

## **OUR GREAT COMMISSION AND PURPOSE**

by Roy Eugene Davis

My guru, Paramahansa Yogananda, once said “God’s will... will be done whether individuals choose to cooperate or not. How much better is it for God-loving Souls to choose to cooperate!” What he meant was that the flow of evolution is in the direction of planetary awakening, and there is need for responsible men and women to do their best to assist evolution’s plan and purpose.

Our teaching emphasis is clear and direct; we teach that it is possible, through right personal effort and grace, to experience Self-realization, to experience a personal relationship with God, and to live a fulfilled life in harmony with the laws of nature.

This is not a new teaching. It has been taught by enlightened men and women through the ages. We merely echo and restate in the language of the times the essential truth that alone can result in spiritual freedom.

Our great commission is to go unto all the world and share the redeeming Word with every person. This message is not for a special few; it is for every person conscious enough, intelligent enough, mature enough, to understand it and respond to it. Those who are not yet able to “hear” the message and respond to it can still be served and be supported in basic ways until they are sufficiently awake to learn and benefit. But every person should have the chance, at least once in his or her life, to know these things. It is, therefore, our spiritual duty to make the message available. We need not attempt to persuade or convert, but merely embody the teaching in our own lives and provide clear information to others who are seeking to know the truth about the nature of God, the Soul, the world process and the purpose of it all. This is what we mean when we declare the truth.

Our major purpose is to encourage and support the ideal of individual and planetary enlightenment. An enlightened person comprehends, not merely at the intellectual level, but at the Soul level as well, the truth about life and, as a result, is able to actualize Soul capacities in daily living. As increasing numbers of individuals live God-conscious lives, all humanity benefits. Society becomes more harmonious, and its members are supported in their quest for personal fulfillment and fulfillment of Soul destiny.

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### ***Looking to the Future with Confidence, Fully Prepared and Equal to Opportunities***

Not all are called to active ministry. The majority of the people of planet earth are destined to maintain the stability of the social order and to fulfill their purposes in the mainstream. Enlightenment and a God-directed life is just as possible in the midst of daily activities as it is anywhere else. It is not a matter of what a person's style is, so long as it is righteous (honest and conscious); it is a matter of inner understanding and personal spiritual maturity.

Whatever one feels led to do in order to fulfill their purposes and contribute to the wellness of society should be done with conscious intention and total commitment. In this way everything that person does is of service, and a learning opportunity. The most valuable spiritual training possible is coming to terms with the world in which we live and attending to our duties and responsibilities with a constructive attitude and attention to important matters. In this way we "prove" the principles we learn and make them our own through personal experience.

Those who are called to minister to others must, above all, be grounded in the principles of righteous living, be anchored in God through regular, deep meditation, and be attentive always to the matter of conscious and appropriate living. We cannot share with others what we do not know, and we are always silently sharing what we are.

I have no wish to ordain robots, unthinking ministers who can only follow a prepared script. I can see, with my inner eye, many coming forth who will hear the word, intensify their personal spiritual practices, unfold their divine potential, and be conscious, illumined Soul-directed representatives of this enlightenment movement.

Our ministers must reflect our purposes and ideals in their personal lives and in their teaching activities. They cannot be dogmatic, small minded, self-centered, personality-based individuals and be equal to their calling. They must, instead, be expansive, God-centered, and 100% dedicated.

Please remember, we are not only to read and share words and personal examples, we are also to be conduits through which divine power flows. Egocentricity (self-centeredness), laziness, unwillingness to learn, immorality, and unethical conduct, desire for fame and personal gain, have no place in the personality and life of a true minister of God. Humility,

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courage, energy rightly directed, willingness to learn, honesty and integrity, the desire to serve the cause of enlightenment for every person on the planet, these are the characteristics which should be dominant in the personality and life of a true minister of God.

We have ministry ideals, but we do not have a list of beliefs and teachings to which one must subscribe. Our motive force is love, to encourage and support others so they can fulfill their worthy purposes and be the best they can be. The ideal is to encourage cooperation, and to assist others to be as clear and strong as possible because of their own inner realization of God. We do not encourage dependency upon any person, teacher, or doctrine.

To the extent we can, we can work in cooperation with many other New Era movements, including many Unity churches, Science of Mind and Religious Science churches and centers, independent groups, Yoga centers such as Himalayan Institute, and with members and leaders of other groups. In this way, multiplied thousands of people are touched each year who do not otherwise have communication with CSA.

### ***God-realization is Our Teaching Emphasis: Organized Ministry Activity is the Mode of Transmission***

Remember, a corporate entity is but a vehicle through which useful works are accomplished. CSA ministry has unfolded steadily over the years and is now about to experience a major growth cycle. We are planning for this. The ideal for a successful ministry, as any useful venture, is to plan for growth, not merely to work to maintain what is already established. Any organism that does not grow, that does not adapt and innovate, diminishes in vitality because it is not serving its major purpose.

One of the members of the CSA Board of Trustees recently said to me, "Roy, you are asking too much! You cannot expect everyone involved with CSA to be as dedicated as you are!" Well, I can, and I do. If I can be 100% dedicated, so can others who feel called to be involved. Mild interest, or superficial interest, is not sufficient.

I am believing and knowing that the right people will come forth to be active in a useful way in this ministry. I am believing and knowing that all of the resources of the infinite field of consciousness are now ready to flow into expression to make possible useful projects. And, as I know this for the ministry, I am knowing this for you in your own life as God meets our

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personal needs on time and in abundance. You see, it is human nature to live out of a consciousness of limitation. It is evidence of divine consciousness when we live with the understanding that the ocean of infinite consciousness is our larger true reality. Man is restricted because he accepts restriction. A person is unrestricted when he awakens from limitations and from the sense of mortality. All that we behold, all that we have and use, will one day return to the field of pure consciousness. Today is real. This moment is real. Right here and right now is our opportunity to see the eternal operation of divine law.

Yesterday is but a memory. Tomorrow is a dream or a vision. Today is happening. To be truly conscious we have but to act for today. We can handle memories. We can plan the future. Today is the present opportunity to fully express our divine nature. What is our divine nature? We are made in the image and likeness of God.

### ***Prepare Yourselves Now***

I can remember Paramahansaji saying in 1951, "Prepare yourselves now. In the near future millions will be seeking knowledge of God and the experience of God, and there will not be enough qualified teachers to meet the need." His prophecy has come true. That time has come. Today millions are seeking, and qualified, God-directed ministers are far too few. But God is equal to the need and is working through people in a universal way to arouse and quicken Soul awareness.

Let us understand something; the awakening of planetary consciousness is occurring, and will continue, with or without the active participation of random individuals who may choose or not choose, to go along with the process. But it is to the spiritual advantage of persons who are called to participate to do so, and it is the most fulfilling kind of service in which to be involved.