

Part II: Getting Back to Basics

HOW YOU FIT IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS

Eventually we will all arrive at the inevitable conclusion that the discovery of God will have to come through the discovery of ourselves. This stems from the recognition that there is an absolute unity between God and us. Yet, each of us is unique. No two of us are alike. Therefore, there must be a unique place for you in the scheme of things.

Following are a few selected thoughts from some of the great thinkers of the world, which support this idea:

- Oliver Wendell Holmes (from *Breakpoint and Beyond*, by George Land & Beth Jarman, pg 155):
 - ***“Alas for those who never sing but die with all their music inside of them.”***
- The Talmud:
 - ***“Do all things according to the pattern as it was showed to you upon the mount.”***
- Gospel of Matthew 5:48 (a modern interpretation)
 - ***“Be your perfect, natural self even as the Infinite Source within you is already perfect.”***
- Ernest Holmes (*Good For You*, pg 16):
 - ***“Every person is an incarnation of God, but no two are exactly alike, and if no two persons are alike, then God does something different in each one of us.”***
 - ***“In order to fulfill our own divine destiny, all we have to do is be ourselves.”***
- ***“Each of us is what we are because that is what God is in us.”***
- Ralph Waldo Emerson (from *Path of Discovery*, p 12, by Scott Awbrey):
 - ***“Imitation is suicide, and there is a place in every life were the reins run out full length, for spiritual genius is hidden in the common place.”***
 - ***“Be yourself. It is easy in the world to live after the world’s opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.”***
- Bhagavad-Gita 3:35 (from *The Bhagavad-Gita*, by Roy Eugene Davis, 1968):
 - ***“It is better to fulfill one’s own law of life, even though imperfectly carried out, than to fulfill the life pattern of another and succeed in the attempt.”***

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