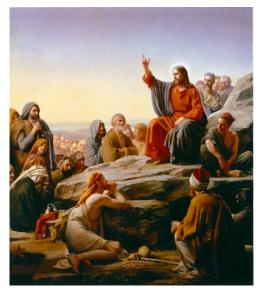
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## **Cosmic Consciousness**

There is a state of consciousness, so joyful, so glorious, that all lesser expressions of awareness are worthless in comparison. It is "a pearl of great price" which the wise man willingly gives up all he has to acquire. The enlightened prophets who walked the earth at various times throughout the history of mankind had one common purpose. It was to impart to us, through divine revelation and compassionate demonstration, a realization of the uncompromising void that permeates our lives as a result of our not possessing this glorious state of awareness which can be more specifically understood to be the pure Cosmic Consciousness of the Kingdom of God.

When the whole of humanity eventually acquires Cosmic Consciousness all religions and traditions will simply fade away and will be replaced by a mutually possessed super-consciousness that will neither be believed nor disbelieved, but rather experienced. It will not be a part of life belonging to a particular few hours of the week, nor will it reside in sacred books entrusted to a few appointed holy men and women. It will not depend on prayers, books, preachers or prophets, nor will there be a mission to save men from their sins or secure entrance into heaven for them. The realization of immortality will be alive in every heart and having the least bit of doubt with regard to eternal life will be as impossible as being doubtful of momentary existence.

Cosmic Consciousness will permeate each moment of everyone's life and intermediaries between God and man will be permanently replaced by directly flowing, enlightening, nurturing and loving intercourse between man and his Creator. Humanity will possess an unwavering consciousness of their ever-evolving immortality. There will be absolutely no concern about what comes after this mortal sojourn being as all will be privileged to see beyond the veil in dreams and visions. Ascension to a higher realm of eternal life will be optimistically welcomed as a path to greater freedom, happiness and spiritual expansion. It will occur at an appropriate time which one will be aware of and voluntarily submit to with great anticipation and joyful expectations.

The inevitable transition of humanity to the possession of Cosmic Consciousness began with a few God-realized individuals. They were the prophets of old who have since inspired many to rise above the human condition. As a result the number of enlightened souls possessing Cosmic Consciousness is growing exponentially as more and more evolve spiritually to the point where they possess this exalted state of enlightenment. Through uncompromising dedication and willingness to trust the enlightened ones who came before us we are able to attain entrance into the everbeckoning liberation, joy, shelter and guidance of the pure Cosmic Consciousness of the Kingdom of God.

We will have unleashed the true nature of our soul, the "image of God" within and in doing so have banished the insidiously destructive forces that heretofore have threatened our well-being. We will have resurrected the empowering benevolent forces of divine love, wisdom, peace and the inestimable joy of nurturing communion with the Cosmic Consciousness of our Creator. We will have discovered the elusive and heretofore seemingly indefinable purpose of life.

Note: Christ Consciousness is synonymous with Cosmic Consciousness and is referred to as Enlightenment in eastern philosophy.

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