

(1) GOD (cont.)

(b) "What do you want to define as friendship?" It is the state previously illustrated in detail. It is the "transmission" of Zen. It is when each is "open" with the other. It is an approach of the One Self in each. It is a way to realization. It demands a certain discrimination & a certain culture. A trigger-happy hood, a sadist, a chawbacon, a "fishwife", an autocratic boss, a proud intellectual, the Pope, --- all these can easily have a "mystic experience" or "cosmic consciousness" (even though they might call it "only subjective"), but not so easily the "awakening" experience which Jesus said is denied to them and reserved for simple people.

(c) "What difference does it make whether we come to know God or not?" Nothing & everything. This is a paradox to make the angels weep. Since you are "God" & nothing else it is God realizing himself in this time-space episode. Thus if you do wish to know God then it can be an urgent desire (beauty, music, Nature, love are fingers, pointing the way). In that case "you do" & we should continue. If you do not wish to awake then clearly that too is an alternative situation and we should not continue.

There is no OUGHT, SHOULD, MUST, --- there is no REASON, PREFERENCE etc. I do not dangle carrots before the donkey's nose (you) although I could. The old Testament says "I put before you life & death". "Nature" is indifferent. Refusal to know God (as opposed to ignorance that it can be done) can lead to a quicker "end", & then you nourish the trees & flowers & eventually recombine somehow. As Shakespeare says "mighty Caesar dead & turned to clay, may stop a hole to keep the winds away."

Why is this? Because "refusal" is an ego phenomenon. About 90% of you is autonomous (fortunately) & the blood circulation, digestion, involuntary muscles, glandular secretions, body repairs, cell growth & division, etc. etc. go on even in sleep regardless of "Richard Rose" (great & mighty one - perhaps). The other 10% is "you" apparent decision. Thus your stomach may be saying "please, please, no more sugar, or fat food, or carbohydrates", or whatever is wrong at the moment, but your hand may shove more & more of it in your mouth! One is involuntary, one is "voluntary" (in a sense). Further ego "channels" your modes of action & response, leading to tensions & local lack of circulation. These can be deadly & one day the thing (your body) "gives" at the weakest spot. Then there is a "disease" or something and it has a NAME. It may be "cured" but the underlying condition remains. Doctors do NOT have the weeks, months & years of time required to "work" your body to get rid of

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