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GOD IS ONE

HIS ATTRIBUTES, such as :---

GRACE,

LIGHT,

POWER,

KINDNESS,

FORGIVENESS,

LOVE,

JOY, and

BLISS

are projected and manifested in the Cosmos at different planes of Cosmic consciousness, (just as the sunshine is the projection of the SUN).

ACTIVATION and REFLECTION of the prolification and projection of these Divine Attributes and Qualities is called

DIVINE WILL or DIVINE LAW

which

pervades, engulfs, works, and reflects

in, and through every particle of this vast Universe.

The Cosmos is directed and governed by the DIVINE LAW :—

silently, secretly, subtly, imperceptibly, punctually, immaculately, perfectly, and eternally. The DIVINE WILL or LAW is : all-pervading, all-engulfing,

all-engulfing, all-intelligence, all-powerful, omnipresent, and omniscient,

which conditions the existence, and directs the working of every particle of this vast Universe. In other words, Divine WILL is the sublime, secret, invisible, subtle, benevolent, vibrant ACTIVITY of Divine Power, Grace and Love :—

operating, creating developing, maintaining, sustaining, harmonising, integrating, disintegrating, and regenerating

all LIFE in the Cosmos. This secret, infinite and sublime process of Divine WILL has been going on so :---

> smoothly, perfectly, efficiently, and regularly

since eternity, with the :

silent, invisible, imperceptible, incessant, and eternal

flow of **DIVINE LIFE CURRENT**, independent of any outside help, guidance or interference !

The DIVINE WILL **originates** in the DIVINE REALM, and transcends to, and operates in the Universe, guided

and governed by the unchanging, inherent, in laid DIVINE LAW.

Each ray inherits and reflects all the qualities of the Sun. Similarly, each ray of projection and **activa-tion** of the DIVINE WILL reflects all the Divine Qualities, such as : —

light, intelligence, wisdom, kindness, compassion, benevolence, abundance, magnanimity, mercy, love, bliss, and joy.

There can be no darkness in the presence of light. Similarly, there can be no : —

problem, difficulty, blunder, ignorance, sin, unhappiness, sorrow, misery, or jealousy in the Light of kind, benevolent and loving DIVINE WILL.

There are two distinct and different planes of Cosmic consciousness : ---

1. Divine consciousness, and

2. Egoistic consciousness.

All lives of animal, vegetable, metallic and elemental kingdoms are : —

created, maintained, sustained, and governed

directly by the Divine Will.

They have been granted little or limited intelligence — just enough to struggle for their survival.

They unconsciously live, move, act and have their being in the Divine Will — in complete **surrender** to the Divine Law, which is **inherent and in**-laid in their souls.

Thus they are not subject to the 'KARMIC LAW' i.e., 'as you sow-so shall you reap', as they do not think or act with ego- consciousness. They act under compulsion of and in compliance with their **natural instinct**, which is inherent and **in-laid** within their 'gene' or seed. They have no 'free' will to discriminate or make **choice**.

To understand and grasp this subtle point, some practical and living illustrations may be helpful.

1. When a cat kills a rat, she acts under the compulsion of her instinct, **in-laid in her very nature** by the Divine Will. She does not act of her own freewill and has unconsciously **complied with**, and carried out the secret and un-written Divine Will-**inherent and in-laid** in her soul. She has therefore **not committed any 'sin'**, and is **not** subject to the Karmic Law.

The same secret, silent and un-written **principle** of the eternal Divine LAW applies to all creatures, in different stages and degrees of their **evolution**, in the vast Cosmos.

2. In the vegetable kingdom, every plant or tree **reflects** the **silent working** of the Divine WILL at different stages of its growth, life and destruction, and finally being merged into the original elements of nature.

Each seed is in-laid with the 'Gene' of its : ---

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variety,
sub-variety,
size,
shape,
colour,
fragrance,
taste,
quality,
utility,
potentiality,
age, etc.
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in different stages of life, i.e., seedling, plant, trunk, branches, leaves, flowers and fruits, and again seeds.

This unconscious **surrender** and **obedience** to the Divine WILL qualifies their souls to the **higher stages of evolution.**

In fact, the vegetable kingdom has **no free will** of its own to think or act otherwise.

3. The metallic kingdom, made of gross materialsincludes the earth, sand, stones, rocks and all metals.

They have no consciousness of their own, and **humbly** submit to the vagaries of nature, which works directly under the Divine Law.

Their surrender to the Divine WILL is complete and absolute. They are also governed by the natural law of evolution.

4. The elemental kingdom is subtle and powerful. These elements **work in conjunction with, and inter-act** on each other, to activate, and manifest various phenomena of nature, directly under the Divine WILL.

Thus, **all particles** of the natural kingdoms work : —

in conjunction with each other, inter-act upon each other, modify each other, generate energy,

to activate, project, manifest and play

silently, secretly, unconsciously, and eternally

the : ---

infinite incessant, unending, perfect, meticulous, and regular

DRAMA OF THE DIVINE WILL in the vast Cosmos.

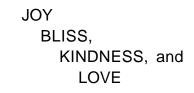
All the natural kingdoms belong to the three dimensional COSMOS, which we know as NATURE.

In fact, the whole COSMOS is an instrument in the Hands of the DIVINE WILL, which works, projects and plays the COSMIC DRAMA in compliance with the DIVINE LAW.

II

Now, we come to the most complex, diabolical, incomprehensible and mysterious creature, called 'MAN'.

