

## The Path To Enlightenment

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Question 1: Will I in this lifetime attain spiritual enlightenment, that is, cosmic consciousness or the level at which I am free of all karmic bondage?

Answer 1: Yes, we have this body and those questions as have been brought, and we would take great pleasure in attempting to bring to the surface in this heart that answer which has been evasive for this one, that has been so near the surface and yet unable to express in this lifetime. For we would find those questions as concern the development of the masters or the necessity for a master in this lifetime and the manner in which one would deal with such spiritual teachers, whether in manifestation or on spiritual planes.

And we would have this one open the eyes that he might see that there have been used those upon this plane that have shown great beauty of intellect and those abilities to demonstrate the powers of God, whether in healing or in speaking words of trust, whether being channels for great teachings or writings, or those talented preachers or speakers, those who have conquered the laws of your universe and can demonstrate the power of God, and have been established as great spiritual teachers and leaders. And there have been given and have appeared those angels of light and those prophets of old, both in dreams and visions, and walking even apparently manifest upon your earth that they might teach this one or another who so needed instruction in spiritual growth. And there have been those other instruments as needed, whether that you know as Bible or Scripture or those other inspired writings that are given for purposes of understanding development. And we would find those on your plane seeking to develop within, seeking to understand the rules or the manners or methods by which spiritual growth may be attained and cosmic consciousness realized.

And there have been established those methods, those tools that these would follow, and yet we would find that the very seeking, the very use of these tools, the following of these masters, these teachers, the recognition of these has in itself placed a block before the mental development, the spiritual development that would allow one so close to cross the threshold to cosmic consciousness. And why would we find it so? We would find in this way that whether a man speak with the tongue of the gods or speak as an angel or appear as a minister of mercy or a prophet or a sage, whether one be a healer or a worker of miracles, if one would call himself a master, a teacher, or a guide, and would cause this one or that to be a student, or to follow him in his teachings, his methods, would not the student then, have his attention focused upon the master, the teacher, the method, the tool. And is that not then the subtle diversion from truth?

For truth itself lies one step beyond the tool, the master, the teacher, even the spirit guide, and know that there is not one on your plane or on inner planes who is a master that would call himself a master. For there is not one who is a servant of the Divine that would attract attention to himself and in so doing become a stumbling block or divert

attention from that perfection that is You. And if thou wilt attain cosmic consciousness in this lifetime, it would not be through a teacher, either on your earth or on this plane, nor through a tool, whether it be Scripture, whether it be a technique for meditation, for discipline or development of any kind.

Then what would so bring cosmic consciousness? It would come only through awakening, through realizing that all that is needed, and indeed all that there is, lies within yourself and not in another heart. And anyone on your plane who would speak the words of God can only divert your attention from that voice that is the true teacher. Now it has been realized in this heart that truth lies in meditation and in the quietness, in the stillness, and yet, have you not been given that that would play over and again in the mind, and that voice that is a mechanical tool, that sound, that vibration that is a mechanical tool for producing an effect. Would it not in itself divert attention from that central truth that would well up naturally if this quietness were to become prime central stillness? For it is here that you will find Him Who is not only the expression of the Almighty, but is as well the expression of yourself. And as He is born and begins to live in this body, so will this body attain cosmic consciousness, for His identity is consciousness of God.

There are no limits to that which this one could attain in this lifetime, and in dealing with those questions as are brought, we would give in this manner, that there would and should be the teaching of the meditation techniques, but as well should be given the diversion from worshipping a technique or a master, or a teacher, or a method. Broaden your realization to know that that one who has failed in this lifetime and is found in the gutter, when he crosses your attention and teaches a lesson, he is the master and was set there for a purpose. And as you would learn the lesson from seeing his failure, his fault, even his sin, has he not taught well the lesson that he was set there to teach?

You have met masters in this lifetime but never have you recognized one. There have been spirit guides, those who came to each, but never have you realized them, and it is to their credit that it is so. For a master who would allow himself to be recognized as a master would have failed in his mission and would by definition not longer be a master. Know whom you would serve and know that as He is expressed in all men on your plane and all men on inner planes, so as well is He not expressed in any one. So in that paradox you would find truth. For those about you who would be the expressions of the one whom you would serve, the one whom you would become, these about you only are statements of Him. He Himself dwells in your own heart. It is here that you will find Him.

And it is in recognizing Him that you will realize that that one you consider a teacher is by his very existence a limitation. And it will not be until you have gone beyond his identity, his limitation and even his wisdom, his teaching that you would see that that he has failed to attain and express and understand is in your own heart. And you will awaken with the realization that you have surpassed all the teachings, all the expressions of all who are the teachers on your plane and, yea, on all planes. And you

would see even the angels in heaven rejoice and gather about to worship even their teacher, their master, and in that moment you will realize that thou art He. And all that stood between your realization of who He was and is, is that which you know as ego, or personality, or self.

For as long as you value identity, personality, or self, you find that barrier between self and expression of the Divine. In that moment that identity is lost and thou shalt become Him, in that moment shalt thou express cosmic consciousness and His Presence on this earth plane. And in that moment shalt the scales be lifted from your eyes and you shall observe the Second Coming of the Christ.

Now understand these teachings and attune self to Self. Release identity. Place your value on those things that are of value, lest true value be taken away.

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