

EVERYTHING YOU ARE SEEING IS YOUR SELF...

It is true that everything you are seeing is your Self, but the only way that is true is if you are letting God's Point of View be your point of view. And you cannot experience God's Point of View until you are no longer claiming a mind of your own--as though you have a mind stuck inside your skull that is different from the mind of the person sitting next to you, or different from the Mind of God.

You see, if God is Infinite Mind, He did not create a bunch of little creatures with little minds. God expressed Himself as You; God expresses Himself/Herself as every single one of You; and God has withheld nothing of what He/She Is from His/Her Self-expression, called You--which means that You are the Presence of God. You are not the presence of something else that is the Creation of God.

You must understand that Creation is not the way you define it three-dimensionally. You have a musician who creates song, or a potter who creates a pot, and the pot is something separate from the potter that somehow embodies something of the vision and connectedness with reality of the potter. God's Self expression is God expressed. And there isn't a separate thing called man or woman; there isn't a separate thing called Individuality. Individuality is the Whole Mind of God. That is what It Is. That is what you Are, and that is what each of you Are. That is why there is inseparable Oneness.

Now, it is a difficult thing to explain in words, because your words are used to describe the three-dimensional experience. But God as the One Infinite Presence, the One Infinite Mind, expresses Himself. And because God is Infinite, that expression is Infinite. And so, we can say that God expressing Himself is Infinitely Individualized. Now that seems to suggest infinite number of Individualities that are different. But it is all the Infinite Presence of God embodied, but not embodied as separate entities. Therefore, you will forever be You, and I will forever be Me, and there will be Awareness of Individuality. But the only way you can say that all you are seeing is yourself, is if you are not indulging in the sense of a separate mind, and are letting--as the Bible says--that mind be in you, which was also in me. And that Mind is God--God's point of view.

That is the way in which you will see everything as yourself. And as you do begin to have a clearer experience of it all being You, you may know that you are leaving the ego frame of reference and are having the clearer experience of God/You.

QUESTION: This gets to the question that I was leading up to--having to do with the Creation of the world, which is hotly debated and of course, among Course students. We normally hear that God Created the world, and what you're saying is, I, you, we created the world in that Total Unison. But the Course also says that the ego made the world, and speaks of waking up as the world disappearing. And that is interpreted by many to mean that they must flash out of here, that they must get rid of bodies, that they must somehow ascend...

ANSWER: It is more correct to say that God Created the world and the ego created a misperception of the world. As I indicated earlier, the definition of this table or this hand as being matter, as having originated out of a big bang of primordial cosmic debris or matter, is the misconception. But it is treated as though it is fact. And then behavior is based upon that fact, which isn't a fact at all--it is just a mutually agreed upon misperception of an idea held in the Mind of God. Please continue.

QUESTION: When the Course talks about what is valuable, it says to see it as only those things which are infinite are valuable and our Reality and, therefore, the physical world appears to be discounted--or in other words, anything that we can experience with the five senses. And also the idea that the Course says, that you cannot see two worlds at the same time, which is interpreted by some to mean that to see Reality means that what we see as the physical world disappears.

ANSWER: What you see disappear is the physicalness of it, the materialness of it that I described. But there will not be a void left, because there was something there in the first place to be misperceived. It is true you cannot see two worlds, and you are not now seeing two worlds. You are seeing--the one and only Creation of God that exists--clearly, or unclearly. Your belief that your unclear perception of the world is the one that is true is a delusion, a form of insanity. Because you are believing what is not true. But your insane perception is not the making of a separate world; it is just a distorted perception of the one and only world there is to be experienced.

The woman who will not leave the building--the institution that she is hospitalized in--because she does not want to wreak havoc for the planes and the people on the planes, will not finally emerge into a different world. She will emerge into the one that was there all along, but which she was misperceiving. But she will be minus the misperception and the fear occasioned by the misperception. She is not experiencing a different world. You are all only ever experiencing the One and only world, or Creation of God, that is happening.

Now, there is one other point that is important here and that is: Creation isn't something that happened--creation is what is happening. The world is not some huge perpetual motion machine, set in motion in an initial act of Creation. Your very existence at this moment is the result of, or the simultaneous evidence of, the Living God, now. You are not a product of the past, not even "God's past." Creation is always now. That's the end of the answer.

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