his teaching method, his use of an extended metaphor, may be part of his teaching style or it may have been necessary for him to couch the mysteries in metaphors so that knowledge of them did not fall into the wrong hands. Whatever the case, he's still speaking of enlightenment as the purpose of life.

Rumi says:

"There is one thing in this world which must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause for worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing whatsoever." (4)

Why nothing whatsoever? He doesn't answer. It's simply something we're commanded to do.

"It is just as if a king had sent you to the country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as if you have performed nothing at all. So man has come into this world for a particular task, and that is his purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing." (5)

If we unravel Rumi's meaning, we have the same message again. The King has sent us into the country to achieve enlightenment, the knowledge of our true identity. If we do everything else, but not that one thing, we've done nothing whatsoever. We've not done what the King has sent us into the country to do.

Saints and sages of older times had many reasons for couching the mysteries in parables and extended metaphors. After all, Jesus was crucified because he was

accused of saying he was the Son of God and King of the Jews. (6) Catholics were subject to the Inquisition. Heretics of all religions could be put to death.

Dangerous times faced many of the masters, dangerous in ways that we of this generation have never experienced. It's a wonder that they were able to get their message across at all, couched as it was in mysticism.

But, in some parts of the world, we live in a time of relative spiritual freedom. Spiritual masters now are able to speak more freely.

Knowing God is the purpose of life

Sri Ramakrishna speaks quite openly of the purpose of life. His use of parables was not to hide the truth, but to make his images stand out in the minds of his listeners. He plainly explained the meaning of his metaphors and other teachings to all who visited him.

In India when he spoke there was a climate of religious tolerance that has partly survived today. This climate meant that he did not have to worry about religious censors or fundamentalists.

What does Sri Ramakrishna tell us? Will he tell us that there is an altogether-different purpose to life than what we've heard so far?

He doesn't. He says that "the only purpose of life is to realize God." (7) "Without the realization of God everything is futile. This is the great secret." (8) Realizing God is enlightenment.

Both Ramakrishna and Rumi picture humanity as if rushing around accomplishing countless futile tasks, but never looking to the one task that is really necessary. All else, they both say, is futile. But try to tell us. We won't listen. Thus, this important knowledge remains a secret.

In fact, all the world's saints and sages will be found to agree that enlightenment is the purpose of life. That we're destined for enlightenment is decreed, laid down by the Divine Plan. Listen to Hindu, Christian, and Muslim mystics on the subject. They may call it by various names – Kaivalya (liberation), freedom from sorrow, the dawn of the morning star, Self-Realization, knowledge of the Truth — but it remains what's meant by the umbrageous term "enlightenment."

Shankara

“I am blessed indeed! I have achieved life’s only purpose. The dragon of rebirth can never seize me now. The Infinite is mine. I recognize my true nature in eternal joy.” (9)

Sri Aurobindo

“There is no I nor thou, but only one divine Self equal in all embodiments, equal in the individual and the group, and to realize that, to express that, to serve that, to fulfill that is all that matters.” (10)

Patanjali

“The purpose of this world is to provide us with experience and thus to lead us to liberation.” (11)

John Ruusbroec

“[For] the rational creature to attain the sublime beauty of God and to possess it in [a] supernatural way ... is [the] reason that God created heaven and earth and all that is in them.” (12)

Hazrat Inayat Khan

“The purpose of life ... is that the only Being makes his oneness intelligible to Himself. He goes through different planes of evolution ... to make clear to Himself His oneness.” (13)

Sri Yukteswar Giri

“[The] unification of Self with God is [called] Kaivalya, which is the Ultimate Object of all created beings.” (14)

“Man’s purpose is complete freedom from unhappiness.

“Once he has banished all pain beyond possibility of return, he has attained the highest goal.” (15)

Beinsa Douno

“To see God means to strive toward that Supreme Eternal Law which rejuvenates, revivifies and brings Light and warmth to man. ... Do you know what it means to see God? This is the meaning of life.” (16)

“All trials through which you pass at present are for the sole purpose of coming to know God: the Primary Cause.” (17)

The understanding of the purpose of life is universal among our advanced sages.

Sri Ramakrishna defined being enlightened as “to know the real nature of one’s own Self.” (18) I accept that definition. To know who we are. To know our real identity, our true nature. While the accomplishment of this aim is anything but easy, its difficulty doesn't affect its always remaining the end and purpose of our lives.

To be enlightened also means to perfect ourselves, as Beinsa Douno and Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov point out.

Beinsa Douno

“What is man’s task? Continuous self-development and self-perfection. God is the continuous Manifestation of Perfection, and man is the continuous self-improvement on the Path to Perfection. This is the meaning of the verse: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in Heaven is perfect. Man must continuously correct his imperfections on the Path to Perfection.” (19)

Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov

“Each one of us has come down to earth with a mission. ... That God might select someone from time to time for a special mission is ... possible, but the collective mission of human beings is for each one to develop himself more and more every day until he reaches perfection.” (20)

Though our ascent towards enlightenment is gradual, through lifetime after lifetime, when it comes, enlightenment itself is sudden, as the masters explain:

Hermes the Egyptian

“Straightway, in the twinkling of an eye, all things were opened unto me.”
(21)

First Ch’an Patriarch Bodhidharma

“Seeing through the mundane and witnessing the sublime is less than an eye-blink away.” (22)

Anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing

“In the twinkling of an eye heaven may be won or lost.” (23)

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within.” (24)

Walt Whitman

“As in a swoon, one instant,
Another sun, ineffable, full-dazzles me,
And all the orbs I knew, and brighter, unknown orbs;
One instant of the future land, Heaven’s land. ...
Hast never come to thee an hour,
A sudden gleam divine, precipitating, bursting all these bubbles, fashions,
wealth?
These eager business aims — books, politics, arts, amours,
To utter nothingness?” (25)

There is thus no real difference between proponents of a gradual and sudden enlightenment. The synthesis is that men and women may work in gradual ways over long stretches of time for an experience which, when it happens, is sudden, happening in an instant.

Enlightenment is the reward of all action

Enlightenment will bring with it everything we could possibly wish for and set us free from suffering in the end. We lose nothing by it, but gain everything, according to Paramahansa Yogananda: “To know God is not the negation of all desires, but instead their complete fulfilment.” (26)

“Once you have tasted the wine of spiritual ecstasy, you will find that no other experience can compare with it,” he wrote. (27)

To Sri Ramakrishna, “the bliss of worship and communion with God is the true wine, the wine of ecstatic love.” (28)

Sri Krishna advises us that “the reward of all action is to found in enlightenment.” (29) St. Paul found that “the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us [when] the creature ... shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.” (30)

When the masters are touched by Truth, some appear intoxicated, some abandon words, and some dance without inhibition. Such was Sri Ramakrishna’s condition much of the time. He was often “completely intoxicated with divine love” or motionless in Samadhi.

When he reeled or sang the praises of God, unconscious of all around him, “the devotees felt its contagion and danced with the Master in an ecstasy of love.” (31)

For St. John of the Cross, enlightenment was a deep delight, like a soft feather drawn through the heart.

"Such is the sweetness of deep delight of these touches of God that one of them is more than recompense for all the sufferings of this life, however great their number. (32)\

O gentle hand! O delicate touch

That tastes of eternal life,

And pays every debt!

In killing, You changed death to life." (33)

Whitman was so grateful for his one glimpse of God that, as an old man, he depicted himself on bended knees before Him, singing his gratitude for an event that happened many years before.

"Thou O God my life has lighted,
With ray of light, steady, ineffable, vouchsafed of Thee,
Light rare untellable, lighting the very light, ...
For that, O God, be it my latest word, here on my knees,
Old, poor, and paralyzed, I thank Thee." (34)

To Plotinus, who repeatedly experienced high enlightenments, no earthly prize could compare.

“It were well to cast kingdoms aside and the domination of the entire earth and sky,” he wrote, “if by this spurning, one might attain this vision.” (35)

What good is long life without it? the Buddha asks.

"Though one should live a hundred years,
Not seeing the Region of the Deathless,
Better were it for one to live a single day,
The Region of the Deathless seeing." (36)

This is the impact of the prize we seek - enlightenment - on the masters.

The Truth will set us free

The masters stress the liberating impact of realizing the truth. Jesus reminds us that “ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (37) The twentieth-century Sufi sage Hazrat Inayat Khan also taught that “the secret of life ... will make the soul free.” (38)

God is the Truth, the secret of life. Having realized God we're set free from suffering and sorrow. We're liberated from the need to reincarnate in matter; as Jesus said, we need “go no more out.” (39)

Paramahansa Yogananda explains what Jesus meant by this phrase. God brings all things “by beautiful evolutionary coaxings back to His home of All-Blessedness when they [have] overcome all mortal tests.... [They need] reincarnate in matter no more; i.e., ‘go no more out.’” (40) By realizing God, we’ve fulfilled the purpose of our lives.

Thus, to realize God, to know our true identity, to become enlightened is why we descended and now climb back up Jacob's Ladder of consciousness, the spiritual parabola. It's the goal that we seek. It's what lies ever before us, lifetime after lifetime, as we tread the spiritual arc away from and back to God. It's our final reward and the cause of our liberation from bondage to sorrow.

That's what enlightenment means for us.

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What is the Purpose of Life?

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Is there a purpose to life? As Time Magazine in 1996 put it:

"Why does life exist at all? Is it simply that, if enough cosmic elements slop together for enough eons, eventually a molecule will form somewhere, or many somewheres, that can replicate itself over and over until it evolves into a creature that can scratch its head? Or did an all-powerful God set in motion an unfathomable process in order to give warmth and meaning to a universe that would otherwise be cold and meaningless?" (1)

No, it actually turns out that life does indeed have a purpose. And it does, whether considered from God's perspective or from ours.

I can speak to this because of a vision experience I had in 1987 that showed me the purpose of life. I don't plan to go into the vision itself. I've described it here. (2)

But what the vision showed me conclusively was that the purpose of our lives - of life itself - is enlightenment - the purpose is to know who we are and who we are turns out to be God.

But we cannot know the answer simply as intellectual knowledge nor simply as experiential knowledge. We have to know it as realized knowledge. Not an easy task - ordinarily, as I'll discuss below.

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That too has consequences. But that's another story.

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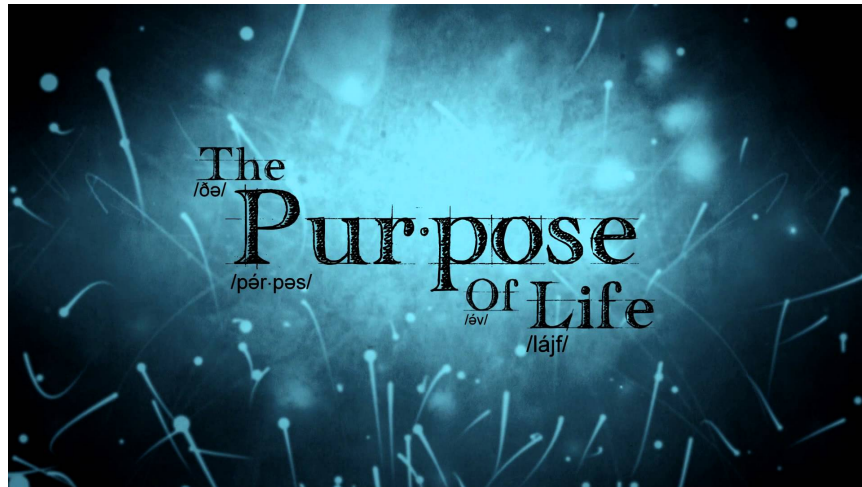
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The Why of Existence; the Purpose of Life

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"Nothing matters any more," said the man in the next hospital bed, (1) who called himself an "alcoholic." "I'm going to drink and smoke till I die."

And here I am almost bursting, saying to myself, "Life has a purpose. There is a meaning to all this."

Most people, it seems, when a loved one dies, a crop fails, or a similar disaster happens, ask, "Why? Why? Why?"

And supplying a credible and truthful reason seems to bring them peace.

OK, if that's the case, then what *is* the purpose of life? (2) What is the "why? why? why?" of existence?

Well, let's start by looking at God's purpose in creating life. Ibn Arabi tells us, speaking from God's perspective: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (3)

Included in being known is for God to know Itself. God, who is All and One without a second, faces a difficult task in knowing Itself and being known. How does the One achieve this end?

It's achieved in and through our enlightenment or Self-Realization. In the moment when you or I realize ourselves as God, God meets God.

I know God in that moment and God knows God. For that meeting was all of this created.

"The only purpose of life is to realize God," declares Paramahansa Ramakrishna, an Incarnation of the Divine Mother. (4)

Sri Aurobindo adds:

"There is no I [or] thou, but only one divine Self equal in all embodiments, equal in the individual and the group, and to realize that, to express that, to serve that, to fulfill that is all that matters." (5)

I had a vision of the purpose of life on Feb. 13, 1987 (6) in which, filled with bliss, I watched a small golden star (7) emerge from a large Golden Sun (8) and travel a sacred arc from God to God, all the time spiraling forward. (9)

I watched two instances of enlightenment, (10) in the second of which the small golden star merged with the large Golden Sun and disappeared. The vision itself disappeared when I muttered to myself, "I see. The purpose of life is enlightenment."

