

Chapter Two

GOD

There is a longing in every soul to understand God and to be reunited or repatriated with God, for there everything is perfect. Our souls are of God and from God. As such, all of us share a need and desire to come close to God. The human mind, however, cannot comprehend God, for a finite mind cannot comprehend the infinite. God (or the God-head, or the Christos), that which existed in the beginning is infinite and omnipresent. It is a consciousness that transcends time and space. It can be finite as well as infinite at the same time.

To comprehend the nature of God, however, is to comprehend something that you cannot see, that you only have evidence of its existence, and that when you come close to it, great things happen. God is like electricity. It is unseen. It comes in many forms. There is no doubt of its existence, for you see the results of its existence. You cannot handle it, for if you do, you will die. You cannot contain it, but you can make it appear in small, finite ways. Yet it is infinite and exists in all material things. Electricity can be used for creative purposes and for destructive purposes. God is the creator of all things, and also the great destroyer of all things. Without electricity, virtually nothing can

exist, for electricity at the cell level causes a vibration to emanate, exist, or be contained within the center of a cell. And, yet, electricity can go through all things, animate and inanimate, including the planet and all beings, animals, plants, insects and everything else that occupy it. Like a lightning bolt of electricity, God reaches down from the heavens above, and man reaches up from the earth below.

To comprehend the spiritual aspects of God, understand that God is a force and also a mind. Actually, God is an accumulation of many minds, and yet is of one mind. Each and every person possesses a fragment of God – the soul. The consciousness of the soul (or the soul mind or contemplative mind) is in unison, connection or communication with all other soul minds at the same time. The finite, ordinary, human consciousness does not recognize, see or understand this, but it is, nonetheless, a fact. God, therefore, is an accumulation of all souls. Yet the souls which are perceived to exist in the physical world and in the dimensions beyond it are but a part of the whole.

Separation of Souls from God

There came a time when a large segment of souls broke away from the mass or unity of souls that we call God. This separation was the original sin of separation, and it was done when each soul was given the gift of free will and free choice. For God is such that God loves each and every soul - so much, in fact, that God gave them such a gift as free will and free choice. Those souls which separated *chose to do so*. You can consider them "rogue souls" which, in their vanity, left the protection of God and the home they knew forever. They migrated out into physical matter. Through temptation and adulteration of their essence or their perfection, they absorbed mass and became

dense. They lost their way. They became ingrained in physical matter too much and for too long. Like a drunkard who loses his way, loses his consciousness and forgets, ingrained in the physical world, these souls became intoxicated with the carnal and material aspects and the spirit of forgetfulness overcame them.

However, God is a loving and just God. God would have none suffer - save for those who choose to do so. Therefore, a pathway, mechanism, or way back to the God-head was created. However, God, in its infinite wisdom, is such that each soul who wishes to be repatriated from whence it came must undo all that it has done in the first place. This is a process often called "self meeting self." You must overcome the temptations, adulterations, desires and wants that keep you apart from God. When you do this, then you will have attained some form of perfection and are, therefore, warranted, allowed and welcomed to return to perfection itself. And until you do so, you may arrive at various spiritual levels or stages of consciousness to work upon, contemplate and overcome the inadequacies of yourself. *All souls must do this.*

God as a Loving Parent

The nature of God can be understood as the emotion of love; a love so perfect and so complete that it overwhelms all inadequacies, difficulties, and transgressions. It is, in fact, unconditional love so pure that it allows each and everyone to exercise their free will and free choice - for their own betterment or to their own detriment. Consider a child learning how to ride a bicycle. The child is determined to do so, even though there is some danger involved and potential for injury. But the child's parents love their child so much that they allow him or

her to do whatever he or she wants. They attempt to school and prepare the child so that they can release him or her into the world. Thereafter, the child lives life totally responsible for his or her own actions and deeds - good, bad, or indifferent. Likewise is the nature of God.

Moving Toward God

When you work with God, you are a procreator or co-creator. When you work against God, however, it is as if you are standing in a dark room, void of all assistance, totally responsible for your own actions. Your spiritual progression is totally determined by your own blindness and the actions you take in this dark room. This is why it is said that *when you turn your back on God, God's back is turned on you.* But when you beseech God, God's benevolence is offered without reservation or condition. For God's nature is such that God is wise. Only at such time when your soul achieves this understanding can you move forward, increasing your awareness and enlightenment. The spirit within yourself - your soul - causes this recognition to occur in the first place, for the spirit of humans tends to influence us to move away from pain and towards the peace or pleasure we long for. People are motivated by material or carnal aspects to improve themselves or find a better way. However, God is so loving and forgiving that the rules of advancement are very plain. You must go through your soul as if peeling an onion, removing the layers that have parted you from God.