MAN was made in the image of God, who provided His son with all the necessities and luxuries of life, in abundance, and created 'EVE' as his playmate and consort in the heaven of 'EDEN' on earth, to live in, and enjoy the blessings of : —



of HIS DIVINE FATHER - GOD.

To play a game and make it interesting and entertaining, two opposite strong teams are essential. Even in democratic institutions, a strong 'opposition' is required for efficient and healthy working of democracy.

Similarly, the All-Wise Providence has created an opposite power of 'Maya' to : —

- 1. avoid the boredom of casual routine life,
- 2. break the monotony of life.

- 3. make life interesting and entertaining,
- 4. create the sense of competition,
- 5. instill the ambition for better life,
- 6. drive the mind for higher achievements,
- 7. compete in probing into the mysteries of Nature,
- 8. experiment the vagaries of 'Maya' in all its aspects,
- 9. search for the Ultimate Goal of Life, i.e., Divinity, and
- 10. finally, to realise the illusion of 'Maya' and attain spiritual illumination.

Darkness has no existence. It is an illusive condition created by the absence of light.

Similarly, 'Maya' has no existence, except in our illusive consciousness.

'Maya' has no power of its own. It derives its power from lack of our faith in the Divinity.

In other words, the power of 'Maya' has its **roots** in our '**disbelief'** in God.

'Darkness' is the cause of a trail of illusions, misunderstandings, sufferings, miseries, which are spontaneously obliterated when the 'light' comes.

Similarly, the illusion of Maya brings with it a trail of baser elements of : —

ego, selfishness, lust,

greed,

attachment,

jealousy, hatred,

strife.

quarrels,

wars,

and what not, to make our life so : ---

degenerated, unhappy, frustrated, vicious, and miserable.

On the other hand, in the light or sunshine, we are blessed with and enjoy all the attributes and qualities of the Sun.

Similarly, when our soul basks in the Sunshine of Divine **Faith and Love** of our Beloved Father — God — we partake and enjoy all the Divine blessings of : —

compassion, kindness, benevolence, tender care, magnanimity, and above all Love Divine.

It is obvious that in the **Divine Scheme** of the Cosmic Drama, there are two different, opposite and

contradictory aspects of consciousness of Divinity and illusive 'Maya'.

These states of consciousness represent the 'Duality' of the Nature in every aspect of its manifestation :----

light	and	darkness
good	and	bad
virtue	and	vice
love	and	hatred
selflessness	and	selfishness
happiness	and	sorrow
bliss	and	misery
life	and	death
cold	and	hot
kindness	and	cruelty
health	and	disease
angels	and	devils
heaven	and	hell.

These opposite elements work and exert **against** each other to render the universal play : —

interesting, entertaining, colourful, emotional, dramatic, impressive, infectious, educative,

corrective, revealing, emancipating, enlightening, and illuminating

for the participating souls, and help them in their **search** for the ultimate goal of salvation and freedom, through their own **gruesome and hard experiences**.

It should be remembered that 'Maya' exists, works and gains strength in the 'illusion' of our consciousness.

Therefore, it is again only in the sphere of our 'consciousness', that we can ignore, deny and be free, from the dreadful clutches of this devil — 'Maya'.

The whole Universe is unconsciously working and obeying the Divine WILL on different planes of consciousness, and gradully working up their evolution under the direction of the Divine Law.

But the story of human beings is different and unique.

God has gifted the human mind with profound intelligence and freedom, so that he can intellectually play higher and subtler Cosmic Drama on finer planes of consciousness, and enact and fulfil the sublimer spiritual aspect of the 'Divine Drama'.

Somehow, we have come under the spell of illusive 'Maya' through our own ignorance and past Karmas, and our consciousness has **transcended** from the Divine Realm to the lower plane of 'self-consciousness' or 'ego'.

In this lower consciousness, we are apt to **loose** faith in God, and forget and ignore HIM. Gradually, under the magical spell of the illusive Maya, we conveniently refuse to : —

understand, grasp, follow, or obey

the authority of the Divine WILL, and unconsciously, get **'out of tune'** with the benevolent flow of Divine WILL.

Consequently, we try to : ---

modify, pollute, dilute, substitute, or confuse

the Divine WILL with our own **egoistic will**, and become subject to the **Cosmic Karmic Law**.

To illustrate this subtle point, let us take the case of the foetus in the womb of Mother.

Since its inception in the womb — till its birth into the world, the process of its :

nursing, nourishment, sustenance, growth,

development, and

delivery

is wonderfully : --

arranged, supervised, and governed

by the silent, kind and benevolent Divine **WILL**, in the tender cosy womb of the Mother, under the tender '**motherly**' care of Divine Law — without any outside: —

Interference, guidence, help, intelligence, scheming, or advice.

This is one of the concrete, practical, wonderful and 'awe-striking' miracle of : —

Divine Intelligence, Divine Wisdom, Divine Benevolence, Divine Love, and Divine GRACE

After birth, the same tender care and Love of Divine WILL works through the 'Mother' — to bring up the innocent baby.

As the intelligence of the baby is developed, it recognises its parents and surroundings, and is **influenced** by the prevailing environment and surrounding company.

Thus, his innocence is gradually overpowered and replaced by his own '**self consciousness**', and he starts **exhibiting** his 'ego' through 'l', ME and 'MINE'.

As the child grows up and his intelligence is developed, he asserts his 'ego' everywhere, and his **arrogance** is manifested in all aspects of his life.

In proportion to the development of his 'Egoistic Consciousness', he **looses** belief and faith in Divinity, and becomes arrogant, profane, and aggressive, thereby becoming a complete slave of the illusive 'Maya', with the trail of all its vices, and resultant sufferings.