So that is the overarching purpose behind all of life: That God may experience Itself in a moment of our enlightenment. Sri Ramakrishna playfully pictures Siva or pure consciousness at that moment:

"When Siva realizes his own Self [in a moment of our enlightenment], He dances about in joy exclaiming, 'What am I! What am I!'" (11)

For this reason, Hindus call life a divine leela or play, in which eternal sparks journey down into density forgetting their true identity and then climb Jacob's Ladder of consciousness back to the beginning - and end.

Realizing the nature of life as a leela, many masters, upon realizing the Supreme Consciousness, laugh.

That's the purpose of life. That's the "why? why? why?" of existence. Perhaps allow that to be the foundation of all our other spiritual adventures and enquiries: We could build on no firmer foundation.

Footnotes

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Hungry for more?

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(8) God the Father, the One, the Transcendental. For simplicity's sake, I've left the realm of the Divine Mother (*mater*, matter) out of this explanation.

(9) Returning to the same karmic lessons, lifetime after lifetime, until the lessons are learned. This makes the journey a spiral as well as an arc, from God to God.

(10) The first was a fourth-chakra experience of the Self, after which the golden star left the physical cycle and sped back to God, merging in It. There are of course many more levels of enlightenment between the two.

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“And when all things [all worldly desires] shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited].” (1 Corinthians 15:28.)

What is the Purpose of Life?

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[Edited to avoid repetition.]

Allow me to celebrate Patrick de Costa's opening of *Voyages of Light* with a discussion of a question that has plagued probably everyone from time to time, down through the centuries.

Is there a purpose to life?

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To Know God is the Purpose of Life

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Look at a flower and notice the intricacy of its design. Look at a pine cone, a snowflake, a molecule, a star.

Anywhere in nature you look closely, you'll see design.

So it is with living beings. Everywhere we look, if we have the eyes to see, I think we'll see design.

Design implies a designer. God is that designer.

It also implies a formulation of some kind. A geometrical shape has a formulation. Flowers and pine cones have a formulation at their basis, whether we're able to guess at what that formulation is or not. Life itself has natural laws which can be formulated.

What is the chief formulation of life? What is life's purpose?

As far as I know, and as far as the sages have said, the formulation of life is that life know its Creator, God. The purpose of life is to know God.

Is the reason why so unfathomable? I don't think so.

The All, being all, could not make of itself an object. The All could not know Itself. And so it created illusory fragments of Itself which it sent on a journey through an imaginary life, gradually growing in powers of discernment, until at last it reached a point where it could know its own true identity.

At that moment of knowing itself, God meets God. The All, in that sunburst of knowledge, enjoys the experience of knowing Itself.

That was the reason why God created life. For God's own enjoyment, the ultimate enjoyment being God knowing God. Life is, as Hindus say, a Leela or divine play.

If enlightenment is the purpose of life, it's an ongoing purpose.

Enlightenment releases me from one dimension of life, but leaves me in another. Then a deeper enlightenment releases me from that dimension and on I go up Jacob's Ladder of consciousness on my return journey to my Creator.

To me standing here, I may as well say that enlightenment is endless, so vast is the prospect ahead of me. No matter what level of enlightenment I achieve, more will beckon.

At each level, God meets God until at last I deeply awaken to the fact that I am God and "I" disappears.

All of this follows the design of life. All of it is the same for all of us.

There is no escape from the wheel of birth and rebirth except through the means of Self-Realization. It is the same for all of us.

Of course the deeper our enlightenment, the deeper our enjoyment of life. It is not as if following the design or flow of life does not carry irresistible rewards. It does.

There is nothing to lose and everything to gain.

We go through make-believe births and make-believe deaths, over and over again, on our journey away from and then back to God. None of it is real. Only God is real.

I am a bud waiting for the Sun to rise and cause me to blossom.

I am bait waiting for a Big Fish to swallow “me.”

I am bread being baked in God's oven for God's table.

My blossoming, my being swallowed or consumed fulfils the purpose for which I was created.

Source Knowing Source, Me Knowing Me

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We had two beautiful statements recently of the wider picture into which Ascension fits, one from the channel Goldenlight and another from the Divine Mother.

Goldenlight said: "You are Source knowing Source.... You are Me knowing Me. Yes, it is I, your loving Source from which you came and to which you shall eventually return." (1)

And the Divine Mother said in *An Hour with an Angel* on Dec. 10, 2012.

“I am asking you to bring your focus to this ignition [i.e., Ascension], but then I am asking you, let us focus on what is really at hand — yes, Gaia, yes, universe, this universe in particular. But you, you have begun by saying that I am not simply a god among gods. I am the Mother, and I am asking and inviting you to join with me. Is there really any further conversation to be had?” (2)

Absolutely none, Mother.

If we're looking for the one statement that lies below every other statement that could be made, it is that the purpose of life is that God should meet God. (3)

To join with the Divine Mother, who is no different than the Holy Father, which is why Archangel Michael calls “them” “Mother/Father One,” is the sole reason for all of us to exist.

David Wilcock put the matter well in mid-summer of this year: “The entirety of the physical universe is a magical tapestry wrought by the hand of the Creator, for the purpose of experiencing Itself.” (4)

His statement echoes one made by the Heavenly Hosts six years earlier: “It is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations.” (5)

SaLuSa also said some years ago that “your existence is not some freak accident, but of a careful design.” (6) When people become aware that life has a purpose and a design that fits that purpose, some become angry. Considering themselves separate from God, they think that they're being manipulated. They don't want to follow the plan laid down by another. They want to be free.

But of course, what we fail to realize is that we *are* God and so the plan to know ourselves as God turns out to be our plan as well, as Saul makes clear:

“To awaken is to know God. It is His Will that you do so, and as you are one with Him it is also your will. Consequently, it is impossible for you not to do so.” (7)

“Your Father’s Will is that you awaken into the divine splendor of Reality — your eternal Home — and there is no other will because all life, in all its myriad forms, is one with Him and shares His Will. The only difference is that in your separated state you are unable to see the whole picture, and it seems to you that there is a multitude of conflicting wills out there causing fear and mayhem.” (8)

SaLuSa tells us that many souls are awakening:

“The awakening goes on at full speed ahead, and many souls are beginning to understand the purpose of life. It is the realization that you are more than your body, and that life is infinite and that you have your being in the energy that is God.

“This also leads to the acceptance that you are All One, and you can see all souls are interconnected and make up the whole.” (9)

All of life's creation follows Jacob's ladder of ascending consciousness as Mark Kimmel's Adrial suggests, moving towards the realization of Oneness.

“Everything is a ladder of frequencies ascending from where you are today to the light of the Creator. In time all will embrace His light, and the universe will be in Oneness of the Light.” (10)

The “Oneness of the Light.” Ag-Agria tells us that we’re a spark of God, what we call our soul and our “true self.” That Light is what is One among us and the One that we all are.

“What is being referred to is your true self, that part of you that will always exist regardless of whatever happens to you.

“You have a God spark that is your Light and link to All That Is. An immutable link that should tell you that you are a Being of Light, experiencing the lower vibrations which have effectively cut you off from your Higher Self. Most people identify with the 3rd. dimension, and do not comprehend that there are other aspects of themselves.” (11)

“You are spiritual beings in biological clothes,” Archangel Metatron puts it. “You are here to discover your Divinity. When you make that discovery, you serve others in the example of that achievement!” (12)

We remain unsatisfied until we know God in the fullest, SaLuSa tells us:

“Your quest for knowledge and the truth can never really be satisfied until you reach the ultimate – The Source of All That Is.” (13)

Even the ascended masters from Earth and other star systems are on the same search as we, SaLuSa tells us.

“We are like you and seek the path that leads back to the Source, and there is a driving force that constantly urges all souls to rise up to ever higher realms. Your understanding of this quest varies according to your beliefs.” (14)

This driving force is an unquenchable thirst, which some masters call a longing for liberation and others an urge to evolve. It won't let up until we've merged again with God in his/her transcendental, formless form.

Diane of Sirius says that “it [is] only a matter of time, before more souls reach a point of true awareness of their higher purpose in life.” (15)

When they do, they see that life is a game, a divine play or *lila*. Atmos says that life “is often referred to as a game.” (16) And Kuthumi informs us that “when you see, and I mean truly see, that life is in fact just a game, then, my precious ones, you are truly free.” (17)

What Ker-On said about the game that descending into the lower dimensions was he could have said about life itself.

“You are playing a game albeit you take it very seriously, which is actually an experiment that you volunteered to take part in. The Creator desired to know how the Light Sparks sent out from the Source would react to the lower energies, when it reached a point that led them to believe that they were separated from it. You travelled down through the higher realms, and assigned yourselves to Earth when it was the Garden of Eden. It was only later that you forgot your true identity as gods, and took on the mantle of darkness.

“However, you were not and never will be left alone to lift up again, and no soul is deserted or damned. In the not too far future you will again come to the realisation of who you really are. When that time comes you will be all the greater for your time in the cycle of duality.” (18)

So here we are, the game of duality about to be called on account of time ... well, actually, no time, zero point, the end of time.

And we're all declared the winner in this game, even those who don't choose to ascend. All have gained experience. All are that much closer to God, whether they choose to ascend or not. What a game we played, all of us having assumed so many roles, light and dark!

And now there's the bell and everyone drops their roles and leaves the stadium. The game is over. We're all declared the winner as we progress to a wider and wider game.

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Back to the Basics: The Purpose of Life

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What's life all about? What's its purpose? Why am I here and why do I return to the body again and again?

The purpose for which God created life forms, as far as I'm aware, was to raise them up through a process of spiritual evolution from a place of unconscious awareness of their true identity to a place of conscious awareness. The reason for this is so that, in a moment of our Self-Realization, God meets God. (1)

God is formless, One, all there is. Since there's no other, there's also no camera, mirror, feedback loop or any other means by which God could discover truths about Himself. There's no other besides God and so there's no occasion on which God could meet another and through that contact come to know Him/Her/Itself (God has no gender).

And so He (She or It) invented life forms, finger puppets as it were, into which He placed a spark of Himself which would grow in consciousness until they realized themselves as God. We're those finger puppets and this was the purpose for which life was made and introduced into the formless Oneness of the Divine ground of being.

Many religions map out this Divine Plan by saying that God the Father (Brahman) created a phenomenal realm of matter, *mater*, Mother (Shakti, Wisdom, the Holy

Spirit) into which he embedded a spark of Himself as God the Child, the Christ (the Atman, Buddha nature).

The Christian Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the Hindu Trinity of Brahman, Atman and Shakti. It's the Transcendental, the Phenomenal, and the Transcendental embedded in the Phenomenal. We must know these three levels of reality if we're truly and completely to know God. We know them in stages of enlightenment, which itself is virtually endless.

So now, we life forms at this human stage of evolution, having passed through the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms have reached the Third Dimension of life in the physical realm and the Fourth Dimension in the astral realm. We stand at the end of a cycle which will see us graduate into the Fifth Dimension or mental realm. This graduation has been called a shift, transformation, or Ascension. It's one stage along the seemingly-endless journey from God to God.



It's only one stage. It'll see our bodies change from carbon base to crystalline, our active DNA strands increase from two to twelve (or more), our bodies grow younger, stronger and healthier and ourselves never to need die again.

To free us from the grip of a dreaded cabal which intended to kill off a large segment of the population, reducing us from 7 billion to 500 million, the Company of Heaven summoned the extraterrestrial civilizations which originally gave us birth.

It asked them to come to Earth, rescue us, revive us, and prepare us for Ascension. Without being able to interfere with our free will, they've saved us from death by radiation, particularly depleted uranium which was a planet killer ("omnicidal"), (2) until the galactics removed it from our atmosphere. The millions of galactics here to help us ascend have stewarded the Earth since its beginnings and will now mentor us and prepare us for this joyous undertaking.

Those are the basics.

This site aims to publicize the events of accountability, abundance, Disclosure, and Ascension, which will lead us from darkness to light, untruth to truth, and death to immortality, in the Golden Age now upon us.

Footnotes

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The Purpose of Life for God and Us - Part 1

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Most people aren't aware that life has a purpose.

Some people wonder what it might be. Others know it and get to work to align with it consciously and fulfill life's purpose.

Whether we examine the literature of enlightenment, (1) or of life after death, (2) or of Ascension, (3) we find universal agreement on the subject.

The purpose of life for God is to experience Itself in a moment of our enlightenment. The purpose of life for us is to experience the truth of who we are in a moment of enlightenment. The truth is that each and every one of us is God. God is all there is. How could it be otherwise?

Therefore when one realizes oneself or when one realizes God, same thing: God meets God.

In the next few articles, I'd like to look at that purpose and at the long journey to merge again with the God who birthed us.

One can speak about the final rejoining with God as an awakening, a return, a reunion, merge, homecoming, etc. It is the shedding of all traces of individuality or differentiation and the arising, without any trace of separation, as the One.

SaLuSa tells us that “your search for perfection is never ending, until you finally return to the Source of All That Is.” (4)

This journey goes on much farther than our personal Ascension, Archangel Michael tells us.

“As spiritual growth is ongoing, continual and a sacred journey and path, all will continue, long after they have completed planetary ascension.” (5)

Matthew Ward tells us that “the eternal life of the soul includes the return to the Beginnings in Creator.” For us that means that “there are eons of layers of forgetfulness to uncover in the unequalled adventure called Life.”

