

6. We Belong In Eternity

Yesterday is history ~ Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift ~ That is why it is called the present.

What are time's origins?

1. The instant that the mad idea of making your relationship with God unholy seemed to be possible, ALL relationships were made meaningless. In that unholy instant time was born, and bodies made to house the mad idea, and give it the ILLUSION of reality. And so it SEEMED to have a home, that held together for a little while in time, and vanished. For what could house this mad idea AGAINST reality, but for an instant? T20.VI.8

2. Only in the past, an ancient past, too short to make a world in answer to creation, did this world APPEAR to rise. So VERY long ago, for such a tiny interval of time that not one note in Heaven's song was missed. Yet, in each unforgiving act or thought, in every judgment, and in all belief in sin is that one instant still called back, as if it could be made again in time. T26.V.5

3. Forgiveness is the great release from time. It is the key to learning that the past is over. Madness speaks no more. There IS no OTHER teacher and no OTHER way. For what has been undone no longer is. And who can stand upon a distant shore, and dream himself across an ocean, to a place and time that have long since gone by? How REAL a hindrance can this dream be to where he really IS? For this is fact, and does NOT change whatever dreams he has. Yet can he still IMAGINE he is elsewhere, and in another time. In the extreme he can delude himself that this is true, and pass from mere imagining into belief and into madness, quite convinced that where he would prefer to be he IS. T26.V.6

4. Into eternity, where all is one, there crept a tiny mad idea, and the son of God remembered not to laugh. In his forgetting did the thought become a serious idea, and possible of both accomplishment and real effects. Together, we can laugh them BOTH away, and understand that time can NOT intrude upon eternity. It IS a joke to think that time can come to circumvent eternity, which MEANS there is no time.

A timelessness in which is time made real; a Part of God Which can attack Itself; a separate brother as an enemy; a mind WITHIN a body; all are forms of circularity, whose ending starts at its beginning, ending at its cause. T27.VIII.6:2-3

No time is needed to be who we are

1. It is just because you are not ready to do what you would elect to do that time exists at all. Ur Text p. 1

2. The Atonement is the device by which you can free yourself from the past as you go ahead. It UNDOES your past errors, thus making it unnecessary for you to keep retracing yours steps without advancing toward your return. T2.II.6

3. Nothing and everything cannot coexist. To believe in one is to deny the other. Fear is really nothing and love is everything. Whenever light enters darkness, the darkness is abolished. What you believe is true for you. In this sense the separation has occurred, and to deny it is merely to use denial inappropriately. However, to concentrate on error is only a further error. The initial corrective procedure is to recognize temporarily that there is a problem, but only as an indication that immediate correction is needed. This establishes a state of mind in which the Atonement can be accepted without delay. It should be emphasized, however, that ultimately no compromise is possible between everything and nothing. Time is essentially a device by which all compromise in this respect can be given up. It only seems to be abolished by degrees, because time itself involves intervals that do not exist. Mis-creation made this necessary as a corrective device. T2.VII.5

4. The purpose of the Atonement is to save the past in PURIFIED form only.

5. What you need to learn now is that only infinite patience CAN produce immediate effects. T5.VI.12

6. You are at home in God, dreaming of exile but perfectly capable of awakening to reality. T10.I.2

7. As you perceive the holy companions who travel with you, you will realize that there IS no journey, but only an awakening. There is no road to travel on and no time to travel through. For God waits not for His Son in time, being forever unwilling to be without him. And so it has always been. T13.I.7

8. Give the eternal instant, that eternity can be remembered for you, in that shining instant of perfect release. Offer the miracle of the holy instant through the Holy Spirit, and leave His giving it to you to Him. The Atonement is in time, but not FOR time. Being for YOU, it is for the eternal. What holds remembrance of God, *cannot* be bound by time. No more are you. For, unless God is bound, you *cannot* be. An instant, offered to the Holy Spirit, is offered to God on your behalf, and in that instant, you will awaken gently in Him. T15.I.1