Thus, he **deprives** himself of all the Divine **Blessings** of :—

compassion, kindness, tender care, benevolence, magnanimity, and LOVE

which he unconsciously enjoyed during his sojourn in and out of the womb.

He forgets that all these Divine Blessings are his own 'Divine Heritage' — and **are inherent and inlaid** in his sublime consciousness, **if only he cares**,

to realize his Divine Heritage and turn back to his Divine Kingdom !

On the other hand, in our 'Egoistic Consciousness', our souls are '**cut off**', from the benevolent flow of Divine Blessings, and are left to 'fend for ourselves', and thereby suffer the consequences of our own thoughts and deeds, in accordance with the cosmic law of Karma, 'as you sow — so shall you reap'.

It is ironical to think that the 'Divine Prince', i.e., human soul has to suffer all the unhappiness and miseries of the materialistic world, just because he **failed** to : —

remember, understand, realise, grasp, **believe in,** and **claim**

his Heritage of Divine Kingdom of Love and GRACE.

This Divine Kingdom of Love and Grace is already 'in-laid' in every soul, and can be **realised and enjoyed by** : —

> inheritance, without claiming, without earning, just for the taking, by His Grace,

where supreme, benevolent, kind, magnanimous, loving

'Divine WILL' **prevails and works** silently—engulfing the whole Universe.

It is unfortunate that the human being, created in the image of God, should be so indoctrinated and **illusioned** by the magic — spell of the glittering 'Maya', as to forget, ignore and deny his **Divine Heritage**, and **deprive himself** of the benevolent, loving care and blessings of the Divine WILL !

Thus he becomes a prodigal son.

It is all the more $ironical \ and \ amusing$ that, inspite of : —

keen intelligence, high education, scientific research, numerous religions, profound philosophies, glut of scriptures, innumerable doctrines, surfeit of rituals and rites, and countless religious teachers, we, human beings, have not been able to : discern, understand, comprehend, realise,

grasp,

recognise, identify,

neutralise, expose, and curb

the influence and spell of false 'egoistic illusion' !

In fact, the 'Maya' has **made use of** our intelligence and emotions to run its own empire, to **our detriment and misery.**

To differentiate and clarify the working of the Divine WILL in various aspects of Nature, let us take the illustration of Rose.

From : 1. the seedling, to the plant.

- 2. the budding, to the full-blooming Rose,
- 3. final withering and annihilation,

a golden thread of Divine 'Life-current' flows into every fibre of its existence, to : —

develop,

nourish, and

sustain

the plant, and to bestow the Rose with : ---

fragrance,

colouring,

beauty,

tenderness,

exquisiteness, and charm

under the invisible and secret supervision and blessings of the benevolent Divine WILL.

Heat, light and energy etc. are attributes of the sun-shine.

Similarly,

Divine intelligence, Divine Wisdom, Divine Benevolence, Divine WILL, Divine Law, Divine GRACE, etc.

are attributes of the Divine LIFE-CURRENT, called 'WORD', 'LOGOS' or 'NAM'.

The sublime process of Divine WILL is so perfect, complete and meticulous that **no outside interference or guidance is needed.**

None of the creatures (except human beings) have enough intelligence and freedom to **interfere** in the working process of the cosmos, which is directly governed by the Divine Law.

Human being is made in the image of God — and is bestowed with profound intelligence and freedom

of thoughts and deeds. This Divine Gift of intelligence and freedom was granted to the man, so that he could **rediscover** his **Divine-SELF** and his **Divine Heritage**, with the **help and guidance** of Awakened and illuminated Souls.

But unfortunately, man has been **mis-using and abusing** these gifts of intelligence and freedom in pursuit of **baser elements** of 'Maya', and has become slave of the glittering magic of illusive 'Maya' — to his own detriment, and **consequent life-long sufferings** of unhappiness and misery.

God has bestowed so many precious Gifts on 'MAN' — such as : —

intelligence, energy, power, freedom, etc. etc.

It is their

CORRECT USE or MIS-USE

that **makes or mars** the life of man, and brings happiness or misery into the world.

If these Divine Gifts are used 'in-conjunction', and 'in-tune' with the Divine WILL, we are **spontaneously blessed** with all the Divine virtues, such as : —

> kindness, compassion,

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peace,
faith,
devotion,
love,
bliss, and
joy.
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When we manifest and **reflect** these Divine virtues in our lives, the environment around us is transformed, and we live in, and enjoy : —

a better, holier, freer, joyful, blissful, loving, graceful, real, and worthy

sublime world in the kingdom of God.

On the other hand when we **forget or disown** our **Divine Heritage**, we are influenced by the glittering and ilusive **spell of 'Maya'**, and become **slaves of our senses**, with a long trail of 'satanic' vices, such as : —

selfishness, pride, arrogance, jealousy, hatred, anger,

lust,

greed,

strife,

violence

and what not, making our own life, and the world around us : ---

frustrated, unhappy, discontented, sorrowful, miserable, horrible, and hellish !

The **crucial point** for the man is the **correct** use of God's Gift of '**free choice**', for which we have to develop a sense of :

understanding, comprehension, identification, insight, and discrimination.

between : ---

1. **Materialistic world** of illusive 'Maya' based on 'ego' — consciousness,

AND

2. '**Divine Kingdom'** — where Divine WILL and Divine LAW prevail.