“Light, the pure love essence of Creator Source and the most powerful energy in the cosmos, is available to every soul in every instant, and by accepting the light, each continues evolving by consciously remembering what is known at soul level.” (6)

Ascension, Atmos of Sirius informs us, “is but a step towards achieving full consciousness, and taking your place with the Masters.” (7) Archangel Michael explains that Ascension “is an ever-evolving, continuous, on-going evolutionary process and not a destination.” (8)

SaLuSa reminds us that “the whole purpose of our [the galactics'] coming is to join up with you and together we shall walk the final path to completion. Yet that is simply the commencement of another journey that will open up the Cosmos to you.” (9)

Life is “a never-ending journey,” he reminds us. (10)

“There is a path that will take you back to the Source, when you shall become a God in your own rights. However, there is far to go and many experiences to be had, before you reach the ultimate goal. ...

“Life will go on into infinity and there are always going to be opportunities to lift up into higher dimensions. Just imagine life as one great experience of harmony and happiness, because that is what lies ahead of you.” (11)

He continues:

“The world ... must keep evolving, as that is the nature of All That Is. It cannot stand still and is mystically attracted to the Source, (12) where you will finally reach the ultimate completion of the return journey. The Creator draws all back into its Being, only to again commence further great cycles of experience. Such possibilities must seem so far away from your present ones, and with your limited levels of consciousness it is too much to expect any real understanding. Even for us the mysteries still exist, and with seemingly no end to creation there is so much more to experience.” (13)

In the next article, let's look in more detail at the purpose of life for God and for us.

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The Purpose of Life for God and Us – Part 2

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(Continued from Part 1.)

On other occasions, I've used the testimony of terrestrial sages, who give voice to God, to state the purpose of life for God. The Sufi sage Ibn Arabi, for instance, said: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (1)

I created the heavens and all that is in them to be known, God is depicted as saying. Beinsa Douno put the matter more prosaically: "Why did God desire to create the world? So that He might be made manifest." (2)

But there was a purpose given to creation beyond simply manifesting God. That purpose was for the individuated sparks to realize their true identity.

The moment of enlightenment is a moment of delight for God, as Sri Ramakrishna explains: “It is the Godhead that has become these two [God and devotee] in order to enjoy Its bliss.” (3)

The Godhead is God in its formless aspect as complete stillness and silence, voidness and transcendence.

Ramakrishna, humorously, pictured Shiva's delight upon realizing himself: “When Siva realizes his own Self, He dances about in joy exclaiming, ‘What am I! What am I!’” (4)

Ramana Maharshi depicted us as food for God, enlightenment becoming the feast at which we’re consumed: “Self-perception or God-realisation is said to consist in the Jiva or soul becoming food, i.e., object of enjoyment or experience, to the Lord.” (5)

Our enlightenment is God's delectable dish.

Bayazid of Bistun offers us a word-picture of what a moment of Self-Realization is like: “I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!’” (6)

O thou I! God and I are One. God and you are One. We are all One. God has become everything.



Our higher-dimensional sources say much the same thing as terrestrial sages. The Council of Angels asks us: “How would I get to experience Myself if it were not for you?”

“Before you there was just Me, before the Earth and all the planets and star systems and galaxies and universes there was just Me and only Me. I needed to create I needed to split apart and individuate so I could know Myself and see Myself and see all the wonders of creation. You are all ME!” (7)

Just reading that on a page is only intellectual knowledge. It must be realized to alter our lives.

Jesus gives his explanation of how the divine mystery was born and developed:

“God is the soul’s Source, its Ground or matrix, and the goal toward which the soul strives. And God creates the soul so God can find gratification in the soul’s urge toward becoming, with the depth of feelings that result.

“The mystery is that God Itself, in this way, becomes visible, tangible, experiential through the individual awareness that the soul carries within herself. That is the purpose of the birth of the soul.” (8)

So God experiences all this through us. And we experience God through this mysterious divine contact without contact.

The Angels through Tazjima tell us that “physical life was meant to offer ... an opportunity for God to learn more about itself.” (9) Learn more, experience the novel, meet Itself.

The Heavenly Hosts agreed with the Angels, that life “is all just experience to satisfy the Creator's desire to experience Itself through Its creations.” (10)

God through Goldenlight sums up our true situation in life: “You are Me knowing Me. Yes it is I, your loving Source from which you came and to which you shall eventually return.” (11)

From God we came; to God we return. We're all on a carousel going from God to God.

In between are lifetimes spent in matter, experiencing, enjoying and learning who we truly are.

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The Sacred Purpose of Life

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The journey from God to God is an arc that spirals back

We're all of us looking for our sacred purpose.

A clue might be to look for some activity that we reaaalllly loooooove.

I was out having coffee with a friend and I couldn't wait to return home to get back to work on the universal-law book. I worried that I'd seem rude to my friend, as if it was about her when it was not.

That definitely points to work on the book being part of my sacred purpose.

That relates to my sacred purpose. But what if life itself had a sacred purpose? What might the sacred purpose of life be?

In my view, it depends on whose viewpoint we're speaking from - from the viewpoint of the individuated spark of God or from that of God Itself (God is beyond gender). (1)

God's purpose in creating the illusion of individuated selves was that God would meet God in a moment of our Self-Realization.

We'd realize that we are God and, in that moment of recognition or enlightenment, God would have the great pleasure of meeting and experiencing Itself.

This whole drama of life was made up for that singular purpose. It's a divine play or *leela*.

Here's the plot of the movie: Unknowing sparks of God move from unconsciousness to Self-Consciousness. On rare occasions, a spark "gets itself" and God meets God. In Technicolor and InnerVision.



Our sacred purpose is to realize our true identity. That true identity is God.

If God is everything, how could we be otherwise? If God is everything, and we are "some thing," we must also be God. Even when we realize we are no thing, we remain God. There is nothing outside of God and no second to God.

It does no good, in terms of producing the result - Self-Knowledge - to simply know that as an idea. I am Steve Beckow. I live in Vancouver. I write books for a living. There's no power in any of this.

It does no good to simply experience who we are. I feel the deep peace that I am. I'm feeling uplifted at the moment. Nice, but again very little power to transform. (2)

The only thing sufficient to galvanize us into action and decide a question once and for all - in other words, motivate us and cause real transformation - is realization. We must *realize* our true identity.

And, as you might expect, there are also depths or levels of realization.

I can have a simple "Aha!" which may be enough to settle a question, but not enough to motivate a change in behavior.

Or I could realize my sacred Oneness with God.

When we realize the latter, and realize that everything that exists and does not exist is also One with God, we ascend.

Some time after that, we find ourselves becoming able to satisfy all our needs - without needing money. We imagine what we want and our thoughts create the object. What we call "imagination," higher-dimensional beings call "creative thought."

Add to all this the fact that we pass every higher-dimensional day experiencing a love so powerful that it sweeps away all misery and anxiety and leaves us with the experience of complete satisfaction with life. What of this does not sound wonderful?

There are many other ways of ascending; not saying otherwise. But attainment of Sahaja Samadhi - which is a full and permanent heart opening - is, as I understand it, the final act in our otherwise-gradual Ascension.

That's the goal. That's where we're headed.



[Account of vision deleted]

This Ascension, once accomplished, does not end our journey. Ultimately we return Home.

Later information than I used to rely on suggests that, even after we finish the Twelfth-Dimensional human round of incarnation and return Home, we're sent back out again, renewed, and on a fresh assignment.

Footnotes

(1) Humans have - or Mother/Father God has - employed a gender metaphor as a teaching device. Here's an example of Lao Tzu using it:

"Nameless indeed is the source of creation. But things have a mother and she has a name." (Lao Tzu, *The Way of Life. The Tao Te Ching*. trans. R.B. Blakney. New York, etc.: Avon, 1975, 53.)

The distinction has nothing to do with human ideas of gender. It's between love in motion (the Mother) and love at rest (the Father). If movement were to cease in the multiverse, the dream would be over: Everything would dis-integrate into nothingness and return to the Father.

(2) When we make a simple change in behavior as a result of an idea or experience - that is, an event at the intellectual or emotional level - I use the word "change" for that.

When we talk about the shift in inner orientation that happens in the midst or wake of a realization, I use the word "transformation" for that.

Transformation is deeper, more lasting, more profoundly impactful. We seldom forget a realization or the transformation that results from it.

(3) See "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>

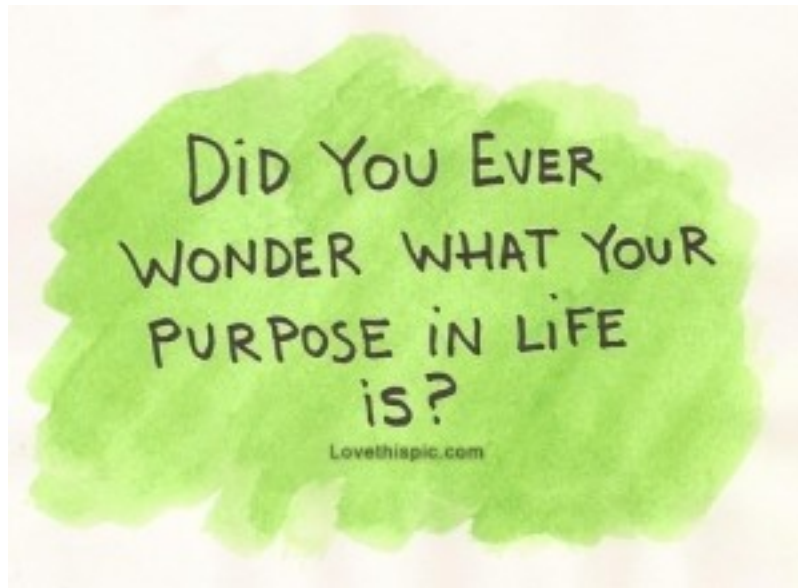
This was not an enlightenment experience, but simply a vision. I did not realize anything; I watched a visual tableau, like a movie, unfold before me.

On this occasion, unlike on many future occasions, I felt tremendous bliss and that's what allowed me to "know" what was happening before my eyes.

It may have been a truncated experience. I had the intellectual understanding plus the bliss but minus the realization.

Remembering the Purpose of Life

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All my life I've been a collector.

When I had a collection of marbles, my best marbles were crystals. When I was a museum historian, the best artifacts I collected were ones that revealed the most about the society that produced them.

Then I started collecting quotes. The crystals in my collection of quotes are, for me, statements on the purpose of life.

Why? Because I experienced a vision in Feb. 1987 that showed me what the purpose of life is. The purpose of life is enlightenment. (1)

Why else? Because there's nothing more important, in my estimation, than knowing the purpose of life. Once one knows it, one can begin to construct their life in accordance or in furtherance of it.

I'd like to savor some of the sources we listen to on the subject of that purpose. Not terrestrial sages like Ibn Arabi and Ramakrishna, (2) but galactics and celestials, etc.

SaLuSa put the purpose of life this way:

“All life is continually evolving until all souls return to the Godhead from whence they came.... The ultimate is to again become One with God.” (3)

That's exactly what I saw in my vision. The little golden star left the large golden sun of the Father and wandered in the Mother's world, ultimately returning to the Father and merging with "him" again.

Matthew Ward tells us that attaining “remembrance in fullness ... is the goal of every soul.” When we attain it “you will return to Creator.” (4) Again spot on with what I saw.

Life is an ongoing journey towards that culmination. He adds:

“As the multidimensional beings you are, you will continue evolving and remembering your Beginnings in the pure love-light of Creator.

“Until then—and the time differs as much as each soul differs from every other—you will have wondrous lifetimes as progressively higher souls in worlds where joy, love and beauty are beyond your imagining.” (5)

Andrea Scully's guides offered a similar vision:

“The heart and soul of the mission here on Gaia for all is similar. It involves the awakening of each individual to the reality of Oneness.” (6)

Such a realization of Oneness would have one realize the Self or God. We'd recognize that there are no objects here, only one universal Subject.

The Arcturian Group tells us that “every soul longs to know and experience ITSELF.” (7) Who we are is God. When Self meets Self, God meets God.

When a soul forgets the purpose of life, the reason for his or her own longing, “he seeks in the outer world of things, people, power, money, and sex.”

“It is not meant that lives have no joy, for the energy of joy is closest to the Divine. Embrace those things you enjoy, have fun and spend time doing what you love, but do not look to these things for that sense of completion that can only come through attaining a state of consciousness that knows it is already whole and complete.” (8)

In the space of wholeness and completion, love arises; bliss arises. In deep bliss, we realize our Oneness with God. The blissful Comforter (the Mother) has brought all things to remembrance.

The Beings of Venus put the purpose of life this way:

“Each person’s purpose upon the Earth is to recognise their complete Creator self within them.” (9)

Saul phrases it this way: “Your life purpose within the illusion is to awaken. That is all.” (10) To awaken to who we truly are.

On another occasion, he added: “The Oneness of ALL that exists is the Truth of which all must come to an awareness.” (11) Again the state of Oneness is the state of God-Realization.

Blossom Goodchild’s Federation sources gave the purpose a slightly different twist: That we need to become who we are, rather than realize or awaken to it.

“The only responsibility that any One Soul has ... be they residing on Earth or otherwise ... is to **BECOME WHO THEY ARE ... IN TRUTH.**

“By **BEING** so ... **ALL** that one is hoping for ... expecting ... desiring ... needing ... simply melts away. For when **BEING** in the fullness of their True Reality ... none of these things matter ... not one.” (12)

Well, I can vouch that all desires and needs melt away in bliss so I can take their information that far, at least.

Archangel Michael through Ronna Herman focuses on awakening the individual from unconscious awareness through sharpening our awareness in the Now.

“The awakening of Self from an unconscious state of Being is one of the most dramatic steps in the evolutionary process of Humankind.

