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Today, if you haven't noticed, we are reposting our *most important* Essays.

Read this in its entirety.

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The mystics of every great religion speaks the same language - as they expound the same truth.

We are all familiar with this especially memorable 'verse' from the Gospel of Saint Luke.

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he (Jesus) answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.'" - Luke 17:20-21

What does this mean!

'The Kingdom of God is within you'?

We will attempt to break down a few barriers, to guide you towards discovering the perennial truth hidden in this verse.

The very first line of the Isha Upanishad tells us; "The Lord is enshrined in the hearts of all."

Now, we've all heard some liberal old lady say something akin to this before; "God is Love!" or "God is in us all!"

While the liberal old lady is likely completely misguided in her analysis of these seemingly 'cheap' phrases - the phrases themselves are truthful in a very real way.

Each of us have a Form and an Essence.

Our Form is evident to us - we identify with it.

Our Body, our Mind, our Sense perceptions.

When I talk about 'myself' - I am talking about my conscious Form - the man who sits behind a keyboard typing this post. The man thinking of the next word to say. The man whose stomach is bubbling because he foolishly decided on Taco Bell for lunch.

...but, why do we call this man "MY-self"?

We know who 'self' is...but who is "MY"?

...is this invisible 'MY' my true identity?

Let's press forward.

"I have a body".

"I apologize for my poor behavior, who you saw last night wasn't me."

...this is beginning to become scary.

Who is this mysterious 'MY' who owns MY-self? (MY will be written as uppercase S 'Self' to distinguish from lowercase 's' self).

Who am I?

We are now beginning to suspect that the "Self" is not the form (Body, Mind, Senses etc) - but is the Essence.

Let us return to the Upanishads to seek answers:

"The all-knowing Self was never born, nor will it die. Beyond cause and effect, this Self is eternal and immutable. When the body dies, the Self does not die. If the slayer believes that he can kill or the slain believes that he can be killed, neither knows the truth. The eternal Self slays not, nor is ever slain." - The Katha Upanishad, 18 & 19

If we read the Bhagavad Gita, we will see that the Essence, temporarily wears our Form like a garment.

"As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, similarly, the Self accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones."

Alright, so the Self is something eternal - meaning it is prenatal, and it cannot die.

Got it.

With this foundation, allow us to briefly pause and add a layer of complexity.

The perennial conception of the 'Soul' is tri-partite.

1. Body
2. Atomic-Self (Soul)
3. Super-Self (Spirit)

The Body should be easy enough to understand by now; it is the 'Form'. It is raw material. It is blood inherited from your ancestors. Think of this Body as a 'Vessel', or a 'Medium' for the other two parts.

The Man who identifies with the 'Body', and not the 'higher' parts of the Soul, is an animal. He is driven by his base instincts. The Platonic descriptor of this is 'Appetite' - which we will simply define as 'Attachment'.

The Atomic-Self is the next higher stage of the 'Soul'. This part of your 'Self' is what 're-incarnates' into your 'new garment' according to 'Karma' (otherwise known to we European Pagans as 'Orlog' or 'Wyrd').

The quality of the Atomic-Self exists before any bodily life; it is born exactly as it was destined to be.

"The body has been organized and determined by the image of the soul, which is in it." - Plotinus

This 'Atomic-Self', often known to us as our 'Soul', governs your way of being or "style" in action, thought, and feeling.

Through the 'Atomic-Self', we are "BORN INTO" a particular Caste. (Nobility, Freeman, Serf).

You see, it is not our 'merit' or 'character' that defines who we are...as we are not a 'Tabula Rasa' (Blank Slate).

Rather, we are born with an 'Atomic-Self' - thus, in a healthy social system our natural predisposition, our natural 'Caste' would be recognized, and we would perform 'DHARMA' (Caste Duty) in accordance with our birth.

We can then see why the Bhagavad Gita tells us:

"It is better to engage in one's own religious duties (Dharma), even though one may perform it imperfectly, than to imitate another's duties perfectly. By performing duties predicated by one's own nature, one is never affected by sinful reactions."

Julius Evola can give us more clarification here;

"The closed caste system was based on two fundamental principles: the first principle consisted of the fact that traditional man considered everything visible and worldly as the mere effects of causes of a higher order. Thus, for example, to be born according to this or that condition, as a man or a woman, in one caste rather than in another, in one race instead of another, and to be endowed with specific talents and dispositions, was not regarded as pure chance. All of these circumstances were explained by traditional man as corresponding to the nature of the principle embodied in an empirical self, whether willed or already present transcendentally in the act of undertaking human birth. Such is one of the aspects of the Hindu doctrine of 'Karma'; although this doctrine does not correspond to what is commonly meant by "reincarnation" (the continuation of the same personal principle), it still implies the generic idea of the preexistence of causes and the principle that "human beings are heirs of karma".

