

Where is God?

Jesus says, "I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you." (John 14:20) Since this blog's inception there have been many verbal stones cast. I have been called an abomination, a false prophet, a false teacher, a heretic and the book of Timothy has been thrown in my face—After all according to Timothy women should not teach. Whew! It is a really good thing I am not teaching you anything. On the other hand I have also been given more compliments than I can count, someone even went so far as referring to me as the 'Helper' that Jesus prophesized that he would send—and have to say that is more than a little far fetched. Naturally, it was easy to receive the compliments and at times it was painful to receive the harsh criticism until I really stopped and opened my heart fully to receive this criticism without making any movement to fix or change it—and in that sacred stopping, realized even more deeply that Love bears all things. It is hard to believe that it has been four years since I started writing articles for this blog. Certainly, I have discovered first hand that it is not easy to be a messenger or more accurately a pointer or a road sign. I have stated it many times in comments and in the many articles that I have written—I am not teaching you anything, I am not drawing any conclusions, or telling you what to think, or asking you to become a Christian, or abandon Jesus, or disavow your religious beliefs. I am, however, pointing to something that tends to challenge the generally accepted norm of Christianity and perhaps more importantly, I am extending an invitation to you to look where Jesus is pointing and deeply inquire into your own heart.

Jesus says, "I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you." (John 14:20) If Jesus is in God, and you are in Jesus, and Jesus is in you—How is it that you are separate from God? The tendency is to put Jesus on a pedestal, stare at his finger, and forget to look where he is pointing. In the latest blog I have been accused of drawing conclusions that somehow fall short of the kingdom of heaven or imply that you are God and that salvation is really up to you. It is a generally accepted belief that the kingdom of heaven is somewhere else, Jesus is God and salvation occurs through him, which naturally gives rise to the questions—What does salvation through Jesus really mean? Where is the kingdom of heaven? Who is God? Or more accurately where is God? Jesus is very plain about the location of God and who you really are, as well as the path of salvation, but your mind has a difficult time stopping to recognize this vast presence. The Truth of this vastness is so close to you it is very difficult to perceive. As Jesus explains, "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:14) Where is the narrow gate? Why is the way difficult? And why do so few discover this gate? How can this deep inquiry help you understand the teaching of Jesus on an even deeper level?

The core teaching of Jesus begins and ends with love—the alpha and the omega. The love he speaks of is both human and divine. The divinity of love is so vast, so pristinely silent; it is impossible for your mind to comprehend its infinitude. You are too busy believing all of the thoughts about yourself and other people that are constantly swirling around in your mind to notice this vast living presence within you.

You know these thoughts, we all have them, and it is this constant conversation with yourself that keeps you trapped in an endless cycle of suffering that has peaks and valleys of emotion. Until you stop following the natural movement of your mind and the associated feelings, images, sensations, and desires, it is impossible to perceive the deepest teaching of Jesus.

Stopping is the key to unlocking the mystery of all the parables of Jesus, so that in not seeing you can see, and in not hearing you can hear, and in not knowing you can know that you are the vast love that Jesus came here to reveal. Please do not take my word for it, instead investigate the teaching for yourself. Your own self-discovery will lead you to the narrow gate that leads to life.

Jesus explains, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which said, By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive." (Matthew 13:11-14)

Lets look at these core questions:

- 1) What does salvation through Jesus really mean?
- 2) Where is the kingdom of heaven?
- 3) Who is God? Or more accurately where is God?
- 4) Where is the narrow gate and why do so few find it?

Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

Jesus says, "Know the truth and the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32)

Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22: 37-39)

Jesus says, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of(the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of(the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean." (Matthew 23:25-26)

Jesus says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye be Single your whole body will be filled with Light." (Matthew 6:22)

Jesus says, "You are the Light of the World." (Matthew 5:14)

Jesus says, "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)

Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21)

Jesus says, "I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you." (John 14:20)

Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:45)

Jesus says, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (6:19-21)

Jesus says, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

Jesus says, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness,(BA) and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."(Matthew 6:31-34)

Jesus says, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Matthew 13:35)

Salvation is definitely completely and totally up to you. If Jesus is your savior—surrender to him. You have free will, so only you can decide to surrender—not out fear of damnation, but out of the immense love that Jesus is and always will be. Surrender means to stop everything, fully and completely, stop talking to yourself, and open your heart. It is the deepest bow, a bow you never get up from—true devotion.

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There is only one answer to all of these questions. Look at what Jesus says above and forget about any dogmatic ideas, ideologies, or church doctrine, throw out the idea 'I should'—and tell me deeply, honestly, what is the single answer to all four questions?

I invite you to join me next weekend to discuss this in depth on our global conference call that will be held on Sunday March 14th at 9AM - A Conversation with Jill – Where is God?

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