“In order to become Self-conscious, you must become aware of what is happening in your personal world. You must sharpen your thinking process and learn to live in the moment, or the Still Point of the NOW as it is often called.” (13)

The awareness path is dedicated to sharpening our awareness and living in the Now.

Heavenletters tells us what happens when we fulfill the purpose of life by realizing ourselves:

“You will meet this Knowingness fully and sigh, 'Yes, this is it. This is Who I AM and have been all along.’” (14)

When we're whole and complete, the balloon is fully inflated. At that point we remember the knowledge that we forgot when we journeyed down into a lower density: who we are and have been all along.

Enough said, I hope, to establish the point that the purpose of life is known to probably all our credible, higher-dimensional sources, on and off planet. That purpose is to realize who we are at our essence - and who we are at our essence is God.

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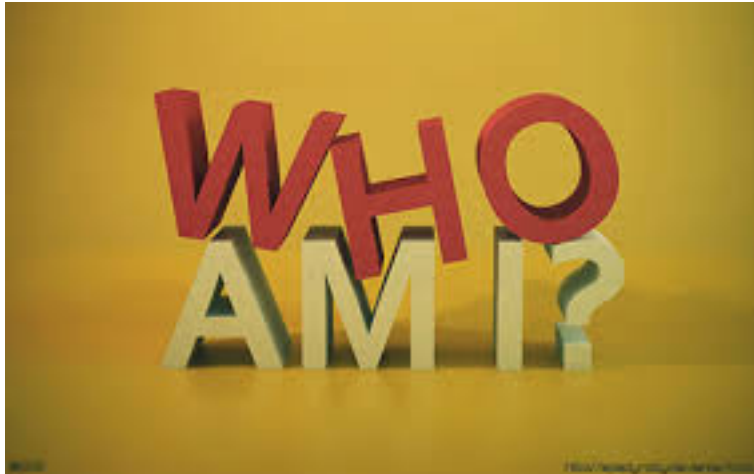
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The Purpose of Life Restated

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I've been asked to go over the purpose of life once more. It's actually useful to do so from time to time because there's no learning I can think of that's more fruitful.

It contextualizes everything we do. It's the broadest perspective we can take and puts everything, or almost everything, in focus.

In this restatement, I won't offer the numerous quotes from enlightened masters that back up what I say here. (1) And for the source of my own knowledge of this purpose, I direct you to the vision I had on February 13, 1987 that showed these matters to me. (2)

After that vision, I remained in bliss for three days. But the vision itself was wordless and, for the next ten years (twenty years before I finished writing about it), I read nothing but the works of enlightened masters, searching for words to explain what I had seen in eight wordless seconds that day.

I now see why that vision was given because it served as the starting point for everything I've written since.

One could discuss the purpose of life from two vantage points: ours and God's, if one could be so bold as to assert that one could possibly know God's purpose in anything.

Let's start with our vantage point.

The purpose of life for us is to know ourselves as God. That could be alternatively stated as knowing our true identity, knowing who we are, realizing our Self, etc.

Notice that knowing is the ultimate condition. What we're ultimately seeking is the knowledge that comes with realization.

It's love that draws that knowledge to us. In the vision experience, I saw that bliss, the great Comforter, does bring all things to remembrance. I had intuitive knowledge of all that the vision was showing me. (3)

In the experience of universal love last November, I saw that love brought unitive consciousness. (4) And more recently, I saw that love wiped away all the existential conditions that so deeply bother us. (5)

That having been said, these experiences were transitory, as all are until Sahaja Samadhi or Ascension.

The fact that knowing is what gives rise to realization explains why discrimination is so important. We must in the end discriminate between the Real and the unreal and then realize (not just know intellectually but realize in every cell of our bodies and even deeper) who we truly are.

We realize who we are in a moment of enlightenment. And not just a moment of realization such as spiritual awakening (when the kundalini reaches the fourth or heart chakra) but knowing at a level of realization that is way beyond the chakra system, way beyond even Sahaja, which is a permanent heart opening, but far beyond that level and far beyond even the dimensions that define the human experience.

We emanate from God as a spark of life, love, and intelligence. That spark is known to all the world's religions as the Self, the soul, the Christ, the Atman, our Buddha nature, etc.

It is known as the firebrand plucked from the burning and the lamp always burning on the altar of the heart.

It is also known as the pearl of great price, the prince of peace, and the savior. It has a thousand names.

We mount Jacob's ladder of consciousness, step by step, until we know the Son or Atman, then the Mother, Holy Spirit or Shakti, and then the Father or Brahman. And far beyond the Trinity.

Once we merge again with the Transcendental One, beyond all materiality, we're again home. Whereas many sources call Ascension "full consciousness," in fact full consciousness would be this final act of mergence with God.

That then describes the purpose of life for us.

The purpose of having created life forms, viewed from God's perspective, as if that were possible, is, as my wife once described it, so that God could meet God.

When we realize God in a moment of enlightenment, God meets God, and for that purpose was all of this, all of life, created.

God is everything that is, One without a second. If you or I filled all space and beyond, if we were all that is and all that is not, how would we possibly realize ourselves? We'd have no mirror, no other, or any other means of seeing ourselves.

Therefore for God to meet God, he created finger puppets (us) and then assigned them the task of Self-Realization, at which point, for a moment, God meets and knows Itself.

I use the image of "finger puppets" because that image, which combines individuality and connectedness, best summarizes our relationship to God. Hindus might call that image "qualified non-dualism." It is qualified until the final mergence, at which point it becomes purely non-dualistic.

All of this that we see and hear and touch is simply an illusion, smoke and mirrors, created to allow ourselves the conditions we need to separate out the Real from the illusion.

In recognition of this, we speak of life as being a *lila* or divine play, *maya* or illusion. Our task is to see the Reality that lies underneath, behind and beyond the play or illusion.

The spark of life that we are is an eternal being so therefore we are always, already immortal and eternal. What Jesus meant by “eternal life” was winning release from the need to be reborn again into material life, a condition that'll be ours upon Ascension.

We may, upon "death," shuck our outer, physical body, but at no point do we lose consciousness. Instead we simply step out of one body (the physical) and find ourselves in another (the astral), in the same way as we take off our coat when we come indoors.

Consciousness is continual; "death" does not cause a break in it, except for the suicide, who may find himself or herself in a temporary condition of semi-consciousness. (6)

So this then is the purpose of life - that we realize God by realizing our own true identity. This purpose is what makes answering the question “Who am I?” central to life.

And everything we do, everything we learn simply assists us to go one more step on this long, long journey from God to God, this journey of discovery of who we truly are. And who we truly are is, we discover, God.

Footnotes

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Understanding the Purpose of Life

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As he often does, SaLuSa has given us much food for thought today and I'd like to develop a couple of the points he makes.

I'd like first of all to expand on one thing he says:

"We foresee a change in many people's attitudes once they understand the true purpose of life, as hitherto you have been going around with your eyes closed. It has not necessarily been your fault, but you have succumbed to the idea that you are separated from each other and God.

"Now you are beginning to see how dependent you are on each other, and that your actions affect everyone else. It explains how you are collectively responsible for your reality, and makes you realize that you can also change it."

What is "the true purpose of life"? As I understand it, the true purpose of life is for every created being to realize its fundamental identity as God. Imagine that we are all at an Eighteenth-Century masked ball, all of us wearing the most delightful costumes with a marvellous feather mask on. The clock strikes midnight and it

comes time for us to doff our masks and, when we do - all of us have the same face.

That is our situation. Our original face is the same original face. And this discovery is the goal to which we all move.

At first we know not that life has a purpose. Then we begin to sense some common elements or patterns to life. Then we begin to wonder about what seems like a random process - could it have meaning, order, purpose? Then we begin to hear that it does.



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Life, No Matter Where, No Matter When

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Tonight I was riding home on the bus, reading SaLuSa. A passage arrested my attention and, surprisingly, left me close to tears:

"For many lifetimes your Guides have travelled with you, and proportionate to your level of development have led you to the truth and real purpose of life. ... Clearly ... there are those who profess little interest in the purpose of life. They will be ill prepared to take the opportunity to ascend, in view of the few years left to this cycle." (1)

I thought to myself: You know what the purpose of life is. Most people in the Ascension 2012 community know it as well. But supposing someone doesn't? Are you willing to risk looking like a fool by writing on the subject?

Yes, I am.

Is there anything that can be said about the purpose of life that would be true for us, for the galactics, for the spiritual hierarchy, and for every other life form, at any place and any time?

Yes and here it is. The purpose of life, in any place and age, is enlightenment. Whatsoever the life form or region of space, the purpose of life is that God should meet God and in that moment of our Self-Realization, experience Its own bliss.

For this moment was all of life created, from the lowliest cell to the most elevated Being.

One thing the Formless cannot do is experience Itself. Since It is One without a second, what object could there possibly be to experience? And who would know Itself as the experiencer? Consciousness exists without an object.



So the Creator created illusory finger-puppets or shadow dancers, bestowed upon them consciousness and the capacity for Self-Realization, allowed them to convince themselves that they existed separately, and assigned them the purpose of realizing themselves.

At the moment of Realization, when form sheds form and, with its created faculties, realizes formlessness, the Formless has an experience of Itself.

This we share with all the galactics, ascended masters, angels and archangels. All of us have come from God and are returning to God again. All of us are experiencing higher and higher levels of enlightenment.

One could say, in light of this, that the Divine Plan is spiritual evolution. We are designed to evolve in spirit from the lowest forms of life to the highest.

It is not that Darwin was mistaken: the physical life form does evolve, but it evolves to suit the needs of the evolving spirit.

The spirit dives in and out of the sea of materiality, evolving as it goes until it returns to the One.

Our “Ascension” is another level of enlightenment accomplished. Since we take our physical bodies with us, I think of it as “enlightenment plus.”

God did not offer us at the end of this cycle a return trip to the Pleiades. God offered us an experience of enlightenment.



There are many levels of enlightenment.

One level occurs when the spiritual energy (the kundalini) reaches the heart chakra. Another when it reaches the brow chakra. Another when it reaches the crown chakra.

We are not liberated until the energy reaches the spiritual heart or *hridayam*, beyond the crown chakra and different from the heart chakra.

At that moment we experience what sage Ramana Maharshi called “sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi.” “Sahaja” means permanent and “nirvikalpa samadhi” means the samadhi state in which there is no movement in the mind.

But enlightenment goes on from there. Even ascended masters are achieving higher levels of enlightenment; witness Lord Kuthumi’s statement last year that the masters too will be ascending.

If time persisted, which I am told it does not, then we are talking about endless aeons passing, all the while with us achieving higher and higher levels of enlightenment.

For all practical purposes, we could say that enlightenment is virtually endless.

Footnotes

(1) SaLuSa, Feb. 27, 2009, at https://www.treeofthegoldenlight.com/First_Contact/mike_quinsey/channeled%20messages/February%202009/salusa__27february2009.htm.

How Do We Describe Nova Culture?

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As I approach the study of our culture as a planet, I begin to think about the subject in ways I'm familiar with - cultural universals, alternatives, specialties, and idiosyncracies; folk culture, popular culture - and right away, I find myself asking myself, is this what's meant by Nova Culture?

Doesn't this approach to culture give primacy to the mind? Is that relevant to what Linda calls the "New You"?

At this moment, it looks like the journey may turn out to be as interesting as the destination.

Relying on the distinctions that underpinned cultural studies when I pursued them (1968-87) may help start me but ultimately it'll need to give way as well. They're primarily distinctions of the mind. That cannot be the way of the new.

We have to envision, formulate, and apply from the heart. That's the challenge.

It would make sense that the heart would be the initiator, and judge, does it not?

For one thing, when a river of love of unimaginable quality flows inside the heart, we know we're home. An endless artesian well, this inner tsunami of love leads to an Ocean of Love. All this will be ours in the future.

Who we are when we come from the heart is the best we'll ever be. (And we forget ... OK, I forget.) If there is anything nova about "Nova Culture," it would have to be its contextual anchor in love.

Here's another reason to allow the heart to lead here. The Self lives in the seat of the soul, itself a name for the farthest reaches of the heart.

The Self itself is innocent and pure. Think of it. Who you are - who I am - is innocent and pure. You weren't born in original sin. You were born in original innocence.

We don't need trillions of dollars, Ph.D.'s, big houses, fancy cars. They just add more layers to our 3D identity, locking it in place. We have to then back out of all of it, at least mentally and emotionally; that is, at least from our attachment to it.

Note: I did not say a person has to give up their possessions; only their attachment to them. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. I the Lord am a jealous God.

Love is a jealous God. If we take our attention off it and place it on a Maserati, love goes.

There's no argument, no advance warning. Here one moment, gone the next.

The Self has no interest in possessions and pleasures. But the sheer relief, the sheer pleasure of discovering one's original innocence and purity says to me that if we really want to have cultural studies be relevant to the society of the future, the basis of it has to incorporate a truer perspective of who its subject is.

We are not a race of separate selves struggling to survive amid seeming scarcity. We are One in Love and we are cooperating to blossom amid endless higher-level abundance.

Not all our knowledge prevented World War I. It didn't prevent World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan. And the degree of asleepness there is in our society

at this moment wouldn't bode well for the future if I didn't know that this story actually has a happy ending.

I'm cheating. I already know it. It can be said in one word: Love.

Such a love that blows every bit of sleepiness from our frames. Such a love that we want to weep for gratitude at having lived to see this moment of experiencing it. All of our work, all of our explorations have brought us to this and how worth it it was. Our study of culture must take as its central principle, focus, and subject matter, love. It could be no other way and be Nova.