In this connection, it would be interesting and instructive to study the following comparative chart :

Divine Kingdom Divine consciousness Divine WILL All-intelligence All-wisdom Selflessness Love Tolerance Charity Absolute power Infinite Bliss Infinite Joy Compassion Right Truth Virtue Equanimity Bliss
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It is all a matter of **change or transformation** of our consciousness — **from** — egoistic conception, to — benevolent, kind, loving Divine Consciousness.

Even so, our choice is **conditioned** and **inhibited** by the instinct of our sub-conscious mind, and also

prevailing environment and the **company** we keep with.

Deep rooted instinct or **propensities** cannot be changed overnight, but it is possible to **change** 'surroundings' and 'company', if we sincerely **desire and opt** for a better and sublimer life of Divine Consciousness.

Influence of our **contact with and company** of the surrounding world plays a great role in changing and shaping our thoughts, beliefs or consciousness, which form the basis of our good or bad lives. In other words, the **'company'** we keep **can make or mar** the fate and destiny of our lives.

This illusion or misconception of our false ego is engendered in our mental consciousness through **baneful** 'company' of un-Godly elements of 'Maya'.

Therefore, it is obvious that a sublimer 'company' or '**sadh sangat**' is necessary to change or **transform** our egoistic consciousness.

If cultivated and powerful mind can influence the ordinary mind so deeply on the mental plane, **Illuminated and Enlightened Souls can also awaken, inspire and ignite** the aspiring souls, and **usher them** into the subtle intuitional plane of Divine Consciousness.

Hence it is **beyond the grasp** of intellectual understanding. It can only be realised by **inner experience** of Divine Attributes-such as JOY, BLISS and LOVE — **in the depth of our souls.**

The **inner experience** of the Soul is called 'Intuition' or 'Divine Consciousness'.

This 'INTUITION' is the only **means** of contact or **'communion'** between Man and God.

It is through '**intuition**' that humanity can **realise Divinity** and experience all the Divine attributes of :

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Divine WILL,
Divine LAW,
Divine JOY,
Divine COMPASSION,
Divine BENEVOLENCE,
Divine LOVE, and
Divine GRACE.
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In other words, 'Intuition' is the means of TRANSITION.

- FROM : intellectual knowledge of **outer experience** of mind,
- TO: **inner experience of the SOUL,** i.e., consciousness of Divinity.

This transition or transformation of consciousness can be attained by turning our thoughts and minds inwards — by concentration and meditation with intense devotion.

In this difficult, subtle and sublime process of transformation of mind to the **exalted state of Divine Consciousness**,

contact,

company,

help,

guidance, inspiration, and blessings

of Enlightened Souls — is imperative and essential.

Unless and until our 'Intuition' or Divine Consciousness is **awakened and developed**, all our thoughts, motivation and actions are liable to be : —

> mis-guided, mis-directed, mis-conceived, wrong, and even baneful,

leading us to the un-ending trail of sufferings, making our lives miserable **here and hereafter !**

IV

There is another pertinent point about the Divine WILL — which is most misunderstood, misconceived and misquoted.

To make this fine and sublime point more comprehensive, the example of electricity and its gadgets may be illustrative.

Electricity is generated in a Power House and transmitted and distributed through different kinds of gadgets. The same electricity enlightens bulbs of different colours, shapes, sizes and wattage. We know that electricity is the life and light of the bulb, and the filament is only an instrument for the manifestation of the invisible current, and the outer 'bulb' is only a glass cover.

It would sound so absurd on the part of the bulb to claim and boast that it is the master or giver of the light! That would be tantamount to false and gross illusion of ego on the part of the bulb !

Precisely, the Divine Life Current working through us, is the gift of God, and we are all different instruments for **manifestation and working of His 'Cosmic Drama'** and for the **projection of His Divine WILL**. Although we human beings have been gifted with freedom of thought and action, yet we are under the overall canopy of His Divine WILL and Grace.

So long as we think and act with the **sense** of **'I'**, **'Me' and 'Mine'**, we are living in ego-consciousness, and become subject to the 'Karmic Law.'

It is a blasphemy to project our **egoistic thoughts** and actions as 'God's Will' and try to absolve ourselves of our egoistic omissions and sins !

All our thoughts and actions, motivated and projected with the expressions of 'l', 'Me' and 'Mine' belong, to and should be relegated to the **'egoistic plane'** of the materialistic world.

In fact, such egoistic thoughts and actions are : ---

opposite, contrary, 'out-of-tune', antithesis, disobedience, ignorance, misconception and miscarriage

of the **'Divine Will'**, and carry with them the **seeds** of 'Karmic Law', with consequent sufferings and degeneration of humanity.

When our intuition or Divine consciousness is awakened with : —

concentration, meditation,

devotion,

inspiration, sadh-sangat, and Grace of the Guru,

our ignorance and illusion about : ---

'I', 'Me' and 'Mine',egoistic conception,'Maya',materialistic world, andKarmas

is removed and eliminated.

Our soul is then enlightened and reborn in the 'Divine Consciousness'.

Thus, our soul comes **face-to-face with Divinity**, and we enjoy **inner experience of :** —

Divine Presence, Divine Will, Divine Bliss, Divine Love, and Divine Grace.

In this **exalted state of Divine Consciousness**, we realise that we are only **instruments** of His Divine Will, and all our thoughts and actions are : —

motivated, oriented, coloured, projected, guided, directed, supervised, and governed

by the Infinite 'Divine Law' — Just as in the case of all other creatures of the Cosmos; and thereby we become **free from the consequences** of our thoughts and deeds.

