

In the Beginning was the Word

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Jesus never asked God for anything. Those of you who were raised Christian and have any familiarity with the Bible will recognize this is true. I'm only going to talk about Jesus and the Bible today, as a framework for today's talk and because I'm most familiar with the Christian story. Most religions have a similar message.

When Jesus healed the lame He *told* them to walk, he didn't *pray* that they might be able to do so. In John 5:8: Jesus comes across a lame man outside the pool of Bethesda and says to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

When Jesus called Lazarus back from the dead, he wasn't down on his knees pleading with God to bring his dead friend back to life. In John 11:23-43: Jesus says to Mary, Lazarus's sister "Your brother will rise again." Later he tells the crowd to "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." But Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And he did.

When Jesus fed the multitudes with five loaves of bread a couple of fish, he didn't worry, freak out, scramble around, panic or beg God for help. In all four Gospels, the Evangelists tell how Jesus was preaching to 5,000 men (not counting the women and children). His disciple Philip thought Jesus should send them away so they could get something to eat because it was getting late. Jesus said, "They don't need to go away, give them something to eat." Another disciple Andrew brings a young boy to Jesus who had five small loaves of barley bread and two small fish. With this food Jesus gave thanks to God, and then began to distribute the food to everyone assembled, and after everyone had enough to eat the disciples collected enough of the unfinished food to fill 12 baskets.

These are just three examples -- the New Testament is rife with more! -- of Jesus declaring and not asking.

We read in John 1:1:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

And in Matthew: 21:21

Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done."

And in John 14:12:

Jesus says, "He that believes in me, the works that I do, he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

Why am I telling you all this? Why are these seemingly random quotes woven together in my talk today?

Because I want you to believe -- no, I want you to *know*, and expect, and thus experience -- the mastery you have over your own lives. Can you imagine that happy power, that expectation of a beautiful life?

Think for a minute about how natural is your expectation, right now, that you will get up in the morning. Or that you'll continue to have the use of your senses from one minute to the next. That your car will start. That lights turn on when you flip the switch. Or that the day will dawn each morning. It requires no attention. No thought, discussion, rationalization, or explanation. It doesn't need to be proven to you day after day. It is so far in the background of your experience because it is a natural expectation.

Imagine you have that same expectation of health: of course I'm healthy! (of course the lights turn on); of money: of course I have enough (of course day turns to night); of career, of social connection, of relationships.

I'm quoting all of these scattered Bible verses to show you -- to *prove* to you -- that you can and you should have that expectation. And if you're not doing it consciously, guess what, it's happening anyway.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him (or her) *all things were made*. Without Him, *nothing* was made that has been made."

That means *you*. The Word is both a noun and an action. In the beginning of everything, behind everything, is not only Divine Intelligence (God), but action that God takes using the stuff of His own self. Not only was the Word *with* God - the ability to act, to create, to speak into being, but it *was* God. What is spoken into being is made of God!

God made everything, and He made it out of His own self, because He is all that is. "Through him all things were made." What does that mean for you? It means you're made by God, out of God's own self.

I like to picture this concept this way: Have you ever seen infrared video of a person moving outside? You can see the bright yellow at the warmest part of the body, then orange, red and increasingly cooler colors as the pixels get farther away from the heat. You can't really see the outlines or edges of the body as distinct from the background environment. It looks like a more congealed bit of soup moving through softer soup. And if there's more than one person in the video, you can see two glowing bright centers cooling off to the extremities, blending in with the green of the environment. Blending together. No separation. This is how I picture us. Made of God's stuff, pushing our way through other God-stuff, no real boundaries, no separation, brushing against each other and against everything that was made.

The whole world, including the spirit world, operates *as* one and *in* one. This is why I know we can all communicate with deceased loved ones. This isn't just a belief for me anymore; I don't

need to be convinced, I *know* it to be true. This is why we can use telepathy with each other, with animals, and with nature. We're all the same stuff, declared into being by God's holy Word and in constant contact with our environment.

Now, if we are made by God's Word, and made *of* God's own stuff, then we have to conclude that our word is as creative and as likely to result in manifestation in the physical world. We have to.

The rational mind likes this logical deduction, doesn't it? That's why I'm giving to you. Because we're faithful people here, we believe in a Higher Power, but if you're anything like me there's always a little part that hangs back and wants to know for sure. That's why I'm an evidential medium and not just a message medium. I'm as skeptical as they come. I like belief and faith, but I really operate well when I *know*. That's why a logical explanation of Holy texts really resonates with me.

What we create with our Word, whether we're conscious of it or not, becomes that soup, that stuff, that we walk into. When you speak, imagine you're projecting forward a liquid or gas that congeals into reality as you are stepping forward into it.