It needs to be willing to describe what's actually happening in our society - no more mainstream lies and illuminati-influenced histories. It needs to be willing to see through the differences in society to what unites us.

Another thing "nova" about Nova Culture is that the study of it takes into account more than what empirical materialism allows. The latter only allows what we can see, hear, feel, touch, etc., to be deemed real.

That's a small part of Reality. It's my belief that a person who constrains themselves to empirical materialism shuts the door to the experience of love. The experience itself will not fit through the closed windows of their beliefs.

Moreover, cultural studies, yes. We need to know about ourselves. But, in my view, they'd have to take as a given that we - the humans, the subjects of this field of study - have intimate connections with other star civilizations such as the Pleiades, Arcturus, Sirius, and so on. We're doing Anthropology, to be sure, but with a new department within it of Exoanthropology.

These foundational principles were not to be found in the social science of my day, and the shoe never fit for me.

If true, these principles reflect Reality a little more clearly than the precepts they replace. Then they themselves will be replaced as our vision expands.

How does one proceed? What I'm wanting to do is combine spirituality with social science, and specifically an Ascension/New Age variety of spirituality.

In spiritual terms, given that I'm a spirit in a human body, relating to others of the same kind, who wants to understand himself and others - and given that others may want that as well - how do I describe the ways we think, feel, and act; that is, our culture?

I'm talking at a theoretical level and the only guides I have are internal - my spirit guides and my heart. As Dennis Percy once said, the path begins at the trailing edge of the leading foot.

The Purpose of Life Applies not Only to Humans

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Life follows a sacred arc, spiraling back to the same karmic lessons, as it goes

I said last article that there was no more important knowledge than the knowledge of the purpose of life.

I feel the need to say a few more comments on this most important subject.

But there are things more important than intellectual knowledge. More important than that kind of knowledge is experiential knowledge. And more important than experiential knowledge is the realized knowledge that transcends experience, that leaves the sensory world behind.

When most enlightened sages use the word "knowledge" without a modifier, they're usually referring to realized knowledge or realization.

Moreover, the purpose of life is the same for every soul and we all know that even rocks have souls. Each blade of grass has a soul.

Therefore the purpose of life is not what it is just for human beings. It's so for every soul-incarnated form, no matter what shape it inhabits - grass, worm, butterfly, human.

The purpose of life remains the same for every one: Realization of its true identity; realization of itself as the Creator, Prime Source, the One.

I could be burned at the stake for saying that in the Fifteenth Century. I think the Cathars were persecuted for saying similar things, were they not? But today I can freely say it on the Internet: I am God. You are God. All of us and every living thing (and non-living thing, if such there be) is God, the One.

There is nothing outside of God, no one to take God's picture, no camera to take it with. God meets God in a moment of our enlightenment and to do so gives God pleasure.

Transformative love shows us our divine connection. There are no strangers in that kind of love, that depth of love, much deeper than anything romantic. Two people simultaneously in a state of transformative love (and I haven't experienced that union, myself) would know, I think, how the energies of both commingle while in that state. There would be recognition of union or identity, I feel sure.

Dimension, depth seems everything. The love we feel on the Third Dimension is affected by the density of that medium. The love we experience on the Fifth is much deeper and transforming. The love we experience on the Seventh is probably more refined still. At the end of the road, the absolute love that the Mother and Father are is said to be indescribable.

By the same token, we not only deepen in love. We deepen into the knowledge of our oneness. We deepen into the balance we achieve within ourselves, including balancing the masculine and feminine. We can choose any divine quality or state to deepen into and it'll lead to the very same place: Home. To the One.

As a global society, I think we'll all reach a point, under the influence of the energies caressing us, where we'll experience a love so deep - collectively - that we'll all just nod in silent knowledge of what then, I think, will become immediately obvious: Not only that we're one, but also that the demonstration, the evidence, the declaration of that oneness is love.

It is love that has become everything, Sri Ramakrishna might say.

To realize that we ourselves are God is a level of enlightenment called Brahmajnana. To realize that God has become everything is a level of enlightenment called vijnana (or perfect knowledge), which I believe is the same as Sahaja Samadhi. Sahaja is the endpoint of our ascension.

Many rumors suggest a collective experience of some sort, loosely called "ignition," is in our near future. That would be timely, nicely positioning and equipping us for building Nova Earth.

We are Beginning to Understand the Purpose of Life

April 26, 2011



As he often does, SaLuSa has given us much food for thought today (April 6, 2011) and I'd like to develop a couple of the points he makes.

I'd like first of all to expand on one thing he says:

"We foresee a change in many people's attitudes once they understand the true purpose of life, as hitherto you have been going around with your eyes closed. It has not necessarily been your fault, but you have succumbed to the idea that you are separated from each other and God. Now you are beginning to see how dependent you are on each other, and that your actions affect everyone else. It explains how you are collectively responsible for your reality, and makes you realize that you can also change it."

What is "the true purpose of life"? As I understand it, the true purpose of life is for every created being to realize its fundamental identity as God. Imagine that we are all at an Eighteenth-Century masked ball, all of us wearing the most delightful costumes with a marvellous feather mask on. The clock strikes midnight and it comes time for us to doff our masks and, when we do - all of us have the same face.

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That Which Can Never Be Forgotten

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As above, so below

Sometimes I feel that, if I don't spend some time of a day reflecting on God, I'll burst. And today is such a day.

There is no forgetting God. The Father has built a longing for liberation into us that will not allow us to forget him for long. (1) No matter what we fasten onto, no matter what addiction we escape into, no matter what routine we bury ourselves in, sooner or later the desire arises for more. Nothing satisfies for long. Absolutely nothing.

God is all that can fill that longing. I think I must be hit by the longing at this moment and the only way to satisfy it is to think and speak of God.

God is all there is. He dreams and the world arises. He dreams and beings come into existence. I personally love listening to the sages describe God.

Here is Pseudo-Dionysius, a Greek Christian living in the late 5th and early 6th centuries. His enlightenment is one of the highest I know of and his poetic exposition of the nondualist point of view has always thrilled many.

“The Cause of all is above all and is not inexistent, lifeless, speechless, mindless. It is not a material body, and hence has neither shape nor form, quality, quantity, or weight. It is not in any place and can neither be seen nor touched. It is neither perceived nor is it perceptible.

“It suffers neither disorder nor disturbance and is overwhelmed by no earthly passion. It is not powerless and subject to the disturbances caused by sense perception. It endures no deprivation of light. It passes through no change, decay, division, loss, no ebb and flow, nothing of which the senses may be aware. None of all this can either be identified with it nor attributed to it.” (2)

Is not, is neither, endures none of this, can be identified with none of that. Not, none, neither: this is the *via negativa* or way of negation. All that we can say of God is what he/she/it is not.

God is both beyond the material domain and the source of it. Moreover everything material is, in a manner of speaking, made from God. Krishna pointed to the mystery of how God could be everything and yet remain nothing.

“This entire universe is pervaded by me, in that eternal form of mine which is not manifest to the senses. Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me. I do not mean that they exist within me physically. That is my divine mystery. You must try to understand its nature. My Being sustains all creatures and brings them to birth, but has no physical contact with them.” (3)

Of everything that exists, and I’m speaking from the relative level, only God is non-physical. That includes the God in us, which is the soul, which the Mother coats in matter lending form and substance to the soul much as we clothe the body.

Jesus said that I am in the Father and the Father is in me and the Father is greater than I. What difference is there between that saying and what Krishna says here: "Although I am not within any creature, all creatures exist within me."

One could say, well, no, the soul exists within the creature. Yes and no. Only in a manner of speaking. The soul is conceived of as existing within the creature and yet it does not. It's not material and so has no physical location. It would be more accurate to say that the creature exists within the soul because the soul, which is one with everything, also includes everything that is. That is why sages say to us, as God in Heavenletters did recently, that "I am" is everything, that each of us is everything.

"What is Eternity? You are. What is Infinity? You are. What is Vastness? You are. What is everything? It is you. You are It. Anywhere you look, it is you. Anywhere you don't look, it is also you. There is nothing in Creation that is not you." (4)

The problem we encounter, which leads to so many paradoxical sayings, is that we constantly compare apples and oranges. Souls are spiritual; bodies are material. They cannot be compared. Even to say "souls" is a paradox because there is really only one Soul.

We cannot take one step in this realm without tripping over our feet and yet nothing is more fun to speak of than these spiritual verities.

We look from our vantage point and remake God in our own image. We use our senses and so recast God in the metaphors of the sense. And to a certain extent we get away with it because God is also the senses and what is sensed. We know only other people so we make God a person. Whatever is highest in our hearts, minds, and imaginations we make an attribute of God.

But God is so far higher than our hearts, minds and imaginations can reach (right now) that we fail, fall short, never succeed. But then in the next moment, we pick ourselves up and try again. Estimating God, appreciating God is something we never tire of. Does anyone ever ask why?

When we say God is not, we're really thinking of God in his/her/its original transcendent being. But God is not only transcendent (the Father); God is also phenomenal (the Mother); and God is also immanent (the Self, Child, Christ or Soul).

There is nothing God is and nothing God is not. How else could it be with something ... errr, nothing ... that is everything?

Every master has tried his or her hand at describing God, probably for the sheer enjoyment of it, not because they think they'll succeed. No one has ever succeeded.

Here is Sri Aurobindo's try, probably one of many. Each master tries to fail better than the last. Take a deep breath because Sri Aurobindo has a wonderfully long attention span.

“That into which we merge ourselves in the cosmic consciousness is Satchidananda [Awareness, Existence, Bliss Absolute].

"It is one eternal Existence that we ... are, one eternal Consciousness which sees its own works in us and others, one eternal Will or Force of that Consciousness which displays itself in infinite workings, one eternal Delight which has the joy of itself and all its workings, -- itself stable, immutable, timeless, spaceless, supreme and itself still in the infinity of its workings, not changed by their variations, not broken up by their multiplicity, not increased or decreased by their ebbings and flowings in the seas of Time and Space, not confused by their apparent contrarities or limited by their divinely-willed limitations.

“Satchidananda is the unity of the many-sidedness of manifested things, the eternal harmony of all their variations and oppositions, the infinite perfection which justifies their limitations and is the goal of their imperfections.” (5)

No *via negativa* here. Strictly *via positiva*. Affirming what he thinks God is. Or knows God to be.

OK, someone tell me to stop because I could go on and on describing the indescribable, wafted on the wings of love, discussing my favorite theme.

That is indeed my fix for the day. Nothing rewards a person more than paying a little attention, whenever the unscratchable itch arises, to the one thing ... or no thing ... that will never go away, never let us forget, never stop singing to us through everything around us and everything within us - God.

Footnotes

(1) See “The Longing for Liberation” at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/spiritual-essays/the-longing-for-liberation/> .

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Who Am I?

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These statements appear true to me.

There is no question more important than “Who am I?”

Everything created in form was brought forth from the Formless to help me answer this question.

Every event that happens to me, and every event that does not, happens or does not to help me answer it.

Ascension, transformation, enlightenment, spiritual evolution are just words that point to the eternal unfoldment of my knowledge of who I am.

The created universe is a closed loop designed to carry me from the Formless, who I am, into form and back to the Formless again. Said Jesus: “I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” (1)

The same could be said for each and every one of us: We are on a journey out from the Formless into the world, to know our true identity as the Formless, and then leave the world and return to the Formless again.

Down into form we go, physical angels descending Jacob's ladder of consciousness, and then up we ascend returning to God.

Up the dimensions we travel, to the Dimensionless Dimension, at each stage knowing more deeply who we are until we reach full knowledge and the end of our journey. The prodigal child has returned to the Father.

When I ask the question, "Who am I?", I get an experience of who I am or a barrier to that experience. The whole of my journey is about transcending the barriers to knowing who I am.

It may be that, as long as I am in form, I may never know the whole answer. I don't know. But no duty, I believe, has been laid on me higher than to find out that whole answer. No duty stays with me eternally as the duty of answering that question does.

I cast that question, again and again, and get experience or barrier. Sometimes the experience I get is a little more bliss; sometimes an insight; sometimes a moment of direct knowing.

Sometimes the barrier I get is fear, resistance, or remembrance.

No matter which, no matter what else happens, the duty upon me never lifts to persist in answering the question through lifetime after lifetime.

This eternal duty alone was laid upon me – to find out who I am. As far as I'm concerned, all other temporary duties serve it.

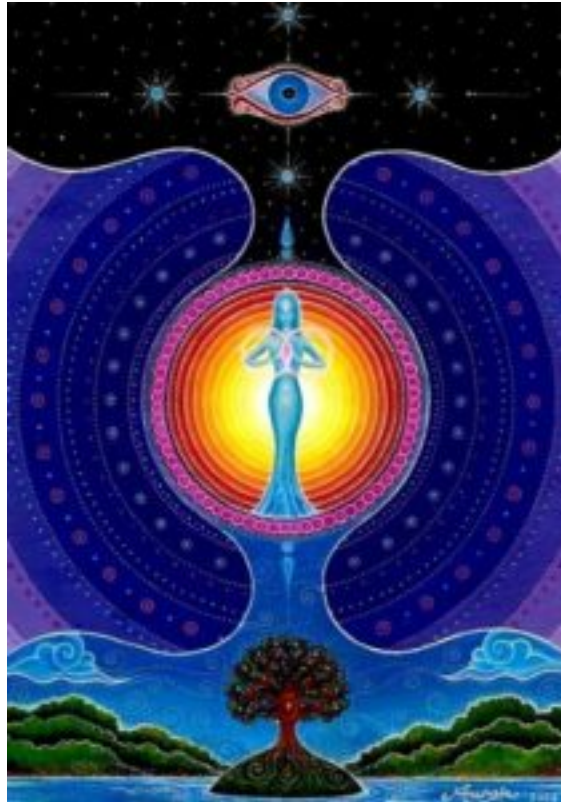
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The Return to God

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The soul is ensconced in the bodies till God meets God

Everything about "us" is temporary.

