

The BIG Question

WHAT IS GOD'S ROLE IN
THE LAW OF ATTRACTION?

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Much has been said and much has been written about what is called the Law of Attraction. In my own vocabulary, I call this the power behind Personal Creation. It has to do with *how things come about*. It has to do with how reality *becomes* reality.

We've heard a lot about *how* Personal Creation works. We've heard a lot about the *way* it works. But we've hardly heard anything at all about the *reason* it works, which has led to a lot of questions—and one in particular that might just be the most important question of all time.

As the author of the *Conversations With God* books, I've had this question asked at my lectures and spiritual renewal retreats many times. Other messengers have heard it too, I'm sure. And, finally, it made its way to global television.

A few years ago, an episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* was devoted to *The Secret*, the motion picture having to do with the Law of Attraction that was

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► By believing passionately
in something that does
not yet exist, we create it.

—NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS

capturing a lot of attention at the time. Oprah's on-set guests were waxing enthusiastic about using positive thoughts and feelings, consciously and deliberately, to bring about desired results in one's life as described in the film. Then Oprah called on a woman in the audience who, she said, "has a question that many people want answered."

The woman then rose to say, "My husband and I, we are Christians, and our kids are Christians. We teach our children to put their faith in God, and it seems that *The Secret* teaches you to put your faith in yourself. So I was wondering if God is anywhere in this."

Oprah thought that was a good question, and I can understand why.

Since we were children, most of us have at least heard about this "being" that some people call God—or Adonai, Akshar, Allah, Brahm, Brahma, Deus, Divinity, Divine Mother, Ekankar, Elohim, Hari, Indra, Jehovah, Krishna, Lord, Mahesh, Manitou, Ormuzd, Parameshwar, Purush, Purushottam, Radha Soami, Ram, Rama, Theos, Thor, Varuna, Vishnu, or Yahweh, among other names our various global cultures have given to that Ineffable Essence we call The Divine.

Some of us have not been given—and, thus, do not now carry—the best impression of this Higher Being. Some of us think of this Being as an angry, judgmental, vindictive, and punishing deity of Whom we do well to be muchly afraid.

Others have been told of a God who is loving, and who is the One to whom we can turn if we need help, or if we desire something that is really important.

Still others of us, having rejected outright each of those notions, do not believe in a God at all.

Yet if we believe in *life*, we believe in Something Greater Than Us. Life Itself is the collective energy of the lot of us and of All Things Manifest, and we can call All Things Manifest anything we wish—“God,” “Life,” or whatever—but we cannot deny Its existence. Clearly, all things that exist, *exist*. And the term that we use for The Sum Total of Everything is unimportant. What is important is that it IS.

The only question that remains is, does this Sum Total of Everything have any role at all to play in the expression of Life that flows through its individuated parts? Can its Combined Energy be focused or directed or utilized in any way?

The dramatic assertion in some Law of Attraction teachings and writings is that if we need a miracle or wish better health or want more money or ache for a perfect companion or seek right livelihood or simply desire a better life, all we have to do is use the power that lies within *us*, “speak our word,” and everything for which we yearn will be ours. Yet what of this powerful Combined Energy that lies outside us?

We must ask again, where *does* this Combined Energy that I call God fit into all this? What is God’s role in the Process of Personal Creation?

THE NATURE OF ALL THAT IS

The first thing we must do to consider this question seriously is explore the fundamental nature of All That Is. I have done so, and I’ve concluded that while it is All Intelligence, it is not judgmental, not vengeful, and not punishing. It has no reason to be any of those things, because the All of Everything can neither be hurt nor damaged nor even disappointed in any way because That Which Is All needs nothing at all. It *exists*, most assuredly, but it needs nothing in *order* to exist, nor does it require anything in particular to be “happy,” since it IS everything it could possibly require. There is nothing *other* than All That Is. No emotional, physical,

psychological, or spiritual experience is lacking, or stands outside of, The All. Therefore, God needs, requires, and demands nothing.

This is the working definition of *God* I employ in my daily experience. Of course, it is OK for people to use other terms instead of God—terms such as Spirit or Source, or even the Universe, or simply Life—if they feel more comfortable doing so. A rose by any other name is still a rose.

THE MECHANISM OF MANIFESTATION

Now, to understand how Personal Creation *increases* rather than *decreases* the role of this particular God in our lives, we must know everything there is to know about the Mechanism of Manifestation. We must have that mechanism thoroughly explained to us, as well as the principles of life that support it.

The Process of Personal Creation is actually three phenomena interacting as one. The first phenomenon has to do with God, the second has to do with you, and the third has to do with *you and God together*.

