

What Does God Want From Us?

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I begin with some simple premises: Premise number one, there is a God, some sort of higher power, transcending human beings, yet, inherent in each human being. This God is creative, love intelligence. This God is one with all that is, visible and invisible. Thus, this God is all knowing and all powerful. What could such a God want from any human being?

Premise number two. Human beings are much more than we think we are, more than just separate bodies, doomed to extinction at death. In reality, we humans have our being within the One God. We are emanations, in material form, of the One God. Just because we can't see or sense our spiritual essence, does not mean it isn't real. It is more real than our obvious physical selves.

Premise number three: All worldly and human problems stem from our lack of awareness of God. All disease, suffering, famine, pestilence, wars, atrocities and violence are ultimately results of our lack of God awareness. Most people spend most of their time focused on physical survival, physical pleasure and ego gratification. Much less time is spent in pursuit of God or Spiritual values. If existence is perceived as separate from God or worse yet, if there is no awareness of God at all, it would take a very mature person to forgo individual gain for the common good. Most people are much too self centered and narcissistic for this to happen. However, in my mind, there is a God, who wants something from us. Understanding what God wants and why He/She wants it is the key to the transformation of the human race.

Here is the answer. God wants us to be fully cognizant, aware and understanding of what we are and what He/She really is.

That's it? That's all? Big deal? So what?

How does that help end disease, war, famine?

I believe full awareness and understanding of our Godly, spiritual nature would inevitable lead to eradication of all human problems. If all individuals understood and felt peaceful, loving, and kind, they would naturally help their brothers and sisters in any way possible. Each person, fully understanding and seeing the Godly nature of the Self would want to help others. We would love their neighbor as ourselves because all others would be seen as the same as us, individually expressing their divine nature in a human, embodied way. It would be clearly evident that spiritual values such as forgiveness, kindness, peacefulness and cooperation are the only way to go. There would be no war. There would be no violence. There would be no stress-leading to disease. There would be no fear-for all fear is related to physical or psychological harm.

So...what does God want from us? He/she wants more than for us to be “good people.” The requirement is to find a way to get beyond forcing ourselves to go against selfish human nature.” A full understanding and experiencing that we are indeed One with the One God would naturally lead to peace, harmony, health and well being for humans.

If you are with me so far, you might have a few objections. I can hear my detractors now. The objection might go something like this:

“That is fine, theoretically, but what about evil people? What about terrible diseases? What about starvation? How can God awareness eliminate these very physical and psychological problems?”

The answer is that each person who has a glimmer of Spiritual yearning to get on a Spiritual path. Meditation, prayer and Spiritual practice is essential. The transformation needs to be manifest on all levels. Thoughts, feelings and behaviors need transformation. There needs to be a spiritual cognitive shift. First, this shift will occur in a few striving persons. Then, it could spread to whole groups. Eventually, the shift could be the majority. In a world where most people think, feel and behave according to Spiritual values like peace, love, kindness and forgiveness, the minority would soon be transformed or die out due to natural selection.

Beware of any group that has the only answer, the only path or the only true name for God. There is only One God no matter what the name. Thus, it is the inner experience of the transcendent and immanent God that leads to the “revolution” of consciousness.

God wants us to work on ourselves to develop the understanding and experience of our Spiritual nature. Then (and only then), can there be a happy, peaceful world.

Get started! Pray for help with this immense journey.

Meditate on the Buddha nature.

Forgive others, recognizing, that you are really, at a deep level, one with them in God.

Experience the peace, happiness and joy of understanding your spiritual nature.

Live your life according to inner, Spiritual knowing and Spiritual values.

Only good will follow.

Peace,

Shalom,

Namaste.