We've been given temporary bodies to promote the idea that we're separate from God, so that we can then find our way back.

To what end?

To the end, from God's point of view, that God may meet God in a moment of our Self-Realization. What do we realize? Clearly that - if everything is God and there is no second to God - we must also be God. (1)

St. Paul describes the last moment of our separate existence:

“And when all things [all worldly desires] shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited].” (2)

We're like an all-day lollipop composed of layer after layer of different-flavored candy (bodies). The Divine enjoys each layer (through ascending enlightenment experiences) until there is ... nothing.

As we originally descended further and further down the dimensional ladder, we obtained unique bodies, known by different names to the religious traditions and suited to experiencing life at the different levels.

If I were to leave this body, I'd find myself first in an etheric body for a brief time; then the astral; then the mental, causal, buddhic, etc., each more subtle and powerful than the last.

As we go back up Jacob's Ladder of consciousness, we'll reach a point where we no longer need to incarnate. This is the point Jesus was referring to when he said we'd need "go no more out." (3)

At some point we'll leave off living in a formed body and become formless. But we'd still be individuated.

As long as we're ignorant of being anything else but this particular body we're in, we fear its death.

But the minute we have an out-of-body experience - as I did in 1977 - and see that we're over here and the body is over there - "Oh. I'm not my body!" - boom! The fear of death instantly disappears.

All around me in my room in the hospital have been a group of people who've just had open-heart surgery and my time cometh.

If I feared death, I might be in a state right now considering the major operation that my poor body is about to go through.

While I don't like the thought of pain - and all of them are going through lots of it - as far as being down about the prospect of surgery, I've been playing John Travolta in *Saturday Night Live*, riding my guernsey to the next test, finger in the air, telling nurses and doctors the party's down here; follow me. We've all had a good laugh.

Such however is the benefit of really, deeply knowing, from experience, that death is not the end. (4)

Whenever my operation comes, at that point I really won't be able to write again for probably at least a week. It'll have taken open-heart surgery to stop me writing.

That makes sense to me. I'm sure Picasso would have painted with his toes if he couldn't have used his hands.

This is what it's like to follow your bliss: I'll probably write on the last page with my dying breath: "This is it. The End."

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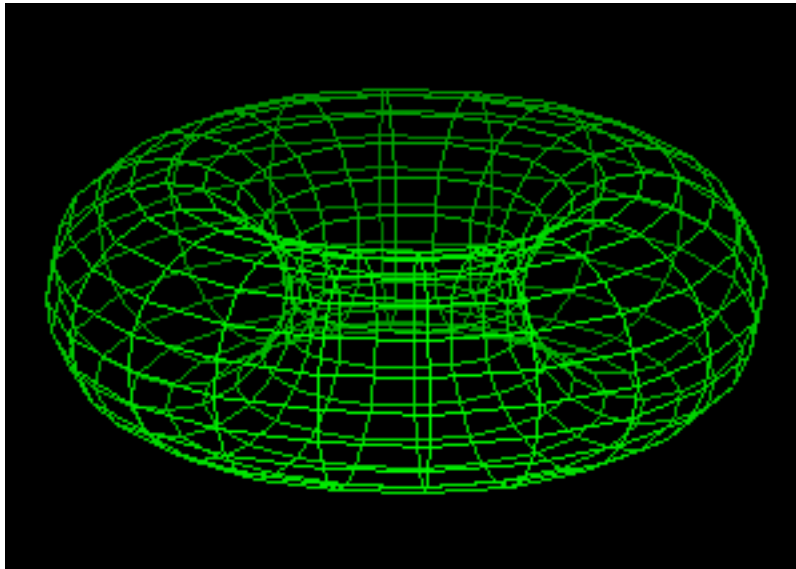
(3) "Him that overcomes [realizes their true identity] will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." (Rev. 3:12.) Jesus may have been referring to Ascension from the Third/Fourth Dimension or a higher state of consciousness.

(4) On this, see *New Maps of Heaven* at http://goldengaiadb.com/index.php?title=New_Maps_of_Heaven

The Significance of the Torus

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The torus, illustrated here, came up in discussion recently at Kathleen's lecture on gender equality.

It has special significance for me following the vision I had on Feb. 13, 1987. May I share that?

That vision followed an individual soul, appearing as a brilliant golden star, which emerged from a large Golden Sun. It went off on a journey that I've described elsewhere, (1) and then returned to the Golden Sun from which it came.

If we imagine the Sun at the center of things, then the small golden star's journey away from it and back again describes a circle from God to God.

If the torus were a cake and you took a very thin slice of it, you'd again have a representation of that total journey. All the other circles would go to making up the torus.

It would be just as Jesus said;

"I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world [of matter, *mater*, Mother]: again, I leave the world and go to the Father." (2)

Although the saying has other levels of meaning as well, he has just described life at its highest level of abstraction. The graphic illustrates what he said.

Just to be sure, we're not talking about a single lifetime. We're talking about the total evolution of a soul from a spark of God to a fully-actualized being in Reunion.

Although the vision identified the Father, Mother, and Child aspects of God, I'll leave that to discussions elsewhere. (3) Here, I'm more concerned with the torus, the shape of any one person's journey.

The little golden star I watched went out in an arc into the Mother's domain of matter (*mater*, Mother), where it travelled lifetime after lifetime with its brilliance subdued. After two enlightenments, it sped back to the Father where it disappeared. The whole of it described a circle, like a slice of the the torus I referred to earlier.

If you added all the people in the world to the torus, the illustration at the top of the article could very well be what it would look like. And so it looks to me. It captures in a still graphic almost all of what I saw that day.

With one exception. If all the circles were spirals, then we'd be in complete agreement. The actual torus of our lifetimes is a spiral as well as a circle, like an electric cable.

I saw the little golden star, with its brilliance lost, travelling through a spiral arc.

Why is it a spiral? I speculate it's because we keep returning to the same karmic lessons each lifetime until we learn them.

In a recent lecture, Kathleen featured a quote which exactly fit what I saw:

"The path isn't a straight line; it's a spiral. You continually come back to things you thought you understood and see deeper truths." (4)

Now just imagine that karma returns us to those things *in different lifetimes* to have us get them more deeply and the two of us agree.

The graphic below illustrates what it would look like to gaze down the torus of our lifetimes, always returning to the same (relative) place: (5)



In summary, the graphic at the top of this article captures, for me, life at its highest levels of abstraction and serves as a reminder of what all of us are here to do - come Home to God, fully actualized and fully awakened as to who we truly are. (6)

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(6) It conjures up for me the common, collective pathway of all our lifetimes - a sacred arc and a spiritual spiral, reaching from God to God.

Why are We Always Spiritually Hungry?

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The longing for God remains after all else falls away

The Master Builder wrote certain design elements into the Plan for human beings.

(1) There isn't choice around these matters. I want to talk about one design element that guarantees that we'll be spiritually hungry, forever.

What else do we do forever? Anything we do that I can think of tires, pales or fails to satisfy after a while. Life is so designed that everything material in life eventually fails to satisfy.

Except one thing.

God.

And God alone is not material. Yes, we think of things in higher dimensions as spiritual but actually everything within the phenomenal realm of the Divine Mother, Shakti, Aum/Amen, the Holy Spirit is in fact material. Only the formless, transcendent God is not.

You could say that we are seeking ourselves. You could say that the God that we are cannot abide being separated from the God that we were. You could talk about

it in a hundred ways but the fact of the matter is, from my point of view anyways, that God built into us a subsensible, tidal thirst that can only be satisfied by God Himself.

The sages have called this “the longing for Liberation,” “the impulse to be free,” and “the urge to evolve.” Here are statements of it:

Shankara: “[The] longing for liberation is the will to be free from the fetters forged by ignorance — beginning with the ego-sense and so on, down to the physical body itself — through the realization of one’s true nature.” (2)



Pseudo-Dionysius: "All things long for God. ... It is a strong and sure desire for the clear and impassible contemplation of the transcendent. It is a hunger for an unending, conceptual, and true communion with the spotless and sublime light, of clear and splendid beauty. Intemperance then will be an unfailing and unturning power, seen in the pure and unchanging yearning for divine beauty and in the total commitment to the real object of all desire." (3)

Adyashanti: “The impulse to be free is an evolutionary spark within consciousness which originates beyond the ego. It is an impulse toward the divine, unity, and wholeness. It is an impulse originating from the Truth itself.” (4)

SaLuSa: "The urge to evolve drives you ever onwards and with it comes the greater understanding of your relationship to God." (5)

Saul: "Buried deep within each human is a knowing that that is the destination toward which they are traveling. For ages, it has appeared to be a state of being that is to all intents unattainable. And yet a desire, a deep longing to return there remains, providing the unquenchable hope that drives the search to find that heavenly state." (6)

The fact that we long for liberation through lifetime after lifetime and that that longing survives all other longings is why I've said on occasion that the game of life (an eternal game of hide and seek) is rigged (7) and that it all works out in the final reel. (8) God rigged the game by making our thirst for him insatiable.

Yes, we fill that gaping, aching void with yachts and trips and food, but none of that ever stops the longing for God for very long. Then back it comes. The game is rigged. We are driven like leaves in the wind in a Godward direction. There is no escaping.



It all works out in the final reel because the longing draws us on, pushes us forward, prods us, annoys us, attracts us Godward and only the meeting of God and God and their mergence in the final reel satisfies and ends the longing.

So why are we spiritually hungry? And why does that spiritual hunger never leave us? Why does it drive us forward, madden us, make all experiences pale and push us onward like a thirsty man in the desert? Because God planned it that way.

Because He or She built into us that design feature called "the longing for liberation," a beacon, a magnet, a perennial itch we cannot scratch that will not leave us alone until the prodigal child, his material patrimony wasted, gives up and returns home to Father/Mother God.

So give up. You cannot win against the House in this game. The outcome is pre-arranged, decided. If that outcome did not promise us everything we seek and everything we ever wished for, I'd have sympathy for our complaints.

But once we see that everything good lies at the end of the journey instigated by that built-in longing, we stop complaining and get with the plan. As Krishnamurti said:



Jacob dreamed and saw the ladder of evolving consciousness

“The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God’s plan for men. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution. When once a man has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful, so, because he knows, he is on God’s side, standing for good and resisting evil, working for evolution and not for selfishness.” (9)

I know. I've seen that plan and look at me. I can't stop working for it. Years and years have passed since I saw the vision of a soul journeying from God to God and still I write about it. I never tire of it. You have to ask yourself why? Because it fans my longing and I know the proper object of that longing so I allow God to seek God.

I would sacrifice all to bring myself to the point it's guiding me towards. I kick against the thorns no longer. I get that knowing God is the purpose of life, that God

has me locked in His tractor beam and that I'm being drawn back to Him willy nilly or by the direct route – it's up to me.

And equally, it's up to you. A long time or a good time. Cosmic years of rebelliousness and suffering or cosmic days of surrender and bliss. What's happening for us this year is just an instalment. What awaits us, even after this shift, would dazzle the mind capable of conceiving it.

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Job One

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I had a major realization two days ago which I've just been quietly being with. I could call it a revelation. But it might be better to call it a remembrance because it was knowledge I'd had but had forgotten. I'd like to say a few words about that here.

There's only one thing I know for certain and that's the purpose of life. I know the purpose of life because I was shown it in a vision on Feb. 13, 1987. (1)

The purpose of life is enlightenment. But let me say that a different way. The purpose of life is that each of us know ourself, that each of us know who we are in essence.

The first part of my revelation was a reassertion of the central importance of Self-Knowledge, of knowing who we are.

It arose like a starburst and then reverberated through my being. It swept away any other priorities I had and re-established itself as the only thing in life that must be done. Perhaps I can be permitted to look at the matter of who we are a little.

I can tell you the answer to the puzzle of who we are but the answer alone won't make the slightest bit of difference to you. If you were to ask me who you are, I'd reply: God.

That was simple.

Everything is God so why would you not be God? If you weren't God, you'd be the only thing in existence or outside of it that wasn't God. So of course you must be God. And so am I. And so is everything we see around us.

But simply knowing that does nothing. We have to experience it in every cell of our bodies and in every unit of our spirit - if something indivisible can have units and whatever those units might be.

We have to realize the truth - not simply know it conceptually.

And realizing it is the one job that's asked of us. Everything else is negotiable.

It's the one request made of us, the one demand. It's our assignment lifetime after lifetime.

Rumi talks about it here:

“There is one thing in this world which must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause for worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing whatsoever.

“It is just as if a king had sent you to the country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as if you have performed nothing at all. So man has come into this world for a particular task, and that is his purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing.” (2)

I think that all other ways of talking about what's important for us are important because they tie in to Job One.

For instance, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind and heart and soul. Why? Because doing that will lead you to God and leading you to God will result in you knowing who you are.

Well, maybe. I admit that loving God is good in itself, but it's also instrumental in revealing who we are.

I think we have difficulty thinking about knowing ourselves because we associate it with narcissism. And admittedly it's a tightrope act to walk the line between narcissism and spiritual enquiry, which Ramana Maharshi called Atma Vichara or Self-Enquiry.

