

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ASK IN JESUS' NAME?

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QUESTION: In the Bible as it is now written, Jesus said, "Ask anything and you shall receive, if you meet one of three conditions." Those three conditions that I understand them to be, when you ask you believe, or you have faith, or you ask in my name. My question is I would like a clear understanding of those three terms. And also, how I could acquire at least one of them?

ANSWER: How can you ask in My name? The word "name" truly refers to the word in English; nature, character. You must ask as I would ask.

Now what is it one wants, what is it one desires? If one desires from his head, from the intellect, from the ego; he does not ask in the nature of the Christ. When you ask, you must first have taken time to listen, you must have first taken time to be in touch with your Self, with a capital "S". Because when you are in touch with your Self you are in touch with its Movement. And its Movement has a feeling.

And the feeling can best be described as pleasure, it is a feeling that arises out of wholeness, and it is also a feeling that you could say has an obvious destination, an obvious purpose for being. And this movement is desire. And when you ask in the Christ Nature, when you ask from that place where your Christ Consciousness is being experienced by you, then you are not asking for something that is not congruent with your Being or different from what your Being is unfolding. And so the desire does not start from a small ego point, but starts, you might say, from the very swell of the Movement of the Father in you that constitutes your true will.

And so when you ask in the nature of the Christ you are asking in harmony with the flow of the unfoldment of your very own Being that is already in motion. And because you have come into perfect alignment with this movement of fulfillment of your Being, you will find that desire being fulfilled.

It is not that the universe is abundant and abundance is the law of Being, and therefore you can say, "Wow, I want a swimming pool, and a tennis court, and a Rolls Royce, and I want never to have to lift my finger again to have my abundance." Going around demonstrating Cadillac's, and houses,

and swimming pools, and whatever it is you think you might want, does not put you in the position of being congruent with yourself.

And what it actually becomes is a process of demonstrating a principle that may or may not have anything to do with what your Being is unfolding. And as a general rule, one begins to see whether he or she has as good or better a demonstration than the Smiths or the Jones down the street.

It is as though the swimming pool does not become the focus, but the skill at manifesting swimming pools becomes the focus. And the point is missed. And the having of the swimming pool does not bring peace because it didn't arise out of peace in the first place. It didn't arise out of a true sense of one's wholeness in the first place; but as, what I will call, a feat of magic.

The Mind of God is in you, because there is only one Mind. And that one infinite mind is infinitely individualized as what are called individualities. But the mind of the Individuality is not a separated mind from the One Mind. If you are experiencing consciousness, you are experiencing God, but you think you are experiencing yourself, your life. If God is intelligence and you reflect or are the direct manifestation of that intelligence, it does not mean that you now have the capacity to become creative on your own, that is what the ego is.

What you have the capacity to do is to be so congruent with the Mind of God, so absent of any effort to be creative as a personal little entity that you find yourself caught up in the flow of the Movement of Creation. Creation could be called infinite demonstration. But it is God that is being the Movement.

And when the sense of a private, personal, intelligence, or mind—which is an imagined thing—is let go of, and one lets go of identifying with it; then the Movement of God that reflects the Will of God begins to register with you as the only will you could possibly have, and the only intelligence you could possibly have. And you become swept up in the wave of the Movement of Creation feeling it as the movement of your Being, except that your Being is no longer identified by you as a private and separate mentality, separate from the Mind of God which is the Movement of Creation.

So you do not want to be little personal creators reflecting The Creator. Again that is what constitutes the ego self concept. What you truly want, what is truly satisfying to you because it is the Reality of you is to be so in

touch with yourself that the Movement of your Being, which is the Movement of the Father, is experienced as your Movement, your infinite Movement and your inseparability, your experiential inseparability from the Movement of God so that what you experience is what God is experiencing from God's point of view, and that is what constitutes the Christ Consciousness.

And what I am talking about is not difficult, because it is absolutely natural and it is therefore effortless. What is unnatural and effortful is trying to be an individual mentality which by virtue of its skill at being mental can cause things to happen, or appear to cause things to happen. That is not natural. But it is what you are used to, and so it feels unnatural to let go of it.

Ask and ye shall receive. But what are you going to ask for? You had better be asking for what your Being is already unfolding. And then you shall surely receive it. You will surely find it being your experience. But of course, one cannot be proud of the accomplishment, because you have not accomplished it, and that is difficult for the ego to take.

Let me put it this way, your ego has not accomplished it, but your Being has. Your ego wants to take credit though, because that is how it validates itself. And so you will have to get used to having fulfillment for which you are not personally responsible—personally as a little ego. And you will have to begin to be willing to experience fulfillment just because it's happening, and not because you have done it, not because you have become skillful enough, or learned enough to make it happen.

I will tell you something: When you begin to experience fulfillment that you are not responsible for and which you cannot take credit for, you will also find yourself completely free of a false sense of responsibility for maintaining that fulfillment, or causing that fulfillment to happen again. And that false sense of responsibility for success is a terrible burden as many of you have experienced from time to time. That will be completely gone when you give up the apparent need to be a creator of your good, of your success, of your abundance.

Indeed, the Father is infinite and is infinitely expressing Himself, and therefore there is no incompleteness to His self expression. And yes abundance is the natural, lawful, principled, loving and actual result of the Movement of God, the Movement of what your Being is. But it is not a personal accomplishment.

It is perhaps one of the difficult things in Awakening to arrive at a point of comfort and self-appreciation when wonderful things are happening and you cannot take personal credit for them. But it is a marvelous relief and a source of very deep joy, because you become aware of the unity of All that Is as your experience, and you know how much more safe you are than when you thought you were personally responsible for your happiness and your success and your abundance.

That's the end of the answer.

~from conversations with Raj/Jesus

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Now I am present with and available to every single one of you, everyone at every moment. And so it is my intent in being with groups of people like this to make this fact known and by Paul's presence and demeanor also convey the fact that my being available doesn't require of anyone any special talent, because Paul is about as regular as anyone else on this planet and has no "special" talent in order to hear me. Does that clarify that for you?

For those of you who are students of "A Course In Miracles," I will take this opportunity to point out that my time spent with Helen Schucman was also not a special instance. And although there have been some expressions of the fact, or the idea-not the fact-the idea that everyone else can't expect the same sort of relationship with me or with Guidance that she experienced, is untrue. It is an attempt to elevate her, and to elevate the Course into a false position of religious respect, whether it is stated that way or not.