

about being able to duplicate the miracle of the loaves and fishes if you are not able to do it, and are talking to a person in desperation from hunger.

How do you know that that which you experienced was God?

Why did you choose the particular word "God", in lieu of Brahma or something else.

What do you mean by awakening or enlightenment?

A persons' is enlightened when he discovers that there is no Santa Claus, but to a persons who discovers that beauty is in the mind and not in the object, then the former discovery does not seem like an enlightenment.

It is true that much of what you say has been uttered before. And some that you say is in direct opposition to what the public reads about theology and fundamentalistic interpretation. I purposely avoid the references to the bible because everybody gets his backing from it one way or another. I have read Sikh and Moslem quotes from the bible written to justify their own beliefs. Along comes another more esoteric metaphysician who will tell you that the only reason you do not endorse him by way of understanding the bible is because you read the bible literally.....you should read it Kabbalistically, or Swedenborgianally, or you should read it while eating Peyote or standing on the head....to get the proper(his) slant.

You differ in that you deny the existence of an immortal soul. (I presume here that this is not a coy evasion of exact definition, but to mean that nothing of man survives the physical death.) In this case we are animals, and while it might be an intense delight for an animal to see a God (whatever that is), it seems kinder to tell the animal fairy tales and let it go to sleep somewhat peacefully.

What is this all about then? Are we going to try to be reasonable or impulsive? True....I want to grow closer to reality, to shed the illusion. However, if I am an illusion, and life-after-death in any form is non-existent, then what does it matter to me if someone tells me that I, too, am an illusion. How can the transient know of the eternal?

You speak as though sending a photograph will make us friends!

It is true that to understand you I would have to have experienced that which you have plus. I also know that I can do little about by-passing that experience except by guessing or intuition.

I realize that I can now neither decide nor negate. As you infer. Any similarity between either and the above efforts to effect understanding is illusory. Just trying to be cooperative.

Respectfully
Richard