9. It has taken much time to mis-guide you so completely, but it takes no time at all to BE what you ARE. T15.I.9

10. This course is not beyond IMMEDIATE learning, unless you prefer to believe that WHAT GOD WILLS TAKES TIME. T15.IV.1

11. In time we exist for and with each other. In Timelessness, we coexist with God. T2.V.17

12. Now you must learn that only infinite patience produces immediate effects. T5.VI.12

Miracle-mindedness

1. As long as a single slave remains to walk the earth, your release is not complete. Complete restoration of the Sonship is the only true goal of the miracle-minded. T1.VII.3
2. If a sufficient number of people become truly miracle-minded quickly, the shortening process can be almost immeasurable. But it is essential that these individuals free themselves from fear sooner than would ordinarily be the case, because they **MUST** emerge from basic conflict if they are to bring peace to the minds of others. T2.VIII.2
3. Each must accept the atonement for himself. T4.IV.5
4. The Holy Spirit is the **MOTIVATION** for miracle-mindedness. It is the will to **HEAL** the separation by letting it go. It is **IN** you because God placed it in your mind, and although you can keep it asleep you cannot obliterate it. God Himself keeps it alive by transmitting it from His Mind to yours as long as there is time. It is partly His will and partly yours. The miracle itself is just the fusion of union of will between Father and Son. T5.II.1

We learn in time, not in eternity

1. Being is lost in becoming. Sai Baba
2. The ability to learn has no value when change of understanding is no longer necessary. The eternally creative have nothing to learn. Only after the Separation was it necessary to direct the creative force to learning, because changed behavior had become mandatory. Human beings can learn to improve their behavior, and can also learn to become better and better learners. This increase serves to bring them in closer and closer accord with the Sonship. But the Sonship itself is a perfect creation, and perfection is not a matter of degree. Only while there are different degrees, is learning meaningful. T2.II.5
4. Can you imagine what it means to have no cares, no worries, no anxieties, but merely to be perfectly calm and quiet all the time? Yet that is what time is for, to learn just that and nothing more. T5.VI.12
5. Some of your greatest advances you have judged as **failures**, and some of your deepest retreats you have evaluated as **success**. T18.V.1:5-6

Heed only the Eternal

1. The mind **DID** divide itself when it willed to create its own levels **AND** the ability to perceive them. But it could **NOT** entirely separate itself from the Soul, because it is **FROM** the Soul that it derives its whole power to create. Even in mis-creating, will is affirming its source, or it would merely cease to be. This is impossible, because it **IS** part of the Soul, which God created, and which is therefore eternal. T3.IV.5

2. I have come to tell you that the choice of which is true is not yours. If it were, you would have destroyed yourselves. But God did not will the destruction of His Creations, having created them for eternity. No-one created by God can find joy in anything except the eternal. That is not because he is DEPRIVED of anything else, but because nothing else is WORTHY of him. T8.VI.2

3. The world as YOU perceive it cannot have been created by the Father, for the world is NOT as you see it. God created ONLY the eternal, and everything YOU see is perishable. T11.VII.1

4. Every loving thought that the Son of God ever had is eternal. Those which his mind perceives in this world are the world's only reality. They are still perceptions, because he still believes that he is separate, yet they are eternal, because they are loving. And BEING loving, they are like the Father, and therefore will not die. T11.VIII.2

5. The body is a limit imposed on the universal communication, which is an eternal property of mind. But the communication is INTERNAL. Mind reaches ITSELF. It is NOT made up of different PARTS, which reach each other. It does not go OUT. Within ITSELF, it HAS no limits, and there is nothing OUTSIDE it. It encompasses EVERYTHING. It encompasses you ENTIRELY; you within it, and it within you. There IS nothing else, anywhere or ever. T18.VI.8

6. What SEEMS eternal all will have an end. The stars will disappear, and night and day will be no more. All things that come and go, the tides, the seasons, and the lives of men; all things that change with time and bloom and fade, will not return. Where time has set an end is not where the Eternal is. God's Son can never change by what men made of him. He will be as he was, and as he is, for time appointed not his destiny, nor sets the hour of his birth and death. Forgiveness will not change him. But time waits upon forgiveness, that the things of time may disappear because they have no use. T29.VI.2

7. Heed only immortality. Wk bk. 135.3

7a. The way to immortality is through the removal of immorality. Sai Baba

7b. Money comes and goes. Morality comes and grows. Sai Baba

8. There are 3 illegitimate pursuits: Immortality, Knowledge and Happiness. They are illegitimate because you seek what you already have. Sai Baba

Karma is not real

1. Past is past. Sin is a misnomer for what are really mistakes. I will efface all your errors provided you vow not to walk in error again.

