

MIRROR MEDITATION
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I was in conversation with a young man who was confiding in me the frustrations about his viewpoints on "Life". He had been raised by a strictly religious family; sent to a mili-

tary school during his high school years and well disciplined in his religious background.

There were many things drilled into his mind that just wouldn't fit. At the age of twenty-five he was rebelling against his own religion and was afraid to challenge the pursuit of others.

It's hard to counsel with a person whose fears and frustrations arising from half truths have caused skepticism to dominate. Too often we do not accept this inner intuition to steer us into greater logic and reason, or to a higher plain of knowledge. It has often been said that man's intuition has steered him to each step of truth yet known to man, and is the fore runner to all the facts and revelations of science.

This young man could not accept the history of Religion by man--for man--and the human fallacy woven there in. I wish it were possible to screen and sift from all religions the spark of truth that glows in all, and start from there.

With the knowledge of man today a much bigger God would emerge, and the clock of man made interpretation would fall away. These are really the confusing things that confront our youth today, with their advanced learning.

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When I advised him to pursue his intuition, he was further confused, as the intuition of others had led them sincerely, and in entirely different channels of which he was still doubtful. It is here we must try to analyze the word "intuition".

Many have tried it, and far be it from me to have the answer. I believe it to be an inner guidance, an awareness that arises from our inner being or subconscious.

Its origin is beyond the concepts of any logic or understanding and has its beginning in the Universal mind in which all life and matter is submerged. I dare to say it is "the pendulum or balance wheel of life," a direct relationship with God, and I believe it can, and will some day be developed into a major science.

I believe everyone taps its source and uses it subconsciously to the level of their intellectual capacity, as in the case of those whose pursuits were not what my young friend would adhere to. This holds true to all walks of life.

We see people who are happy and are convinced of the truth in their faith, yet another might detect a fallacy in his belief. It is in his capacity he has the joy and companionship of his God, to condemn him might destroy him.

If our intuition directs us to further advance and to another level of thought, we are receiving the same assuredness from the same universal mind of God but on a different level. How else can we account for so many religions and concepts.

The trouble is; Man stops seeking--stops searching, for he figures this one revelation is paramount, and is his monopoly. It is in the pursuit of intuition that we shall, step by step, attain the final truth.

Just because one cannot swallow the interpretations of his human predecessors--is no reason to choke off the flow of relationship with God.

It is here one must rise above the prejudices and dogmas of the past. It is here one can measure how far some have traveled for truth. With open minds and hearts we detect when others have traveled even further, and our intuition takes hold and steers us closer and closer to the Creator.

Maybe what I'm trying to say

to my young friend is; you can still find the answer in your own religion or any religion if you seek it, but religion in itself is not the answer.

You can look for it in every corner of the earth or within the covers of every book written, when all the while you carry God within your heart, and he grows in importance as you increase your companion-

ship. As the knowledge of the world advances, so does your intuition improve, and with each step of advance he grows even greater, more infinite to our understanding. The God of all that exists.

Ah yes--no religion can contain him nor can any man monopolize him. Nor can ever man describe him. "Could we with ink the Ocean fill; and were the skies of parchment made; were every stalk on earth a quill--and every man a scribe by trade; to write the love of God above--would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole--tho stretched from sky to sky."

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