
WHO PRAYS?

“Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, ‘What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?’ ” (Isaiah 45/9)

Who prays? Man, the reflection? Does the reflection originate prayer? Can a reflection originate anything? No. God originates, creates, for He is the only Creator. Even if the image, reflection, man, does pray, he can only pray by reflection, and God, the Creator, the Originator, must do the praying in order that the reflection, man, can do so.

Thus and thus only can Jesus’ instructions in regard to prayer be carried out: “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Man never prays for something which he believes he has, but always—however he prays—for that which he believes he has not. Else why pray? Actually this is preying, not praying.

God however prays from the standpoint of having. As for instance the author sees that he (the author) will be glorified to a greater extent, if he furnishes Crusoe with an axe, so he, the author, not Crusoe, says or prays, “I perceive that my beloved son or character requires an axe. Well, I’ll give him an axe, yes, I’ll give him fifty axes, yes, I’ll give him a whole chest of tools.” And so he does. OUT OF HIS ABUNDANCE. The desire comes from the author, not Crusoe. So with the Author, God, and His Crusoe, or man.

Where is this God? What is He? How do you contact Him? In order that He may pray for you? Or for us?

God is the “I”, the Ego, Soul, Spirit, Mind, Principle. “You say, ‘I dreamed last night.’ What a mistake is that! The I is Spirit.” (S & H 249) and “Jesus said: ‘Destroy this temple (body), and in three days I (Spirit) (Mind) will raise it up’ ” (Ibid 27 & 494). That is the “I” referred to.

The human being is limited to the boundaries of his own consciousness, whatever that may be. If we started in slime and darkness, as some say we did, and it depended on ourselves to get us

out of that condition, we would still be slithering about in slime and darkness, because we would not know anything other than slime and darkness.

BUT WE HAD AN EGO, this "I", which is God, Soul, Spirit, infinite intelligence, and this "I" said "Let there be light" and there was light. We ourselves could not have prayed for nor declared "Let there be light," because we knew nought about light. However, God, infinite intelligence, knew, this "I" knew, and so we had light; and then after a little, God, this "I", said further, "Let the dry land appear" and so it did, and consciousness was enlarged just that much. So it has gone on, until now we find ourselves in this magnificent world, which God, the "I", has revealed to us—and there is more to come. However, the human being knows nought about what is in the offing, but the "I" knows and will reveal this also to us.

God says: "*I* am the Lord; that is *My* name: and *My* glory will I not give to another, neither *My* praise to graven images. Behold the former things are come to pass, and new things do *I* declare: before they spring forth *I* tell you of them. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth . . ."

As Paul says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him; but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God," and again, "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us."