Thus we become Free Children of God and spontaneously acquire and enjoy our Herigate of : —

Divine Presence, Divine Peace, Divine Kindness, Divine Benevolence, Divine Magnificence, Divine Grace, and Divine Glory.

It must be clearly understood that **no amout** of intellectual : ---

understanding, learning, research, discussions, excursions, theorizing, philosophizing or profession of : ---

dogmatic religions, rites and rituals, austerities, offerings, dedication, renunciation, and sacrifices

can be of **any avail** in the **realization** of **'Divine Consciousness'** of the Glory of God, and other Divine Attributes of the Kingdom of God.

Our intelligence can, at best, take us to the **outer-courtyard** of the Divine Realm, but not beyond that.

The Glory of Divinity is so : —

awe-striking, infatuating, bewitching, intoxicating, and enchanting,

that human intellectual senses get **stunned and lost** in the bliss and joy of the effulgent and all-engulfing **Grace and Love of the Divine Presence !**

V

The difference between other creatures of the Universe and 'Man' is that :

- 1. Man is made in the **image of God**.
- 2. Man has been bestowed with higher intelligence and **finer perception.**
- 3. Man has been granted **freedom** of thought and action.
- 4. But he has misused this freedom for his selfish aggrandizement.
- 5. Man is assigned to play **finer and sublimer** part in the Universal Drama.
- 6. Man being **self-centred**, is apt to **forget and deny** his Father, 'God'.
- 7. Man being vain and whimsical, is more amenable to the influence of 'Maya'.
- 8. Man being Ego-centric, is **prone to assert** his 'ego' through 'I', 'Me' and 'Mine'.
- 9. Man consciously forgets or **willfully neglects** his higher Divine Assignment.

- 10. Man **thinks and acts** with his 'Ego Consciousness'.
- 11. Man is subject to the Cosmic 'Law of Karma', and thereby suffers the consequences of his egoistic deeds.
- 12. Thereby, Man loses the last and the best chance of his spiritual evolution and emancipation.
- 13. Man **deprives** himself of the **Divine Heritage** of Kingdom of God.
- 14. Man **denies himself** his right of partaking and **enjoying the Divine Gifts** of Joy.
- 15. Man **pertinently ignores** the dictates of **inner voice of his soul.**
- 16. Man has the audacity to play 'dual game' of serving two masters, i.e., God and Demon! in that he is sincere and honest to none !
- 17. Man's profession of religion is superfluous and showy, and he has no intention or will to follow the instructions of religious scriptures and teachers.
- 18. Man is playing ruse with his own soul and Divinity !
- 19. Under the magical spell of 'Maya', Man has become so profane, whimsical, degenerated, corrupt, frustrated, **confused**

and lost in the quagmire of materialistic world, that he is unable to understand and discriminate between :

> right and wrong, good and bad, virtue and vice, God and Maya Heaven and Hell.

- 20. Man is so occupied and engrossed in the **pursuit** of baser elements of Maya that he has no time or will to think and aspire for higher human qualities.
- 21. The mind of Man is so frittered and scattered in the self-created exigencies of materialistic world that it is impossible to concentrate his mind on higher and sublimer thoughts.
- 22. By deliberately **ignoring and forgeting** the **higher and finer Cosmic assignment** allotted to him, man **interrupts the smooth flow** of the **Divine Will and obstructs the Cosmic Programme.**
- 23. Other creatures of the Universe just **cannot ignore or disobey** the dictates of their **inner instincts.** Therefore, they are naturally and unconsciously **working "in-tune" with the Divine Will;** thus, they work for **upward evolution** of their souls.

- 24. Being sincere and **honest to their "inner dictates",** they are **saved** from the clutches and slavery of the Demon of 'Maya' and the implication of Karmic Law.
- 25. Since their thoughts and deeds are **governed** by the Divine Will — reflected in their 'instincts', they are free from all baser elements of Egoistic Consciousness and consequent sufferings and miseries, from which the higher species of man suffer.
- 26. Other creatures are **unconsciously** carrying on their **cosmic assignments**, and are working for the **fulfilment of the 'Cosmic programme'.**
- 27. All creatures (except man) have one Universal Common Religion of total surrender and allegiance to their 'inner instinct', which they follow unconsciously. This universal religion is 'inherent and in-laid' in each species of creation, and requires no outside preaching.

In contrast, mankind professes various religions, which are imposed from outside and conflict in their dogmas, beliefs, rituals and rites.

VI

The predominant attribute of the Sun is heat.

Similarly, God's attributes are innumerable, amongst which Providential **Love** runs through all other Divine Qualities of : —

attraction, light, intelligence, energy, power, etc.

This attraction or Divine Love : ---

permeates, projects, manifests, and reflects

in every aspect of the Cosmos.

There is a Universal Law of 'Like attracts like'. This is reflected and projected in the Cosmos as : —

> attraction, affection, devotion, and love

This is illustrated in various processes of manifestation and projection of the Cosmos.

For example, water of ocean evaporates with the heat of the Sun. These vapours change into various forms of clouds, rain, snow, rivulets, streams and rivers and **finally merge** into its **original source** of Ocean.

The same attraction or '**Pull**' is reflected in the lives of billions of stars and planets in the 'Space', which move and **revolve around one another** at precise speed and with meticulous punctuality.

This universal attraction or '**pull**' engulfs, works, governs and **conditions** the whole wonderful process of **Cosmic Drama**, just as '**Motherly**' **love reflects** in all her physical, mental and emotional **activities**.