We are creating the rooms we're walking into and walking through. Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many mansions." And that's what that line means. We are all individual points of consciousness -- that glowing yellow center -- yet we are all made of the same, singular material, which is God. So we have a unique experience here in our physical bodies, yes, but we are all using the same material everyone else is using. "In my Father's house are many mansions." In God's world there are many of us creating our own rooms to experience, in the big house that God created. Our physical world.

Doesn't this make you just want to take heart!

If you're not loving the rooms you've created for yourself, it is well within your power to create something entirely different.

Author Don Miguel Ruiz wrote a bestseller called *The Four Agreements*. What's the first agreement? *Be impeccable with your word*. Yes, that means speak with integrity and say only what you mean but it also means recognize that your word creates, so use it consciously, impeccably.

Because it's meaningful.

The beauty of this knowledge is that it's never too late. You are not too sick, too poor, to unloveable, or too lonely to begin *now* to use your word consciously and to build a new mansion for yourself. The parable of the prodigal son illustrates this perfectly: Whether you blow your inheritance and squander your youth and party like it's 1999 -- your father (God) is still going to give you the very same rewards as if you had been behaving all along. *Because you never had to earn it*. It is yours. You inherited it from God, because you are descended from God. Your word is part of your creative ability. You can't escape it.

This is a parable of great hope. You're not going to be punished for abusing or misusing your Word, your creative ability, in the past. All you have to do is come home. There's no judgement. Come home to your identity as your Creator's child. Begin again by being impeccable with your word. It isn't too late; you're not too far gone.

Forgiveness isn't even required, because your word is neutral. Your word is neither good nor bad, but it *is* creative and will result in discomfort if you sow discomfort with it. But if you've misused it in the past, or abused it in the past, that's no sin. There's no judgment. But the moment you realize that you're broke, alone, and sick, come back to your Christ consciousness, your God -- and begin to build a new mansion with your word.

Here's what happens when you do: Your brain changes! The chemistry of your brain actually changes not just in the moment, but also over time. New neurolinguistic pathways are built. You begin to operate from a new place, which makes it easier to use your mind and your word to create a better place to walk into. You get to that place, everything's expanded a little bit, and you're even better equipped to create again, in even greater abundance. And the cycle perpetuates.

It's a discipline, to be sure. That's what "Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven" means. Those are instructions. That's what the evangelist John (some say it's really Mary Magdalene who is the author of the Gospel of John) means when he tells us how Jesus is questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God is coming. He answers them and says, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; or will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is within." Jesus is talking about your mind.

When you begin to use your word to declare -- not to beg, and plead, and hope for or pine for or wish for, pray for -- but to speak into being with your God-given creative ability, you are accessing your own Christ consciousness. When Jesus says, "No one gets to the Father except through me," he doesn't mean you have to become a Christian in a bible-based church. He means nobody really grasps that they are a part of God until they recognize and utilize their own Christ consciousness. Nobody can enjoy their fullness as a creation of God's until they begin to see, feel, and create as God does. As Jesus did.

Earlier I quoted from John 14:12: "He that believes in me and the works that I do, he shall do also." Jesus didn't mean to believe in *him*, the man, but what he represented as Christ and what he was teaching about the Word. So think of that line like this: He that believes in Christ consciousness and the creative nature of his Word, he also will be able to do what God does, which is to heal and to create.

When you say to yourself, "Take your pallet, get up and walk," and you don't simply believe it, but you *know* this must happen, your ability to create and receive what you create expands. You

could walk on water tomorrow, if you knew that you could. This is the truth behind yogis who levitate. But it's a stretch for us pedestrians, isn't it?

But little by little, and as we view and live the proof of creating our own physical environments -- our bodies, health, finances, relationships -- we stretch ourselves a little more. We demand something small at first, see that it comes to pass... well, next time we have a bit more knowledge and trust in the process, a bit more receptivity, so we create something bigger.

Our goal is to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, to make this expectation or assumption so second nature that every day we consciously create and notice the creations.

I had a client yesterday who told me that she does this by focusing on gratitude, which is a great idea, don't get me wrong. But gratitude is rather passive. Let's not forget that our Word is also a verb. It's a call to action. Gratitude should of course be part of the exercise of speaking your desires into reality. Acting as if, or as Matthew says in his Gospel, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." Part of believing we have already received includes thanks for it.

Think about God as the ocean. You are a drop in the ocean; you can be singled out as an individual drop, but alone you are not the ocean. There are millions of other drops in the ocean that can be counted individually, but there is really no separation between your drop and the others, and all of those drops and the ocean as a whole.

You have the same qualities and make-up in a single drop (sodium, hydrogen & oxygen) as the entire ocean, but you cannot encompass it. It - God - encompasses you. You are individualized, but you are made of the same stuff as God. So how can you be anything but Perfect!

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Amen.