While the performance of Dharma "without attachment to the fruits of our labors" is a viable path to God...some men are able to recognize the highest aspect of the 'Soul'.

The 'Super-Self'.

It is this 'Super-Self' that we were formerly discussing as the 'MY' component of MYself.

It is this 'Super-Self' that exists beyond Caste, beyond Karma, beyond Reincarnation.

Your Essence.

But this is not 'merely' YOUR Essence...it is THE Essence.

It is 'God'. It is 'Being'. It is the 'Tao'. It is 'Brahman'.

"The Self is everywhere. Bright is the Self, indivisible, untouched by sin, wise, Immanent and Transcendent. He it is who holds the Cosmos together." - Isha Upanishad 8

You may have heard the incredibly dense phrase "Atman is Brahman" (The Super-Self is the Ultimate Reality/Absolute).

You are, in the innermost caverns of your heart - God.

We return to the quotes we began this post with.

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...now are you beginning to understand?

"You are not the Life in you. You do not exist. There is nothing you can call 'mine'. You do not own Life: it is Life that owns you. You endure it." -Julius Evola, Introduction to Magic

This brings us now to the Buddhist doctrine of Anatman (Non-Self).

The Path of the Buddha (The Awakened One) is the Path of Awakening; this is a Path of Destruction.

What is destroyed?

Illusion.

The false attachment you hold with respect to your various lower-'self's which prohibit you from realizing 'Nirvana'.

Remember now that 'Nirvana' is the RELEASE FROM THE CYCLE OF RE-INCARNATION.

The attainment of Anatman (Non-Self) is the same as the identification with the Atman/Brahman (Self).

"The more superficially one studies Buddhism, the more it seems to differ from the Brahmanism in which it originated; the more profound our study, the more difficult it becomes to distinguish Buddhism from Brahmanism, or to say in what respects, if any, Buddhism is really unorthodox." - Ananda Coomaraswamy, Hinduism and Buddhism

You see, Buddhism was never a 'rebellion against the caste system', as modern Buddhists claim. It was 'rising above' the Caste system.

It was overcoming the Atomic-Self through the Super-Self.

(It should be noted, that Buddha never taught the 'rejection' of the Atomic-Self, or of Caste Duty. That part of you still exists, even as you have over-come it.)

So, when Meister Eckhart tells us: "The kingdom of God is for none but the thoroughly dead" - this means the same as when Jesus tells us "The kingdom of God is within you".

You must 'die' in this life, and be 'reborn'.

Physical Birth = Death of a Higher State of Consciousness and Birth of a Lower State of Consciousness

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To 'die' in this life to be 'reborn', the Physical Death is imitated, resulting in the Death of a Lower State of Consciousness and the Birth of a Higher State of Consciousness....while you are still living.

This is the goal of all ancient initiatic mysteries. This is what it means to attain immortality..

The Transmutation of the Self to a Higher State of Consciousness. (The 'Magnum Opus', in the Hermetic/Alchemical Tradition).

This is the Odinic Path as well.

"Wounded i hung on a wind-swept gallows
For nine long nights, pierced by a spear,
Pledged to Odin, offered myself to myself.
The wisest know not from whence spring
The roots of that ancient tree.
They gave me no bread,
They gave me no mead,
I looked down;
With a loud cry i took up the runes."

Odin, in pursuit of the runes (divine mysteries) had to sacrifice the 'self' of "MYself" to the 'MY' of MYself. in achieving the highest form of Consciousness (the Runes), he had been 'Reborn'.

As an Odinist - you do not 'worship' Odin, as much as you walk beside him...you become him.

You have to destroy your lower consciousness, to declare "I am Not", in order to attain the peak of divine consciousness.

"I am."

Then said the Jews unto him, 'Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?' Jesus said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.'

- John 8: 57-58

"In truth, there was only one Christian and he died on the cross." - Friedrich Nietzsche

The only true immortal being is the awakened man. Stars and gods disappear; he alone endures and can achieve anything he wants. There is no God above him.

It is not without reason that our way has been called a pagan way.

That which a religious man believes about God is nothing but a state that he himself could achieve, if he could only believe in himself.

But he obtusely sets up obstacles over which he does not dare to jump. He creates an image to worship instead of transforming himself to it.

If you want to pray, pray to your invisible Self: it is the only God who can answer your prayers. The other gods hand you stones instead of bread.

When your invisible Self appears in you as an entity, you will recognize it by the fact that it will cast a shadow.

I myself did not know earlier on who I was, until I saw my own body as a shadow.

- Gustav Meyrink, Introduction to Magic by Julius Evola and the UR Group.



