

Article 234: God or Godness? –part 1

In the language of things~which is the basis of all languages~whatever exists or is conceived to exist as an entity or as a distinct and individual quality, fact, or idea is a “thing”. Now, while a condition of wellbeing is, according to this definition, a thing, can you get your mind around the concept that wellbeing is merely the *condition of a thing*? If so, keep that in mind as you read on, for though it *seems* that your wellbeing can be distinguished from illbeing, happiness from unhappiness, desirable from undesirable, this is not really true, for these are **conditions** that have no existence separate from you. You are your wellbeing, happiness, and your desirableness! Treating these “wanted” things as unique, recognizable aspects keeps you forever separate from them ...seeking endlessly to attain them or to become one with them ...while struggling equally as hard to avoid illbeing, unhappiness, and undesirable “things”; ...this is no way to live, but it is what your language creates ...and what you have been living for years.

Do you accept religion’s image of God? Whether that is a loving God or vengeful God, a judging or forgiving God, a supportive or ruling God, an omnipotent•omniscient•omnipresent God, ...are these images supportive, enriching, and empowering? If not, and you have relegated God to being the spirit and essence of all things, the greatest spiritual being, the creative and guiding force in the universe, or the animating principle of everything ...or even of life itself, ...are you happy with these images? ...and personally fulfilled by them? Do you see that all of these images are of a separate “thing” called God? ...and, like happiness and wellbeing, this keeps you struggling endlessly for happiness and wellbeing ...or for God, as opposed to other things. Do you care about this Godtalk? If not, read no further, ...but, if you are even a little bit intrigued, open your mind and awareness ...and pay close attention.

Whether you sense a personal Godfigure, Godpresence, or Godstate of being in your life ...or feel that God is the creative life-force in all things, for you, God is some sort of “thing”, ...but what if, like happiness and wellbeing, God is the condition of things ...or condition of you, such as *a condition of Godness*? ...how might that alter and expand your sense and image of God? ...and of yourself relative to this greater and finer understanding of yourself and God ...and your relationship?

This next statement from the Bhagaved Gita is of Krishna’s words as recorded in *The Yoga of Royal Wisdom and Royal Mystery*.

Concentrated on me, be devoted to me; making holy offerings to me, worship me. Thus steadfast, with me as your supreme aim, you will come to me.

Now, let's rewrite this statement and change the references to God as a thing to being *a condition of Godness* and see what is revealed in this new form.

Concentrated on a condition of Godness, be devoted to that condition of Godness; making holy offerings to a condition of Godness, worship a condition of Godness. Thus steadfast, with a condition of Godness as your supreme aim, you will come to a condition of Godness.

Do you see how wonderfully this alters your awareness and this image of God? ...then let's personalize this even more-intimately and repeat Krishna's words again.

Concentrated on *your* condition of Godness, be devoted to *your* condition of Godness; making holy offerings to *your* condition of Godness, worship *your* condition of Godness. Thus steadfast, with *your* condition of Godness as your supreme aim, you will come to *your* condition of Godness.

Isn't that what you truly desire? ...that, like happiness and wellbeing, God is *not* a separate thing or force or spirituality, but is a condition of all you want to embrace and live? And isn't it interesting that when personalized in this way, God sounds a great deal like your declaredself? With this in mind, let's consider, for instance, that your declaredself is *greatnessing*, ...we'll substitute *a condition of greatnessing* in Krishna's words and see what is revealed.

Concentrated on your *condition of greatnessing*, be devoted to your *condition of greatnessing*; making holy offerings to your *condition of greatnessing*, worship your *condition of greatnessing*. Thus steadfast, with your *condition of greatnessing* as your supreme aim, you will come to your *condition of greatnessing*.

We started this part of our discussion with Krishna's words simply because, as language progressed from these ancient times and beliefs, this image of God was carried into the Semitic language of ancient Hebrews as recorded in the Old Testament, adopted by Buddhism, extended into Christianity, continued by Mohammed in the teaching of Islam, and is widely accepted today, ...but, of course, you're probably suspicious that we selected this simple passage from the Bhagaved Gita just to "prove our point", ...therefore, let's consider another of Krishna's statements which represents a belief and teaching from all of these religions.

Those awakened souls established in their divine nature, knowing me as the imperishable origin of all being, single-mindedly reverence me.

After substituting *a condition of Godness* in these words, the statement reads as follows:

Those awakened souls established in their divine nature, knowing *a condition of Godness* as the imperishable origin of all being, single-mindedly reverence *a condition of Godness*.

We will leave it to you to substitute the verbal of your declaredself in these words and understand the imperishable origin of yourself in your universe, while we move on to consider the first words from the book of St. John in The Bible.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

By substituting *a condition of Godness* in these verses, you will understand that *all things* arose as a condition of Godness, ...does that conflict with your image of God, your beliefs and views of the universe, and your desires for yourself? Well, let's see what is revealed.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was *a condition of Godness*, and the Word was *a condition of*

Godness. All things were made by *a condition of Godness*; and without *a condition of Godness* was not anything made that was made.

Expand this awareness to include your true self and life by substituting your declaredself (aka Godself) in these words ...while we move on to consider whether, according to Buddha's teachings, since desires and pleasures are your God, is it at all possible that subjugating your condition of Godness will ever lead you to nirvana ...or to the self and life you truly desire. Consider this carefully and wisely!

Following these personal revelations, ...in Islam, the foundational belief that "there is no God but Allah" is more-correctly stated that there is no God but a condition of Godness ...or, more-personally for you, *there is no God but your condition of Godness*.

If everything has an orderly place in a God-ordered universe, there is no place for your living as you truly desire; ...are you willing to surrender the uniqueness of living your condition of Godness as you truly desire for a fixed place in a predetermined universe? Think long and hard about this before answering, for you have become only what your language let's you think and believe, ...does it seem enrichingly fulfilling for you to continue in these ways? Your language-created beliefs, perceptions, and understandings of God and the universe ...and of yourself in life were firmly established in ancient times, have been continued and nourished and justified for centuries, and have just as completely *failed to offer* any true uniqueness and happiness or understanding ...or life as you truly desire.