All souls are projection and constituent of Divinity. Hence under the Universal Law of 'Like attracts like', all souls have natural 'pull' towards each other at the spiritual plane, and also towards their 'Mother-soul'i.e., God.

This inherent and 'in-laid' attraction or 'pull' of the souls is called 'Divine Love', which permeates, engulfs and conditions all Divine Activities of :

Divine Will, Divine Law, Divine Kindness, Divine Benevolence, Divine Providence, Divine Magnificence, Divine Bliss, and Divine Mercy.

As we fly into the sky, the **pull of gravity** of the earth is weakened and **diminished**.

When we enter into the gravity of another planet, the pull of that planet is increased.

The 'pull' of the Magnet is conditioned by the **rust** covering the iron. The more the iron is **rusted**, the lesser the 'pull'. This means that the rusty iron is **not receptive** to the 'Magnetic-pull'.

Similarly, when our faith and devotion towards Divinity is weakened and diminished by the rust of egoistic consciousness, the pull of 'Divine Love' towards us, is proportionately weakened and diminished. Consequently, we become more amenable to the Gravity of 'Maya'. Thereby, we become subject to the 'Karmic Law', and suffer all the consequences of our thoughts and deeds. In addition, we also deprive ourselves of the Divine Love, Blessings and Grace of Realm.

It must be remembered that there are two different and distinct planes of the Cosmos : —

- 1. Egoistic plane of 'Maya'.
- 2. Spiritual plane of 'Divinity'.

In our ignorance and with our limited intelligence, we often : —

misunderstand, misinterpret,

misconceive, and confuse

the working of these planes.

The subtle process of change or **transition** of our 'awareness' or 'consciousness' is **wrought** in our **mental** and spiritual planes.

In other words, this 'transition' takes place : ---

From : —	The	intellectual	plane	of	'egoistic
	consciousness',				

To : — The 'Intuitional Consciousness' of Divinity.

'Egoistic' awareness is the **outer** experience of the mind on the intellectual and emotional planes of 'Maya'.

'Intuitional Consciousness' is the **inner experience of the soul** on the spiritual plane of Divinity.

We are apt to misunderstand and confuse our 'humanwill' with 'Divine Will' Therefore, it is essential that this 'confusion' should be clarified and removed, to avoid wrong conception and mis-interpretation of our 'own will'.

All thoughts, desires, actions and emotions, which **reflect our selfish egoistic consciousness,** are subject to the 'Karmic Law'.

'Maya' and its '**egoistic**' illusion is also the projection and **creation** of God-to run and govern the '**dual' cosmic Drama** and derives its powers from the Divine realm. Hence the egoistic illusion of 'Maya' works under the overall canopy of Divine Will, but God does not intervene in the mundane affairs of man. Man has been bestowed with 'freedom' of thought and action, and normally God does not interfere in this 'freedom', until and unless His Help and Mercy is invoked and sought.

Egoistic man is '**left to fend for himself**' in the dual cosmic world, under the Universal 'Law of Karma', i.e., 'As you sow, so shall you reap'.

When a soul is awakened from the illusive 'worldconsciousness', it is transformed into Intuitional 'Divine-Consciousness'. His own will is blended and merged into the Divine Will. All his thoughts, desires, actions and emotions etc., reflect the Divine Will and Divine Law. He then acts, moves and has his being in the spiritual plane and lives the Presence of Divine Grace and Glory.

It is a pleasure to work in harmony with the sweet Divine Will. He simply cannot use his own Will !

To make this point more comprehensive, following illustrations may be helpful.

When water of a rivulet joins a river and merges into it, it starts running **in conjunction** and **'in tune'** with the stronger flow of the river, and acquires the **full force** of the 'River-flow'.

On the other hand, when some amount of water is separated from, and gets out-of tune with the mainstream,

it looses the force and direction of the mainstream.

Similarly, when our own egoistic will is **conjoined** and merged into the Divine Will and works 'inconjunction' and 'in-tune' with the flow of Divine Will, we spontaneously **acquire** all the powers and qualities of Divinity.

On the other hand, when our mind is **illusioned** by egoistic consciousness, and our **faith and devotion** for Divinity is **weakened or diminished**, the flow of our 'lifecurrent' gets **'out-of-tune'** with the Divine Will. Thereby, we deprive ourselves of our **spiritual Heritage of Divine Qualities**, and become slaves of 'Maya'.

VII

Having studied the two dual facets of the Cosmic Life, it is for us, the human beings, to **take advantage** of God — given freedom of thought and action, and to discriminate and **choose for ourselves** between : —

1. **baser egoistic life** of 'Maya' with its long trail of sufferings and miseries,

AND

2. **Higher Spiritual Life** with Divine Gifts of kindness, joy, bliss, Love and Grace.

Both aspects of life are depicted in the following table for ready reference :

<u>Spiritual Life</u>	Egoistic Life
Light	Darkness
Good	Bad
Virtue	Vice
Love	Hatred
Selflessness	Selfishness
Peace	Un-rest
Happiness	Sorrow
Bliss	Misery

Kindness	Cruelty
Nobility	Sin
Health	Disease
Angels	Devils
Heaven	Hell

For this change or transformation : --

From : Egoistic Consciousness,

To : **Spiritual** Consciousness,

no change of place, religion, country or occupation is involved.

It is only a matter of change : ---

from :

our mental and emotional

understanding, thinking, outlook,

perception, conviction and belief

of egoistic consciousness

to:

Intuitional knowledge,

perception, faith and devotion

of Spiritual Consciousness.