God is Love

Therefore, the nature of God is love: all love; love that is perfect, omnipresent and omniscient. For only through love can all things

come to be as they should. Only through perfection and love can you return to the God-head. As the nature of God is love, in order to come close to God, you must learn to love as God would. Throughout history, there have been teachings to love your neighbor as you would love yourself. In essence, this commandment is the crux of all other commandments so that you might return to God. In so loving another as you would love yourself, would you not forgive the other, should he or she stray, no matter how far or how horribly? Would you still love the other if he or she achieved great things, or would you become filled with jealousy, spewing criticism and judgements upon the other, further separating you? In loving the other as you would love yourself, you would understand tolerance and patience. Through experience, you would gain wisdom. This is the pathway to God. This is the nature of God. There are no injustices in the universe, as you know it, for God is a loving and just God, filled with compassion, and dispensing love that is pure so that you may become part of the whole and experience - in yourself - the essence of God.

“If God is With Thee, Who Can Be Against Thee?”

When you are standing up to the strong when they are in the wrong, when you are standing up for the sake of righteousness; when you are doing what you think is right (and you know for certain that your actions are beyond you and for the greater good); when you are avoiding temptation; when you are attempting to avoid wrong-doing or evil; when you are attempting to be for all good, then, indeed, are you not on the side of God? For God is justice. God is correctness. You must behave correctly when you are near or around God. Why? Because God is perfection.

The phrase, “If God is with thee, who can be against thee?” was coined to rally those people who are attempting to do good in the world. If you are attempting to be God’s servant, to do God’s service, to do God’s work, and to attempt to be a co-creator, in removing darkness from the world - even minutely - then God is, of course, with you. When a child aspires to do great things, his or her parent does not go in front of the child, but becomes supportive of the child, knowing full well that the child must move forward on his or her own cognizance and responsibility. Likewise, God would encourage, furnish, deliver, cause, or affect those situations which allow you to accomplish what you have determined to be right and for the greater good. Those who would attempt to destroy you, overcome you with hardship, slander your name, or harm your body cannot stand in their shame and darkness in the blinding light of God.

God stands for right. God is the creative force. If you have aligned yourself with this, then, indeed, you are aligning yourself with the purpose of God. Understand there is a plan so that all souls can return to the original point of departure from God: the point that is perfection. Understand that when God is with you, you will have great support from all the creative forces that would rally to your aid. For it is the purpose of all souls who have gone before you and have found their way back to the God-head to encourage their younger brothers and sisters (so to speak) to follow in their footsteps. Thus, they would aid you with all you need to overcome darkness and to overcome those poor and misguided souls who attempt to bring darkness into the world. If God is with thee, none can be against thee, for there is no greater force in the universe than God. No misguided soul who resides in dimensions beyond the physical world can stand the

perfection and brightness of God's light. Therefore when you align with God, you will not suffer influence on any dimension beyond the physical world; nor would you suffer any inadequacy or lack in the physical one.

When you attempt to stand up to the strong when they are in the wrong, when you attempt to stand up for the sake of justice, or for the betterment and welfare of any and all others, then you invoke the greatest force of all. There is no greater force than God. Who possibly could stop you from doing God's work? God's work is taking care of each other, as if you are taking care of yourself, bringing the world to a higher vibration or greater understanding; in essence, a place of great love.

Belief is built on evidence that is manifested in the physical world. Through this evidence, and this belief, faith is built. Only as evidence is experienced over and over - as doubt is erased, and as faith is strengthened - can you come to believe that God is with you - and therefore no one can be against you.

Where is God?

When you speak of the spiritual dimensions beyond the physical world - a place where God, miracles, and such exist - think of it as the place where electricity exists: in some unseen, far-off place. In reality, however, electricity is under your very feet right now. It is within your body. Every time you move, you create electricity. Every second, electromagnetic influences occur in your brain, your body, and all that is about you. God is the same.

The dimensions that you believe are beyond your physical self are not far-off; they are within you, just outside of you, and beyond

you at the same time. You are in a natural state, existing in harmony with God, just like you are with electricity. Has it not been said "*God is within me, and I am within God*"? Like electricity within and without, if you are, indeed, a part of God, God is not far away. God resides within your heart. *The only difference between you and God is that you do not know who you are.* If you knew who and what you were, then you would know that God is within you, and you are within God. There is no separation or isolation, for you are a living soul inhabiting a physical body. You conjoin with all other spiritual aspects, minds, beings, souls, ghosts, angels, guides, ancestral influences and immortal souls - the God-head itself. You are part of the whole, and yet you are separate. You are electricity yourself.

Comprehend who and what you are, in this regard, and you can see that you are not alone, that you are part of the whole. Like electricity that is everywhere, so are you. Again, the only difference that separates you from God is your knowledge of who you are and what you are - of the God that is part and parcel of you. Look within your heart. The purpose of physical life is to awaken your inner self, to demonstrate your spiritual aspects while in this physical body. Overcoming temptation and excess allows you to spiral up and return to the God-head itself. From the microcosm to the macrocosm you exist. The only need is to know yourself and to look into your heart. There you will find all things. It does take some strength to do this. For when you look upon yourself, you do see all aspects of yourself, good and bad. Look for the light that is within you, and, indeed, you will have found God.