But it turns out that the more we know ourselves, the better life becomes. I suppose that's because the more we reveal our true nature, the more we act godlike because God *is* our true nature.

So our fears of becoming narcissistic are revealed as groundless once we know ourselves beyond the simple constructed self and ego.

But I saw a second thing as well in my revelation. I also saw that I fall asleep on Job One again and again. I remember that I'm here to know myself and then I forget. And then I remember and then I forget.

I distract myself with anything at all. It's amazing how easy it is to distract myself from the most important thing in life.

The third really significant thing about the spiritual experience I had was that the desire to know myself burst through the bonds of my forgetfulness. It reasserted itself in a blazing confirmation of the longing for liberation.

I had fallen asleep on Job One for perhaps months, maybe even years. And then my spirit finally put its foot down.

So that's the third part of the revelation - that I could fall off the path for so long and my spirit would rebel.

I've spent the last two days walking the streets of Vancouver in a very different experience of loneliness. I wasn't lonely for another. I was lonely for myself. I'm lonely and longing to know myself in the deepest, most profound way.

This was for me a very noteworthy event - the blazing forth of the desire to do the work of life - to know myself. I'm again changed by the experience. I *have* to meditate now. Many things have lost their flavor for me and the things of the spirit are asserting themselves in a much stronger way than before.

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Evidence of the Divine Plan is All Around Us

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Stairway to Heaven

All of us seek happiness, want love, crave bliss, and search for fulfillment but few of us question why we universally do. We simply accept it.

It forms part of what Werner Erhard called the "background of obviousness." We take for granted some of the most profound circumstances of our lives.

In a similar vein, from time to time, we ask for proof that there's a Divine Plan for life, but when we look upon the evidence all around us in our everyday lives, we seldom consider it to be evidence.

But in seeking happiness, love, bliss and fulfillment, are we not seeking the Divine qualities? If we tirelessly seek the qualities of the Divine, does that not suggest that the Plan for life may also have something to do with seeking the Divine?

What is the Divine Plan? All life seeks God. That would seem to be its essence. There seems little difference between saying that all life seeks God or saying that all life seeks love, bliss, fulfilment and happiness because these qualities appear to be the same as God.



The Great Chain of Being

Has the Divine Plan been described by those who've known it? Let's look first at Earth's sages and then the galactic masters and see. Krishnamurti knew it and exclaimed:

"The really important thing is ... the knowledge of God's plan for men. For God has a plan, and that plan is evolution. When once a man has seen that and really knows it, he cannot help working for it and making himself one with it, because it is so glorious, so beautiful." (1)

Have any other sages had a vision of the Divine Plan, the stairway of consciousness or Great Chain of Being, and described it in detail? The closest we can get are the visions of Edward Carpenter and Dante.

Edward Carpenter's Vision: "[In the] inner illumination ... we can ultimately see things as they are, beholding all creation -- the animals, the

angels, the plants, the figures of our friends, and all the ranks and races of human kind -- in their true being and order." (2)

Dante's Vision: "When Dante awoke into the Cosmic Sense, into the new Cosmos, the first thing to strike him ... was the vision of the 'Eternal Wheels' -- the 'Chain of Causation' -- the universal order -- a vision infinitely beyond expression by human words. His new self ... had its eyes fixed on this, the Cosmic unfolding. Gazing thereupon the Cosmic vision and the Cosmic rapture transhumanized him into a god." (3)



The Divine Plan is like a circular spiral

What is being described is a word picture of God's Plan for humans: Jacob's Ladder, the stairway of consciousness, depicting the spiritual evolution of God's children from a point of unconscious awareness of their identity as God to conscious awareness. The dawning of conscious awareness we call "enlightenment."

Does God Himself (Herself, Itself) discuss the purpose behind the Plan?

Speaking as God, the Sufi sage Ibn Arabi says: "I was a hidden treasure and I loved to be known, and I created the creation so that I be known." (4) The White Brotherhood master Beinsa Douno says something somewhat similar: "Why did God desire to create the world? So that He might be made manifest." (5)

The Upanishads say that God created the world "to enjoy his own exuberance and play, to know himself in manifestation." (6) When one of us realizes God, it is really God that realizes Himself, as many sages attest.

Franklin Merrell-Woolf: "This space I produce that My Glory shall be revealed; yet I alone Realize that Revelation." (7)

Ibn Arabi: "Only God sees God." (8)

Bayazid of Bistun: "I went from God to God, until they cried from me in me, 'O thou I!'" (9)

Paramahansa Ramakrishna: "Only grandeur appreciates grandeur: and God realizes God." (10)

Swami Brahmananda: "Only God can know himself. Be a god, that you may know the infinite God." (11)

The avatar Sri Ramakrishna playfully describes God's reaction when, in the moment of enlightenment, God knows God: "When Siva realizes his own Self, He dances about in joy exclaiming, 'What am I! What am I!'" (12)

So the Divine Plan is for God to realize God by making Himself manifest in the world as us, His Children, who rise by gradual steps from a place of unconscious awareness of our identity as Him to conscious awareness through enlightenment.

Do the galactics say something different? Can it be that this view of the Divine Plan is in fact something only terrestrials hold, or do the galactics say the same thing?

SaLuSa says: "All are on the same journey back to the Source from whence all life originated." (13) That is the divine circle, the stairway of consciousness, is it not? He explains that "the purpose of living many lives is to follow an overall plan that leads to your spiritual evolution." (14) And again: "Life is a continuous round of experiences that you have all set in place to further your spiritual evolution." (15) There's no difference between SaLuSa's statement and Krishnamurti's, is there?



All nature reflects the Divine circle of consciousness

Ela of Arcturus evokes the same stairway of consciousness: "All proceeds upwards in the cyclic nature of evolution." (16) SaLuSa agrees: "Life everywhere in the Universe is continually evolving, and it is a natural condition that forever impels you forward." (17) Forward, upward, progressing, evolving from God to God.

Do the galactics themselves mount the same evolutionary staircase of consciousness? SaLuSa answers that question:

"You might ask where do we stand as far as evolution is concerned, and we would reply that we as member civilizations of the Galactic Federation have already ascended. We continue to evolve, and will do so until we find ourselves at One with the Source of All That Is." (18)

"No matter where you choose to go in this Universe, the object of your experiences will be to increase your levels of consciousness. So when you meet with Beings from another civilization, know that they too are carrying out a life plan to move further ahead in their evolution." (19)

Thus we can see the Divine Plan at work in our own everyday lives. We hear terrestrial and extraterrestrial sages refer to it and describe it. Do the galactics and celestials gathered around our planet at this time also serve it? SaLuSa says they do:

"There is a clearly-defined plan for your future. ... There is a core plan which shall manifest and take you through to Ascension as intended. ... The path to Ascension is to be cleared of any attempts to prevent it from

manifesting, and be sure, Dear Ones, that when a divine edict is given it is the Law of the Creator." (20)

This "grand plan for Man," SaLuSa says, "is perfect in its concept." (21) Our "glorious future is absolutely certain, and it is written into the plan decreed by the Creator," he assures us. (22)

Saul reminds us as well that nothing else is possible than what the Divine Plan lays out:

"The divine plan continues to unfold precisely as intended, and as it must; nothing else is possible. Your awareness of it will increase and intensify as your energy frequency rises in preparation for leaving your illusory reality of fear, suffering, pain, and death." (23)

And what is the Plan for our Ascension? SaLuSa tells us that "the Divine Plan [is] to release you from the lower vibrations and end the cycle whilst giving every soul the opportunity to rise up." (24) "Ascension," he tells us, "is in accordance with the Divine Plan." (25)

So if we look at our own lives carefully enough, we can see the Divine Plan in action. If we study the words of the terrestrial and extraterrestrial sages, we can hear the Plan described and explained.

Various visions that sages have had give us the flavor of it. And the galactics and masters who've gathered round the planet at this time of Ascension also tell us that they follow it. This very Plan holds within it the decree and provision that this planet will ascend and we will ascend with it.

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A Spiritual Culture

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Recently I wrote:

"In spiritual terms, given that I'm a spirit in a human body, relating to others of the same kind, and want to understand myself and others - and given that others may want to as well - how do I describe the ways we think, feel, and act; that is, our culture?" (1)

Spiritually-based cultural studies have the advantage of knowing how the story of the human race turns out.

It could never be said in empirically-based studies that our journey is from God to God. But it can be said in spiritually-based or spiritual studies.

Here we can say that the purpose of our lives, overall, is for God to meet God in a moment of our enlightenment. For short, we could say that enlightenment is the purpose of life. (2)

I wasn't permitted to make such statements in the university of my day. The study of enlightenment was said to go against the university's charter.

The framework that this model suggests Jesus described:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come out into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father." (3)

Granted that his statement has many levels, one is a description of the overall journey of life, the framework in which our cultural studies fit. (4)

He came forth from the Father, as did we all, out into the world of matter, *mater*, Mother, where he achieved the purpose of life, left the world, and returned to the Father, as will we all one day.

We follow a sacred arc from God out into the world, where we learn our true identity, affording the One the pleasure of an experience of Itself in all circumstances, and back we go to the One again.

Here's Paul, in metaphor, describing the last moment of our individuality before even that is surrendered to God:

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son [the Self, the Christ, the individuated spark] also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all [i.e., reunited]." (5)

It all works out in the final reel.

That is the human journey. That is the backdrop to our studies of how we be, do, and have; how we think, feel, and act; how we use our ideas and other input to make sense of our world and take purposeful action.

Footnotes

(1) "How Do we Describe Human Culture?" Jan. 4, 2021, at <https://goldenageofgaia.com/?p=315967>.

(2) For the vision experience that this article is based on, see "The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment – Ch. 13 – Epilogue," August 13, 2011, at

<https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>.

For the book-length study, see *The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment* at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Purpose-of-Life-is-Enlightenment.pdf>.

(3) Jesus in John 16:28.

(4) When he said he came from the Father, on one level he meant as an avatar or descent of the Divine. In this regard he acknowledged his avatarhood on another occasion: "I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not./But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me." (John 7:28-9.)

Moreover he also acknowledged it to me when I interviewed him through Linda Dillon on *An Hour with an Angel*:

Jesus: There are those who wish to label me as an avatar. And I would accept that label, but I would not choose it. I would choose the label, or the description, of teacher.

Steve: ... Can we talk about who was here, please? You were here in bodily form.

J: Yes.

S: Sananda was also here overlighting you, was he not?

J: Yes.

S: So that would be a second layer to your ministry, so to speak, the overlighting.

J: That is correct.

S: And then in addition to that, the Holy Spirit [i.e., the Divine Mother] descended into your form. Is that correct?

J: That is correct. ("Transcript of An Hour with an Angel, with Jesus, Jan. 9, 2012," at <http://goldenageofgaia.com/2012/01/transcript-of-an-hour-with-an-angel-with-jesus-jan-9-2012>.) An avatar is one in whom the Divine Mother has descended as is their core.

(4) St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

It All Works Out in the Final Reel

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In a reading through Linda Dillon on April 26, 2011, Archangel Michael, the Spirit whom I serve said something that surprised me:

"We do not ask you to veer away from being a writer but we want you to write what you feel moved to and it is also more dabbling into what you have thought of as the sacred truths.

"And people, humans, hybrids [Starseeds], and beyond, are prepared to receive those [writings] as well. In a fuller and perhaps may we say more profound way than previously. ...

"... In the human element their hearts are yearning for more. So you are going to do more writing in that vein." (1)

I expressed surprise because I'm not an enlightened being but Michael predicted that that's what I'd feel drawn to.

And I confess that the desire to turn to spiritual topics is in fact arising in me. There's a desire to write about enlightenment, the design elements of the human being, the natural laws, and the Trinity of God the Father, Mother, and Child.

I used to say to myself that one spiritual experience - a transformational moment, a vision - repaid a decade of labor for it. (And I know that a moment comes when we must not struggle or exert ourselves.) There came a time when I was having one spiritual experience after another and none of it slaked my thirst.

Back in 1987, while I was driving my car, I had an experience which changed my life. But given that it's discussed elsewhere in this book I won't go into it here.

Nevertheless, here I am twenty-four years after the vision, feeling as fresh with the topic as I did then, feeling no diminution of enthusiasm for an eight-second tableau. That's because, when I get in touch with it, when I breathe into it, I'm breathing into a truth. And so I feel joy or bliss.

And so it has been for everyone who was ever contacted or awakened by the Divine in any way. So powerful is the touch of God that it rearranges lives, smashes plans, and totally converts the soul. It divides father from son and mother from daughter. I am, we all are, God's playthings, Her puppets, Her fools. And rage against it as we might, nothing can change the situation.

But let me not fly off into outer space, lost to everything. There is work to do to serve Her.

Footnotes

(1) Archangel Michael in a personal reading with Steve Beckow through Linda Dillon, April 26, 2011.

(1) The first page of which starts here <https://goldenageofgaia.com/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-1-introduction/>; on this site and here <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/index1.html> on another site.

(2) Available here (<https://goldenageofgaia.com/16244-2/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment/ch-12-epilogue/>) and here (<https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/epilog.html>).

(3) At <https://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/fdl/index100.html>

The One and Only Assignment, Lifetime after Lifetime

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Rumi

God is a Spirit and can only be known in spirit, Jesus said two millennia ago. And knowing God is the assignment we all have in common and the reason why we're here lifetime after lifetime, as my vision from 1987 showed. Rumi phrased the matter this way:

“There is one thing in this world which must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause for worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing whatsoever.

