



RELIGIOUS GATHEKA

2. Belief in God

This Month's Concentration:

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks
Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: Belief in God

Reflect and Practice Daily on the Following:

Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan in the lecture says:

To make God intelligible first man must make his God. It is on this principle that the idea of many gods and the custom of idol worship was based in the ancient religions of the world. God cannot be two. The God of each is the God of all, but in order to comprehend that God we each have to make our own God.

- 1. Some of us seek justice, we can seek for God who is just. Some of us look for beauty, we must find it in the God of beauty. Some of us seek for love, we must find it in the God of mercy and compassion. Some of us wish for strength and power, we must find it in the God Almighty. The seeking of every soul in this world is different, distinct and peculiar to himself, and he can best attain to it by finding the object of his search in God.*
- 2. The moment one arrives at this belief no question need he ask for his fellowman, for the answer to every question that springs from his mind he finds in his own heart. The dwelling place of God, which is called Heaven, is then found in his own heart. The friend on Whom one can constantly depend, someone Whom one can always trust, someone Whose sympathy and love is secure, someone Who will never fail, someone Who is strong enough to help, someone Who is sufficiently wise to guide in life, he will find in his own heart.*
- 3. The journey of the Sufi therefore, is to God. It is Divine Knowledge which he seeks, it is the realisation of God. It is Divine Knowledge which he seeks, it is the realisation of God consciousness which is his goal.*

We might ask ourselves,

1. In which form is it that I comprehend God? Is God justice, love, beauty, mercy and compassion, strength, power? How has my comprehension of God changed and evolved?
2. Do I experience my heart as the dwelling place of God? As Heaven? Do I realize all others hearts as being the dwelling place of God?
3. I am on the journey of the Sufi, which is to realize God. In witnessing my realization, what is my assessment toward that realization?
4. Please feel free to openly share your thoughts, inspirations, and challenges within our Hazrat Inayat Khan Study Circle.

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