Another way of describing this would be that Part One of the “mystery formula of life” is the *I Am*, Part Two is the *You Are*, and Part Three is the *How To*.

The fact that all three of these aspects are not deeply understood by most people is why the principle of “attraction” has been called a “secret.”

Some people have said they’ve tried using the Law of Attraction and have thought it to be ineffective, producing disappointing and disheartening results. I believe that is because these people are working with only part of the data.

Personal Creation (and the Energy of Attraction that is so integral to it) is a product of Divine Love. It would be nonbeneficial to think we are producing some kind of result by ourselves, without the participation of God.

A TOOL WITH TWO HANDLES

“Attraction” is a gift from a benevolent and compassionate Deity. It is a tool with two handles—one in God’s hands and one in ours. Like all tools, it is most effective when it is used for the purpose for which it was intended.

I want you not to miss the enormous implication of all that has just been said. I have just said that “attraction” is a *tool*, that this tool was created *by God*, and that the tool has been given to *us* to use *with God*.

I have also said that it is *most effective* when used for the purpose *for which it was intended*. By whom? By God.

And just what is that purpose?

It is to create a happy, peaceful, joyous life for everyone whose life you touch, and for you, in that order.

Please take note of those last three words. They could change everything you thought you understood about the Law of Attraction and the “mystery formula” behind How Life Works.

In the movie *The Secret*, virtually every image had to do with creating something wonderful for the Self. A new car suddenly appears in a man’s driveway. A diamond necklace adorns a woman’s bodice. Even a child is used in these illustrations, suddenly finding a new bike outside the front door. Everything is about personal abundance, personal prosperity, personal power.

Nowhere does the movie or the book that followed ask, “If the Law of Attraction is so powerful, how might it be used to create world peace?” Or, for that matter, how might it be used for anything having to do with anybody else?

Yet *Conversations With God* (CWG) told me that the ability to create your reality is an expression of Divinity—and Divinity is concerned with more than just Little You or Local You. It is concerned about you, but it is concerned about more than that.

So I have learned that when we use

the Law of Attraction to bring to *others* what it is that *they* need and seek, *then* we have attracted Personal Power, *multiplied*. And nearly always, what we produce for others we create for ourselves. This is what is meant by the CWG message, “Your life is not about you. It is about everyone whose life you touch.”

This does not mean you should pay *no* attention to yourself. It means you benefit most when you pay attention to others as well—and to others in the first instance. Because the truth is, there *are* no “others.” There is only You, in another form.

So, in truth, what I do for you I do for me . . . and what I fail to do for you I fail to do for me.

PERSONAL CREATION ALWAYS WORKS

I have learned something else that is important about the power of Personal Creation as well, and that is that it always works. It is impossible for it *not* to work. It is a fundamental principle of the universe. It is *the nature of things*.

The Law of Attraction is always producing *some* result, because it is *always being used*—whether those using it know it or not.

This is the great gift of God: Continuous Power, Continuously On.

We are talking here about a systematic process of cause and effect that never shuts down. God *is* that process. God *is* that system. This is what God means when God says to us, “I am with you always, even unto the end of time.”

This is something that is not generally understood, and rarely explained, about God. It is almost *never* explained in relation to the topic of the Law of Attraction or the Power of Personal Creation.

PART OF A LARGER SYSTEM

We need to now contextualize this business of “attraction.” The Law of



Attraction is part of a *larger system of cause and effect in the Universe*.

Talking about “attraction” as if it were a law unto itself is a little like talking about gravity without discussing the physics explaining what gravity does and why. OK, so a thing drops. So what?

Let us look, then, at the Great Principles of Life. Life expresses itself through:

- 1 THE ENERGY OF ATTRACTION**, which gives you power.
- 2 THE LAW OF OPPOSITES**, which gives you opportunity.
- 3 THE GIFT OF WISDOM**, which gives you discernment.
- 4 THE JOY OF WONDER**, which gives you imagination. And
- 5 THE PRESENCE OF CYCLES**, which gives you eternity.

This larger system regulates the Process

of Personal Creation. You might even call this system, and this process, “God.”

IS GOD A PROCESS?

This is a new thought to many people. Invite yourself to explore this idea, just for now. Could “God” really be, after all is said and done, a *process*?

The answer I have been given is *yes*. And the Law of Attraction is part of this process, as are the other Great Principles of Life. Conscious use of the Principles that are the foundation of the Process of Personal Creation produces an *expression* of life that leads to the *experience* of Divinity.

THIS ARTICLE IS THE FIRST OF A TWO-PART SERIES. IN THE NEXT ISSUE, WE WILL EXPLORE ALL FIVE OF THE GREAT PRINCIPLES OF LIFE AND HOW TO USE THEM.

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