“It is just as if a king had sent you to the country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as if you have performed nothing at all. So man has come into this world for a particular task, and that is his

purpose; if he does not perform it, then he will have done nothing.”
(1)

No matter what else we do, no matter how noble or consequential it is, if we don't know ourselves as God, we haven't accomplished our assignment; we have done nothing.

As our knowledge of our own true nature expands, we move from stage to stage in our spiritual evolution, by what you could think of as Ascension after Ascension.

We are constantly ascending, progressing, or evolving subplane after subplane, plane after plane, and kingdom after kingdom on our return journey to God. And we ascend as the result of increases in our spiritual knowledge – not our material knowledge necessarily, but our knowledge of ourselves as spirits and Spirit.

So to experience, as I do, an increase in my desire for spirituality, an expansion of the thirst for spiritual knowledge, is something whose value I understand and whose onset I welcome. It can always and only be a promising and beneficial thing. As I said yesterday, and I feel it bears repeating: Place spirituality first and everything else will find its natural place.

No matter how interesting, rewarding, and revolutionary NESARA, Disclosure and accountability are, remove “spiritual evolution” from them and they become merely matters of passing interest. For me anyways, it's only their promise in assisting our knowledge of our true nature to unfold that makes them ultimately valuable.

Otherwise they're simply the king's official having been sent into a country to do something he did not do.

Having said that, it's equally true to say that I've grown comfortable in representing NESARA, Disclosure and accountability as being important in and of themselves and will now face a personal minor shift in seeing them through this new lens that's being offered as a result of this post-transition transition.

One transition is no sooner finished than the next begins and all of them opening us wider or opening newer doors than we anticipated beforehand.

That's all I wanted to say for the moment. I just needed to put a bookmark in and say that this fueling of an interest in the spiritual is not a trivial development but might ordinarily go unmemorialized, so unremarkable is it on the surface. But it isn't unremarkable in reality. It's highly significant in its portent.

And with that, I'm simply going to open to it like the uninvited but most welcome guest who dropped into Rumi's humble home.

Footnotes

(1) Rumi in A.J. Arberry, A.J., trans., *Discourses of Rumi*. New York; Samuel Weiser, 1977; c1961, 26.

Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life

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Life has meaning. It has order. It has a purpose and a process.

That purpose and process can be, and have been, known to all of Earth's sages and to the galactic ascended beings here to help us with our Ascension.

The Divine Plan for life can be expressed in words, though it is very unlikely that those words actually can or do capture it in very much of its original and total glory. Our explanations will be biased and partial. But it may be better to have rough approximate statements and keep improving them than to have no idea whatsoever and wander in the dark.

So here is a rough approximation of it, which I expect to have a very short shelf life and to be soon replaced by a better expression of it. This statement of it draws heavily on what I learned from a vision in 1987 and from subsequent research,

described here: <https://goldenageofgaia.com/2011/08/13/the-purpose-of-life-is-enlightenment-ch-13-epilogue/>.

These points also summarize what is said in the book, [The Purpose of Life is Enlightenment](#).

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Spiritual Evolution: The Divine Plan for Life

1. Every man, woman, and child on this planet is God. Every man, woman, and child lives forever, through countless physical lives.

Everything known and unknown, everything that is and is not is God. There is nothing that we can see or not see that is not Her. (God actually has no gender. But the Mother is all of God we'll ever "know" so I'll use the feminine).

That being the case you are God and I am God and everyone else is God. Being God, we're not capable of being destroyed or ceasing to exist. We're therefore eternal, though our physical bodies are not.

The "immortality" that such teachers as Jesus spoke of is not immortality of the soul, which is already immortal, but the cessation of the need to be born into a physical body again. As it happens we reincarnate endless times until we reach the point of needing no more to be reborn physically. But that is not the end of spiritual evolution, which continues until we return to God, whence we came, through a virtually endless process of successive enlightenments.

Spiritual evolution means that, not simply the physical body evolves as Darwin said it does, but the spiritual bodies that we also inhabit do as well. We journey through lifetime after lifetime, learning, discriminating, improving our ability to discern the Real from the unreal, until finally we realize the One fully. We have then progressed from unconscious awareness to conscious awareness of our nature as God.

2. The purpose of life is enlightenment. The purpose of life is that God should meet God and, in that meeting, taste Her own bliss. For that purpose was all of life made.

God is One without a second. In Her highest expression, God is formless and thus encounters no forms and can draw on no tools or technologies. God is alone in the universe of form and beyond. There being no other, there is no one to know God and no means for God to know God. In light of this, to satisfy a desire to know Himself and taste Her own bliss, God created life forms and assigned them the task of knowing their true nature, their original identity.

She implanted in them a longing that can only be satisfied by the realization of their identity as God. She created universal laws that aid the individual being in the journey from God into the world and from the world back to God again. Each time a life form realizes its true identity as God, God meets God, and for this meeting was all of life created.

3. All of us have journeyed out from God, by Her command, and will be liberated from the cycle of physical birth and death the moment we know that everything in this world, including us, is God. Hindu sages call this level of enlightenment *vijnana* (perfect wisdom) and *sahaja* (or natural, permanent) *nirvikalpa samadhi*.

When all movement in the mind stops, when the spiritual heart (or *hridayam*) opens and never shuts again, the individual being realizes God in *sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi*, the stage of liberation from the need to be physically reborn (or *mukti*). This level has been called *vijnana* (or perfect wisdom) by some and *nirvana* (or cessation of movement). But spiritual evolution does not cease here. Only the need to be reborn in this Third Dimension stops. Orders of existence stretch on in an endless vista, through dimension after dimension, universe after universe.

4. The Father created the domain of the Mother (*mater*, matter) as the setting for our spiritual journey and education. We wander in this material realm lifetime after lifetime, constantly learning.

The first creations in life were what Christians call the Holy Spirit and the Christ or Son and what Hindus call the Divine Mother or *Shakti* and the *Atman*. The first is a primal universal creative vibration known as *Aum/Amen*, the *Logos* or *Word*.

Known to Solomon as "Wisdom" or Sophia, to Lao-Tzu as the Mother, this level of reality is the Phenomenal world whereas the Father or Brahman is the Formless Transcendental, beyond the Phenomenal world.

The Christ or Atman is "the Father in me" or "Brahman-within-the-individual," a "fragment" or "spark," metaphorically speaking, lodged within the body (or bodies), which are created by the Mother. One cannot know the Father without first knowing the Son in a moment of enlightenment. This first sight of the Light grows, with meditation, till one day it becomes the sight of the Father's Light. The Son is the Father but the Father is greater than the Son. The Father is in me (in the heart of the individual) and I am in the Father (as are all things).

Neither is the Father male nor the Mother female. These designations were conventional teaching devices used by sages of old. There is no cosmic male, strictly speaking, and no cosmic female. The difference being pointed at is the same as the difference between movement (Mother) and rest (Father), sound and silence. Only the Father is not physical or material; everything else, no matter at how sublime or refined a level it exists, can be said to be physical or material when compared to the Father.

5. The Father made the material domain lawful. The most important law for us to know is the Law of Karma, which requires that what we do unto others shall be done unto us.

The material domain is the only domain in which law applies. Law does not apply to the Maker of the law, although She may submit to be governed by the law as in the case of an Avatar. The Mother is the "Voice crying in the Wilderness," the sound of Aum/Amen echoing throughout the Phenomenal domain as the music of the spheres, which creates, preserves, and transforms all things. The Father is the Wilderness in that no law can bind Her.

The most important law for us to attend to as Third-Dimensional beings is the Law of Karma. The Law of Karma is like guardrails which prevent a vehicle from leaving the road. It keeps the individual soul from going too far to the left or right and ensures that the individual keeps moving forward towards the destined return of the Prodigal Child to God, once it tires of all experiences in the material world.

6. The form of our total journey is a sacred arc, like Jacob's Ladder, away from and back to God. But, day by day, we also follow a spiritual spiral, returning to the same karmic lessons repeatedly until we learn them.

As Jesus said, we come out from the Father into the world, remain for a while, and then return to the Father in what can be conceived of as an arc. When I had my vision of the purpose of life, in 1987, the form of the individual's journey out from God and back to God again formed a wide arc or circle.

Nonetheless, the Law of Karma ensures that we return to the same lessons again and again until at last we learn them and this return through successive lifetimes can be seen as a spiral. Thus the shape of life, if you will, can be visualized as a spiraling arc or circular coil. This virtually endless journey is depicted in many religions as a ladder of consciousness or a stairway of existence which we travel down and then up.

7. From one day to the next, we may expand or contract, but all the while we are cosmically drawn back to Her by a sub-sensible, eternal longing, planted there by Her, for Her: a longing for liberation (for more on this, see "The Longing for Liberation").

The longing for liberation is just one of the design elements built or hardwired into life forms. Most people, experiencing this subsensible tidal yearning, try to fill it with possessions, experiences, relationships, and so on. But God so designed life that nothing will satisfy it except the return to God. We go through life endlessly acquiring, enjoying and casting aside, ever unsatisfied, in an endless cycle of desire. This develops discrimination in us. Gradually we are made aware that nothing but God will satisfy our ineffable thirst and hunger. Then we develop detachment. At that point we cease to be prodigal children and begin our return to the Father, who welcomes us with open arms.

This longing then acts as a homing beacon or magnet on all life forms, no matter how exalted, drawing them ever onwards until they merge again with God. Hence the love in the eyes of saints towards God and the deep devotion of exalted beings, in whom the longing for liberation acts more strongly than in us.

8. In the cosmic Drama, there are three Actors we must realize: God the Father, God the Mother, and God the Child. These are the Transcendental, the

Phenomenal, and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal. Christians call them (note the change in order) the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Hindus call them Brahman, Atman, and Shakti. The Formless became two Forms. The One made trillions of forms through the agency of the Two and then mysteriously entered into them. We are required to know that Trinity.

The "Holy Persons" are not persons, but levels of reality. They can be described as the Transcendental, the Phenomenal, and the Transcendental in the Phenomenal. We are the Transcendental in the Phenomenal, sparks of divinity who reside in the womb of the Mother until our divine birth. The Mother educates her children in the school of life until they are ready to be brought to meet the Father.

All religions have a conception of this Holy Trinity, though it may take some digging to correlate terms. We "know" the three levels in successively-higher experiences of enlightenment. We know the Son, Christ, or Atman in the experience of "stream entering" or "spiritual awakening" when the kundalini reaches the fourth or heart chakra.

We know the Mother in an experience of savikalpa samadhi or cosmic consciousness when the kundalini reaches the sixth or brow chakra (and the Third eye opens).

We know the Father first in an experience of kevalya nirvikalpa samadhi when the kundalini reaches the seventh or crown chakra and permanently in an experience of sahaja nirvikalpa samadhi when the energy reaches the spiritual heart or hridayam.

The Christ or Atman is often called the "Self," which leads us to say that we cannot know God until we become knowers of the Self. Translated that means we cannot have the experience of seventh-chakra enlightenment until we have the experience of fourth-chakra enlightenment. Therefore know Thyself. Meditate on the Self that is known and it will become the knowledge of God. All of Jesus's parables about the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, the mustard seed, and the measure of meal concern this journey of enlightenment.

Knowledge of these three levels of Reality is required of all beings before they graduate from humanness.. Their knowledge represents a progressive accomplishment. There is not simply one enlightenment or one level of

enlightenment, but many. And beyond humanness there are also many further gradations of life.

9. Everyone will reach Her – some in the morning; some in the afternoon; and some in the evening. Experiences will vary, but all will eventually know God.

No one will fail to return to God. Even the very small number who choose such evil that they are liquidated can be said to return to God. For all the rest, they journey at varying speeds to enlightenment. I'm led to believe that God does not worry about the time it takes us to return. There is no dishonor at taking more time than our neighbor. Moreover, different beings are created at different times. Those who are reaching enlightenment when we do not may have been created earlier than we. Those people who reach enlightenment without rigorous discipline probably practiced rigorous discipline in other lives. Others are already enlightened and return in an unenlightened condition to serve by demonstrating what spiritual practice looks like.

10. Every genuine path will work. God plays all roles and observes all actions. She has become many; next to Her, there is none.

There is no religion or spiritual practice that is invalid, if genuine and sincerely followed. Some cults and orders may have dark purposes but the spiritual experiences of all genuine masters, translated into religious teachings (if rendered and maintained purely) are all acceptable in God's eyes. There is only one God. The God of the Christians is the God of the Muslims and God of the Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, Taoists, Sufis, etc. God is One but Her names are many. Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God. The Lord is One, without a second. There is none else besides God.

Some will see Light; others will see a "form" of God; still others may have an intuitive sense of knowing. All genuine paths sincerely followed lead to God. God, through the Mother, designed the many paths to suit the various tastes of seekers, but all are efficacious. There is no ground to say that one religion or path is superior to another. There is nothing that supports the belief that the earnest followers of one religion will reach God and the earnest followers of another will not. God is on no side and on all sides.

11. In Her love, She is universal, impartial, and supreme. What She wills must happen. She decreed this Drama for Her own Pleasure. Each time someone knows its Self -- "Oh Thou I!" -- God meets God.

God loves all life forms - human, non-human, subhuman, superhuman. She makes no distinction among life forms. Her Will and Plan must prevail. All is happening within Her Being. She created the drama or lila for Her own pleasure, a game of blind man's bluff (or buff), in which God plays all roles and is the object of the search as well as the searcher and the search. Only God can realize God. Whenever anyone realizes God, that one simply realizes itself and the Self that it realizes is God.