As stated earlier, only three things are essential for this **crucial** transformation :

- 1. **Company** of Awakened and illuminated Souls
- 2. Meditation
- 3. Guru's Grace.

But the crux of the whole matter is :

- 1. Aspiration
- 2. Priority
- 3. Resolution

on our part for this 'Spiritual transformation'.

With the exception of human beings, all other countless creatures live and act under the impulsion and compulsion of their individual intrinsic **instincts**. The **instincts** are their natural **inherent** '**religions**', which they unconsciously obey, and **follow sincerely and honestly**. They need **no outside religion**, nor dogmas and philosophies ! They simply **cannot** think or act **otherwise**. Therefore, these creatures are unconsciously, but surely working for the upward evolution or emancipation of their souls.

The plight of the human soul is **tragic and pitiable**. Having **misconceived and abused** the Divine Gift of Freedom of thought and action, human being has become:

> indifferent, doubtful, ignorant,

forgetful, and unconscious

of his own Divine Heritage, and has been : ---

entertaining, cultivating, feeding, nourishing, developing, sustaining, projecting, glorifying, magnifying, and deifying

the idea and conception of his **false 'Ego'**, through the expression of 'I', 'Me' and 'Mine' in countless past lives!

This false sense of 'ego' has permeated and **absorbed** into our very being, and we have become : —

"EGO PERSONIFIED INDIVIDUALS" !

This false conception of 'ego' has become such :

strong,

deep,

unshakable, and

uncompromising

faith and conviction with us — that we have been: —

justifying, glorifying, magnifying, advertising, institutionalising, legalising and deifying

it in our daily life — to unlimited horizons of intellectual, emotional and physical planes !

Our egoistic consciousness has :

percolated, permeated, absorbed, and

saturated

into the **very fibres of our lives**, and has become our **'second nature'**: so much so, that we have become: —

indifferent, disinterested, reluctant or averse

to : —

think,

listen,

entertain, or believe

in anything inconsistent to our ingrained and established egoistic conception of 'I' and 'Me'.

This egoistic sense has even : ---

infiltrated,

permeated,

degenerated, and has been misinterpreted,

in the conception and profession of so-called **Religions** — so as to suit our own materialistic designs and conveniences; thereby making the practice of Religion : —

superfluous, ritualistic, showy, self-deceiving, hypocritical and farce !

With such an **illusive sense** of 'egoistic consciousness', prevailing and **dominating in every fibre of human life,** we — knowingly or unknowingly — live **DUAL or TRIPLE facets of life.**

And the **dilemma** becomes all the more **painful** and **tragic**, when we **approach** religion with such **dual hypocritical mind.**

Thus, we have **degenerated** religion into **mockery** and **blasphemy**.

In such a degenerated environment of egoistic consciousness, it is RARE to find a sincere soul,

aspiring for Divinity, with :

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interest,
faith,
zeal,
resolution, and
priority of choice.
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Our present state of mental and spiritual condition is the cumulative result of our past thoughts and karmas, spread over innumerable former lives — plus those of present life.

Therefore, it is imperative that long periods-covering many lives-may be necessary to : —

- neutralise the pernicious effect of our past karmas,
- 2. modify, change and transform our consciousness, and
- 3. create and develop : ---

keen interest, aspiration, strong resolution, devotion, faith, and priority

for the 'Spiritual Science' of the SOUL.

This task of transformation of consciousness become all the more arduous, tedious and slow in the **depraved atmosphere** prevailing in the present **degenerated materialistic world.** It is really an **uphill task to face and work against the vicious circle of established beliefs and convictions** concerning our social and religious obligations.

Gurus, Avtars and illuminated Souls have been **warning** the people against this **exploitation** of hypocritic religions and spiritualism.

But our 'egoistic consciousness' is so deep, **insidious** and pernicious — that we are easily influenced and allured by the glittering 'Maya', and are liable to **slip back** again and again, into the dreadful materialistic quagmire.

All scriptures have been extolling that the **simple way** to change and **transform our materialistic mentality** to 'Divine Consciousness' is : —

- Sublime company of illuminated Souls, i.e., Sadh-Sangat.
- 2. Meditation,
- 3. Unselfish Service.
- 4. Guru's Grace.

But the final choice lies with us, whether : ---

1. We are **satisfied** and contented with our **present materialistic** life — with all its sorrows, sufferings and miseries,

OR

2. We **desire to change** for a better, sublimer, joyful, blissful, Divine Life, under the kind, benevolent and **loving Divine WILL.**

In spite of all the exhortations of religious and spiritual teachers and their innumerable writings, we consciously or unconsciously, have been habitually : —

indifferent,

uninterested,

forgetful,

unconcerned, and

ignorant

of these sublime teachings, to our own detriment.

In a nutshell : ---

DIVINE WILL

is the : —

activation,

execution,

expression,

projection,

prolification,

fulfilment, and

culmination

of the DIVINE LAW.

If we think, act and live : ---

in conjunction, and

in tune

with the Divine WILL, we are blessed with all the Divine attributes of

joy, bliss, kindness, benevolence, mercy, love, Grace, etc.

In addition, we are saved from the baneful **clutches of Maya** — with all its long trail of : —

egoistic illusion, materialistic conception, unhappiness, sorrow, worries, sufferings, miseries, and Karmic Law

in this life as well as the life hereafter.

In the obedience of Divine WILL, we also **work** our assigned part in the **Cosmic Drama** — towards the overall fulfilment of the Divine LAW — just as, all other creatures do unconsciously.

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DIVINE WILL

By the Author

The expression and manifestation of Divine WILL in the Cosmos is also called 'NATURE'.

