

## READER'S QUESTIONS

### *Being as Gods • Planet X*

**QUESTION:** I was a bit troubled with the phrase "we shall be as Gods." It seems that the whole of creation is divided according to Milton's *Paradise Lost* in that one either chooses to serve themselves or be in submission to the Holy Spirit. I do not wish to be as a "god." I only wish to serve him. Can you enlighten me on this subject?

**Answer:** It seems that one of our earliest forbears, Eve, wanted to be as the Gods. Why? It was her destiny and God's will. In the first creation account, the Elohim said "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Eve's desire to be like the Gods, we are told, led to the "Fall," to physical consciousness. The context is familiar: the serpent said: "Ye shall not surely die, for God knows that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Christ Jesus, the Son of God the Father, told his disciples that "the things that I do shall ye do, and greater things than these shall ye do." How will this be possible? The Rosicrucian Teachings maintain that the human Spirit originates in God as part of God. Our inherent, essential nature is divine. We are sparks of Divinity which, over the course of eons of time, are fanned into active powers for good, into creative knowledge. Our destiny is to become like the Father, as stupendous, even sacrilegious as this may at first seem.

The Jews wanted to stone Jesus because, they said, he blasphemed. What was his blasphemy? That "thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?" (John 10:33-34).

After Paul healed the man at Lystra who was "crippled from his mother's womb, who had never walked," the people exclaimed "the gods are come

down to us in the likeness of men." (Acts 14:11)

Each human is a Virgin Spirit who was differentiated in God and separated off by sheathes of spirit substance and an outer "coat of [physical] skin" to acquire experience in the physical world so that he can convert potential divinity into active god-wielding powers and wisdom and the kind of cosmic love evinced by Christ Jesus Himself when He sacrificed his superhuman identity to assist, as Paul describes humans, His younger brothers, as well as the entire earth organism.

Your profession of obedience to the Holy Spirit is commendable. Through this obedience (from the word meaning to hear) you will in time be informed of your even more glorious destiny entailed in doing the Father's will, which, as his son, is to know Him and become like unto Him.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard the things that God has planned for them that love Him. For in this love itself is implicit the law that the lover is like unto the beloved.

**Question:** You encourage us to ask questions. We wish your web pages and articles were more up to date....For example: What is Your position in regard to the so-called Planet X? Will it be near our Earth in 2003, as many assert, or....??

**Answer:** "Up to date" is surely a relative assessment and most often the term is applied to today's "groundbreaking" news which is tomorrow's irrelevancy, fabrication, or mere error. Discoveries and "breakthroughs" in the "war on cancer" have been blitzing the press since Richard Nixon declared battle in 1971. Yet what's new, with all the developments and thousands of "promising" drugs assayed and foisted on doctors and patients by the pharmaceutical companies? The spiritual dimension must

inform practice in all areas of human endeavor for real news, real development to take place, be it in medicine, astronomy, biology, or geophysics.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is dedicated to the dissemination of spiritual truths. The physical sciences ground and corroborate these truths and show their operation on the physical plane. The material world is an emanation of spiritual forces and is governed by spiritual laws. Perspective and discernment are needed to cull the few significant discoveries from the daily raft of false reports, novel proposals, and hypotheses passed off as facts—e.g., Darwinian evolution. We have an avalanche of information at our hands. What do we do with it? How do we order it? How do we separate what is important from what trivial? If we don't have an ordering principle, if we lack a system of transcendent values, we are unable to intelligently evaluate and use (and mostly dismiss!) information. Information comes from registering sensory data. Knowledge comes from applying logical thought to this data. Wisdom comes from living in accordance with spiritual verities, which are disclosed by the "inner eye" of intuition and the awakened faculty of extrasensory perception, which will reveal spiritual realities that, often as not, fly in the face of today's iconic truths, such as heliocentrism (on the soul level), or the ascent of humans from apes, or that the heart "pumps" blood, etc.

Let us seek and cultivate what abides, what is enduring, what makes a qualitative difference in our lives, what better enables us to know the Creator and his creatures, including our fellow humans.

Lest this response to your question be thought a windy harangue, or a lazy evasion, we offer the following to more directly address your inquiry.

While humans are regularly doomed with apocalyptic scenarios, we ourselves are the causative agents in all earthly catastrophes. In the book *Blindsided: Planet X Passes in 2003*, Mark Hazlewood claims that the approach of a Planet X, a large "reddish chunk of matter" inbound from the orbit of Pluto, "is currently causing Earth to experience a long list of seismic, volcanic, and weather related problems." The truth is, however, that human beings prepare for and create all the seismic and volcanic disturbances on our Planet Earth and are responsible for them by their materialistic think-

ing and immoral behavior.

To the extent that Planet X, or any other anomalous extraterrestrial body, is found scientifically to cause an earthly upheaval, it would be only a proximate cause, a vehicle called into being in response to and a counterbalance for human wrongdoing. Fear not Planet X. Rather let each fear his own power to do wrong and experience the repercussions that must, according to cosmic law, follow from them.

In the publication *Nature Spirits and Nature Forces*, Max Heindel writes: "Thus the world is just what we ourselves, individually and collectively, have made it; and it will be what we make it. The occult scientist sees in everything that happens a cause of a spiritual nature manifesting itself, not omitting the prevalence and alarmingly increasing frequency of seismic disturbances, which it traces to the materialistic thought of modern science.

"It is true that purely physical causes can bring about such disturbances, but is that the last word on the subject? Can we always get the full explanation by merely recording what appears on the surface? [Or from above the surface?] Surely not! The occultist says that if materialism had not been, seismic disturbances would not have occurred."

"[T]he 'hand of God' which smites a Sodom or a Gomorrah is not a foolish superstition, for as surely as there is individual responsibility to the Law of Consequence which brings to each person the just results of his deeds whether for good or evil, so is there also community and national responsibility, which brings upon groups of men corresponding results for their collective acts."

As for apparent aberrations in the weather, *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* informs us that in the "Aerial Region" or third division of the Region of Concrete Thought are the archetypes of all the desires, passions, wishes, feelings, and emotions that we experience in the Desire World, which manifest as atmospheric conditions; so that, for instance, the passions of warring nations appear as flashes of lightning. The atmospheric of weather, while having their physical causes, ultimately issue from spiritual archetypes, which, in turn, are reflections of human thought, word, desire, and deed.

Finally, when catastrophes do occur, as in the Atlantean Flood, and many people die, it is the body that dies. The spirit endures, for it is eternal. □