Sai Baba

2. You are not guiltless in time, but in eternity. You have "sinned" in the past, but there is no past. Always has no direction. Time seems to go in one direction, but when you reach its end it will roll up like a long carpet spread along the past behind you, and will disappear. As long as you believe the Son of God is guilty you will walk along this carpet, believing that it leads to death. And the journey will seem long and cruel and senseless, for so it is. T13.I.3

3. The journey the Son of God has set himself is useless indeed, but the journey on which his Father sets him is one of release and joy. T13.I.4

4. You are invulnerable because you are guiltless. You can hold on to the past only through guilt. For guilt establishes that you will be punished for what you have done and thus depends on one-dimensional time, proceeding from past to future. No one who believes this can understand what ALWAYS means. T13.I.8

5. Each instant is a clean, untarnished birth, in which the Son of God emerges FROM the past, into the present. And the present EXTENDS FOREVER. It is so beautiful and clean and free of guilt that nothing but happiness is there. T15.I.8

6. Each day, and every minute in each day, and every instant that each minute holds, you but relive the single instant when the time of terror took the place of Love. And so you die each day to live again, until you cross the gap between the past and present, which is NOT a gap at all. T26.V.I

7. In the ultimate sense, reincarnation is impossible. There is no past or future, and the idea of birth into a body has no meaning either once or many times. Reincarnation cannot, then, be true in any real sense. Our only question should be, "Is the concept helpful?" And that depends, of course, on what it is used for. If it is used to strengthen the recognition of the eternal nature of life, it is helpful indeed. Is any other question about it really useful in lighting up the way? Like many other beliefs, it can be bitterly misused. At least, such misuse offers preoccupation and perhaps pride in the past. At worst, it induces inertia in the present. In between, many kinds of folly are possible. MT.24.I

Ego Cannot Exist in Eternity

1. The ego is an ally of time, but not a friend. For it is as mistrustful of death as it is of life, and what it wants for you it cannot tolerate. The ego wants you dead, but not itself. The outcome of its strange religion must therefore be the conviction that it can pursue you beyond the grave. And out of its unwillingness for you to find peace even in death, it offers you immortality in hell. It speaks to you of Heaven, but assures you that Heaven is not for you. How can the guilty hope for Heaven? T15.I.3

2. The state of guiltlessness is only the condition in which what is NOT there has been REMOVED from the disordered mind that THOUGHT it WAS. This state,

and only this, must YOU attain, with God beside you. For until you do, you will still think that you are separate FROM Him. T14.IV. 7

3. The ego does not perceive sin as a lack of love. It perceives it as a POSITIVE ACT OF ASSAULT. This is an interpretation which is necessary to its survival, because as soon as YOU regard it as a LACK, you will automatically attempt to remedy the situation. And you will also succeed. The ego regards this as doom, but YOU must learn to regard it as freedom. T5.V.4

Use time toward Eternity

1. In this world, God's son comes closest to himself in a holy relationship. There he begins to find the certainty his Father has in him. And there he finds his function of restoring his Father's laws to what was held OUTSIDE them, and finding what was lost. Only in time can anything BE lost, but never lost forever. So do the parts of God's Son gradually join in time, and with each joining is the end of time brought nearer. Each miracle of joining is a mighty herald of eternity. No-one who has a single purpose, unified and sure, can BE afraid. No-one who SHARES his purpose with him can NOT be one with him.

Each herald of eternity sings of the end of sin and fear. Each speaks in time of what is far BEYOND it. Two voices, raised together, call to the hearts of everyone, and let them beat as one. And in that single heart beat is the unity of love proclaimed and given welcome. Peace to your holy relationship, which has the power to hold the unity of the Son of God together. You give to one another for EVERYONE. And in your gift is everyone made glad. T.20.V.1+2

2. Haste makes waste, waste makes worry. Don't be in a hurry. Sai Baba

3. Time is precious. Don't waste time. Sai Baba

4. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Don't eat today what you can put off till tomorrow. Helen Drucker