This Nature-in its working : ---

extends, projects, and stretches

to opposite extremes of : ---

Similies	versus	variation
Agreement	versus	opposition
Harmony	versus	contradiction
Affinity	versus	hostility
Silence	versus	thunder
Tenderness	versus	coarseness
Common	versus	secret
Subtle	versus	gross
Thin	versus	thick
Soft	versus	hard
Depth	versus	height
Horizontal	versus	vertical
Life	versus	death

Love	versus	hatred
Virtue	versus	vice
Kindness	versus	cruelty
Compassion	versus	malice
Heaven	versus	hell
Good	versus	bad
GOD	versus	MAYA

All creatures of Nature possess limited intelligence and freedom-just enough to struggle for their survival but the **basic elements** of their lives are governed by their **in-laid instincts**, which **reflect the Divine WILL**.

But human being is blessed with profound intelligence and freedom. Hence only human beings are **involved in these extremes.**

Amongst these extremes- 'ego consciousness' is the most important and basic element, around which man's life revolves.

Man is so obsessed with and possessed by the sense of his 'ego' that he is unable to think or act beyond his egoistic consciousness of 'l', 'Me' and 'Mine'.

In other words, he is under the spell of **egoistic** 'ghost' — which will not allow him to think or act otherwise !

This 'egoistic consciousness' **cannot** just be ignored, **denied** or **eliminated** by our **wishful thinking** — as, such fanciful ideas and hypothetic philosophies **carry within themselves the seeds of egoistic consciousness.** Therefore the easiest way for this transformation is to divert or substitute our thoughts, to sublimer consciousness of 'God-head' or 'NAM' or 'SHABAD'.

In this important and sublime process of transformation, guidance and company of Illuminated and Enlightened souls is very helpful and essential.

The expression and execution of the DIVINE WILL in the Cosmos works in ineffable form of 'Divine Music'.

This 'Celestial Music' is : ---

secret,

sacred,

sweet,

melodious,

harmonious,

subtle,

exquisite,

vibrating,

thrilling,

heart-rending,

charming,

infatuating,

intoxicating, and ecstatic

The **symphony** of this Celestial Music is **being played** through the core of every particle of the Cosmos : —

Continuously, without break, eternally, without instruments, without concert, and without orchestra,

But human 'ears' cannot

hear,

sense,

realise, and

enjoy

this Celestial Music, because it is beyond the grasp of human :

intelligence, understanding, rationale learning, philosophy, and hypothesis.

The Divine symphony can only be : —

heard,

experienced, and enjoyed

by our souls through :

1. Meditation.

2. Third EAR or 'Divine intuition'.

3. Guru's Grace.

When mind is concentrated and **turned inwards** by meditation, it is ushered into the Divine Realm by the Grace of Guru, and 'Intuitional consciousness is awakened and developed'.

Thus the **Third Intuitional EAR is awakened to hear**, experience and enjoy the sweet melodious Divine symphony within the soul.

The soul is so charmed and exhilarated with every

exquisite note, thrilling tune and Celestial song

of the Divine symphony ryhthem that it is exalted and infatuated to **dance to the tune of the Divine Music.**

In this infatuating and ecstatic state of consciousness, mind is so overwhelmed and infatuated by sweet, blissful Divine symphony-that it is unable to think or act with his own individual will, and is spontaneously TUNED to the DIVINE WILL, and works in conjunction with the DIVINE LAW.

Even a faint **'intuitional experience'** of the celestial Music can **so charm and infatuate** the soul, that the mind is **ushered** at once into the Divine Realm and is **transmuted into an 'instrument' of the Eternal Divine Music.**

In other words, our mind must be : —

influenced, inspired, re-oriented, grafted, exalted, infatuated, intoxicated, and magnetized by the Divine Music **to become an 'instrument'** of the Divine symphony and to **act in-tune** with the Divine WILL.

When our soul is awakened and illuminated with the Divine NAM, it

percolates,

permeates and transcends

our '**very being**' and we are filled with Divine Love and Bliss.

Then-we

breath in,

live in,

move in,

work with, and have our being

in **Divine Consciousness**, and get infatuated and intoxicated with Divine BLISS and LOVE.

The man is then transmuted and transformed into an

EMBODIMENT OF DIVINITY.

Like the fragrance emanating from flower, our soul **spontaneously emanates and reflects** the Divine attributes of joy, peace, Bliss and Love.

The spiritual LIFE of such a blessed soul constitutes and reflects : —

- 1. Intuitional experience of Divine 'Life Current' i.e., NAM.
- 2. **Enjoying** vibrating thrill of effortless, spontaneous inner Meditation.

- 3. **Ecstasy** in the Divine BLISS OF NAM.
- 4. **Exhilaration** of the exquisite sweet melodious symphony of Eternal Divine Music.
- 5. **Intoxication** in the rapturous bliss of captivating Divine LOVE.
- 6. Infatuation of ravishing and bewitching Divine BEAUTY.
- 7. Breathing, moving, **living** and having our being, in the Divine GRACE.
- 8. Unconsciously **emanating** the fragrance of God's GRACE.
- 9. Becoming **an 'instrument'** for the projection, manifestation and working of Divine WILL.
- 10. **Basking** in the cosy warmth of Divine Sunshine of NAM.
- 11. Living with every breath the True, Vibrating, Thrilling, Eternal, Universal LIVING Religion.
- 12. Un-knowingly reflecting and glorifying the infinite Grace and Greatness of the LORD.

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