

The totality of all possible experience

is stored at the causal level of consciousness

The Causal Experience, the level of the

Universality of Mind, has truly been described as the God-realization,

Of having found God!

*God consciousness has been equated to the consciousness
of the Universal Mind.*

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Q: If everything is predestined, why would the totality of consciousness (say, God, Creator) predestine pain, torture, war, social injustice, etc.?

A: Why such painful situation? Couldn't He have a

better idea? He would have made it all heavenly. Well, He did. But not here. We think this is the whole creation. This is a very, very small segment of creation. There are heavens existing with no pain, no torture, no suffering. In large volumes, people are enjoying themselves. And you can do that too. Do good deeds. These heavens follow the laws of karma. Do all good deeds, you'll go to that heaven and enjoy it. That is also created by the same creator. It's not only this physical world we're talking of. This is not the total creation. There is also worse torture and pain than we see in this world. There are hells existing right now where there is greater torture going on. Go and visit that. You'll scream out. Even though you're not part of it, you'll still scream out. **And both of them can be seen at the astral plane - the heavens and the hells. They exist and can be experienced. Can be experienced by withdrawal of attention from the physical body to the astral state and you'll see they are all there.** So don't think that the predestination is only created in the physical world, which has pain and pleasure, good and bad, high and low. There are places which are all high. Places which are all low. Created by the same power that predestined everything.

What about this particular world we are living in - the physical world? And how is this world operating? Is it only torture? Is it only pain? Or is there pleasure also?

I think we would all run away from here if there were no pleasure. There are so many pleasures. In fact, there are so many temptations for so much pleasure, worldly pleasures. We love to make friends. We love sexual relationships. We love

owning property. We love to buy more toys. We enjoy them. We enjoy Christmas. We enjoy festivals. They're not torture. How can we say this world is all torture? It's not. If you count all the torture and all the blessings and pleasure here, they're equal. Both are equal. Up and down is equal. So there are worlds created by the totality of consciousness which are all torture and pain. And worlds, all pleasure. And then there is a middle world where we are sitting right now where there are both. What is the advantage of having these both? The advantage is that we can experience both. If you eliminate one, you can't experience the other. This world is duality. It's based upon pairs of opposites. **Everything we experience in consciousness is experienced because we have also experienced the opposite.** If a person in this world has never experienced pain, he will not know what pleasure and joy is. And if a person has experienced only pleasure, never seen pain, he will not know what pleasure is. If there was only light like this which you are seeing here, and no darkness ... Imagine if you close your eyes, there is light, open our eyes, there is light, wherever we go, there is the same light ... If that was the situation, you would never have seen light. The word light would not have come up. Light came because there was darkness. Everything you are experiencing here is based upon pairs of opposites. That's called the world of duality that you have to have pairs of opposites to experience it. Why was this duality created in the first place? Because our true home has no duality. Our true home has only bliss, nothing else. And if you don't go into a world of duality, you won't even appreciate what bliss means. The very *raison d'etre*, the reason for creation of this universe, of duality was to make it an opposite of a world, true home of ours, which is non-dual. This was a larger opposite. We look at little, small opposites here to experience life. There is a much larger opposite, a world of non-duality is being experienced, appreciated by us because of the world of duality here.

They say that there are some souls which are sitting in their true home. Never left it. Enjoying themselves, singing and dancing, chanting every day. I'm just giving an analogy because there's no time, space - just example. Singing, dancing, state of bliss. "Oh, we are in our true home." And then we guys who have seen this torture and pain, and the pleasure and pain balanced in the world of opposites, we go back to our true home with the help of a perfect living master and we dance even more. We sing louder than them. And they say, "What is so special about you? You're souls like us. We are in a state of bliss and how are you experiencing greater singing and dancing than us?" And we tell them, "You don't know what you're missing." Because they've never seen anything opposite.

So, that is why there is a great purpose in a creation in which there is pain and suffering. It is the experience of this world of pain and suffering that gives us a true appreciation of our own true home, to which we return. But that's not all. If this was as real, if this world was as real as our true home, I don't think that was a good idea. But if the world is made of a dream-like illusion, like a movie, which is not real, and we think it is real while we are here and we go back and find our true home was actually real, that was not real but just an experience, then without creating torture and pain, we have been able to appreciate our true home. It's like having a dream, a nightmare, horrible dream you're having. And you say, "Terrible things are happening to me." And you wake up. What do you say? "Thank God it was a dream." That's exactly what we say when we reach our true home. "Thank God it was just a created experience. There was nothing real in it. Our reality is here."

So, therefore, when we talk of why this is created, there is a big purpose. There is a small purpose of creating experiences in a world of pairs of opposites. There's a bigger purpose of creating a world of duality so that we can experience the non-duality of our true home and appreciate it

wisdom is the growth of your **consciousness!**
It is intrinsic; it does not come from outside.

IT EXPLODES WITHIN YOU AND THEN SPREADS TO YOUR OUTER LIFE

When knowledge dovetails, practically, or near practically,
with the exigencies of human experience, it is called "wisdom"

*It is something which must be obtained
by each individual by his own effort from the deepest
recesses of his own consciousness*

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