



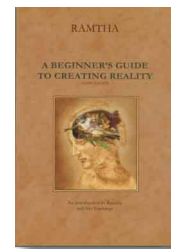
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I Am Greater Than My Body

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“I am called enlightened because what I learned transcended my physical self. The warrior died. The arrogance, like smoke from a late fire, danced into the night air and disappeared. So I became a spiritual entity.”

— *Ramtha*

I did not come here, unfold here, for the purpose of creating a body that was awe-inspiring, delicious, and beautiful because that has been the idol of worshipers for eons, even today. Beauty has taken on that which is termed physical characteristics — it is no longer spiritual, the inert — and you worship it. But it makes you small because it is a fleeting quality, it is, and it blooms only smally in one's physical life and then it fades. I came, as it were, outrageous, as an enlightened being. And what mean that, an enlightened being? What is your term for enlightenment? It means one who is aware, who has far vision. An enlightened being is one who is pure consciousness manifested in Spirit or mind. And that means that an enlightened being will have a greater quality of the richness of its Spirit than it will in its body. An enlightened entity is one who does not see themselves as their body but as that aspect that is unified with all life. That is an enlightened entity. One who is not is one who views itself as separate, special, different from all other lifeforms. They are the entities that are ignorant.

So I am an enlightened being because in my life and in the times that I knew, I had a grand and wondrous opportunity to be my man-self, to be a human being, to create war, to do away with tyrants. What a lofty goal, eh? But it was not until I betrayed myself that I became humbled, off of my arrogance. And in that humbleness, entities, when I held onto my life by, as you would call it, a gossamer thread, I wondered what was the purpose of my life and my poor, wretched people. And it wasn't until every day that I was grasping for life, and that every day I made a mark that that day I lived through, that I realized that

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life in and of itself was the prize. And so I sat on a rock and healed myself for seven years, something you would find abhorring. Every day and every night I gladdened my Spirit when I woke up and realized I was here still. And when I watched the moons wax and wane across the heavens at midnight, I was never tired at the scene. I fell desperately and hopelessly, passionately, in desire with nature. It was the moon and the sun that reaffirmed every day that I was alive. I started out worshiping them. I ended up being them.

I am called enlightened because what I learned transcended my physical self. The warrior died. The conqueror passed away. The arrogance, like smoke from a late fire, danced into the night air and disappeared. My ignorance disappeared. So I became a spiritual entity. And what does that mean? That means that I used my brain and my body and my emotional body not for the sake of conquering, achieving goals, and laying waste and resurrection of the Earth. I changed. Instead of becoming the solitude, man to man, force to force, I gathered myself up day after day, little by little, to become a personality that found value not in conquest of this realm but found value in the conquest of ignorance.

What was my most ignorant point? I had many of them, but my most ignorant point was that I hated the Unknown God of my people. You see, my people didn't worship Gods. They knew there was but one God and it was nameless and it was faceless, save that it could be seen in everything that existed and everything that it thought exists. I felt that this God had failed my people miserably and wretchedly. I didn't understand. I thought that if you loved one God that your life would be pleasing, pleasurable, that you could defeat your enemies and live in peace and song and dance all the days of your life. But the Unknown God of my people, which was all life, let them fall into servitude of a much more powerful race, and I hated the God. So I sought out to slay it in every person, because it needed to be conquered because it had conquered my poor, wretched family. That was my most ignorant point of my life, that God could be conquered and that because one loved God, that that kept him safe from harm, enslavement, servitude.

I didn't know that the Unknown God resided in all my peoples and all other peoples and that the nature of itself was that it gave. God is love. What does that mean? It means that God creates and gives and never takes — that is what it means — and that God gave everyone life, this Unknown God, and by giving and supporting that life allowed that lifeform, with the facsimile of its mind, to create its reality. My people prophesied that one day they would fall into servitude. Did not their own prophesy finally become realized because they focused upon it? Of course. The Unknown God is not one mind in everyone; it is pieces of one mind in everyone. And everyone gets to be mindful, however they choose. That is the giving quality of God. No, it did not take a day to understand this; it took the rest of my life because my barbaric nature hated and despised, but my spiritual nature that was small and fragile every day got built. Every day I craved more of it than I did my body.

So then how did I become enlightened? Because being a piece of the Unknown God, I made up my mind that I wanted to be exactly that. And so God, because God loves and

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we understand that in that, it gives — never takes, only gives — that God within me gave me exactly what I wanted to be: that which is all things, that which can share love with all life.

And know you what, masters? What was the battle I fought every day? Every day of my life I fought my primitive nature that wanted to dispel, doubt. It wanted to move and to conquer. It wanted to cry absurdity. Every day I fought that in myself, for now I have turned to conquer myself, the most arduous battle of all. And what did the conquest give me? At first, nothing, because I could weigh my wounds and I could see all the people and I could recount all of my past victories. I could see that was real, but what I wanted wasn't real, at least tangibly. So every day the real would contradict the unreal. It would make fun of it, as you would say. I would sit there and say, "Ramtha you are a buffoon. You are an old buffoon." Something would hurt when I said that to myself. Something hurt when I said that, so I had to investigate the pain. And when I investigated the pain, something that felt every time I abused it, that became real to me. So for the rest of my life I changed my mind about everything. And I realized that the only reason I stayed in my body was because I had an affiliation with it. Every time I got angry, I was centered in my body. Every time my body had more power over my will, I was grounded in it. But every day I grew less and less of my body and more and more of my mind.

So at the end of my life, know you how I left this plane? Not in a pine box. I left this plane in the wind. Why should that be my carriage? Because that is the carriage of the Spirit. Why should I not die like natural people? Because I was unnatural. And what made me that way? I conquered my natural self, which was my body, my personality, my genetics, as you would term them. And at the end of my days I had accomplished breaking that gossamer thread to the past.

And so what did I become? I did not become a better man. I became a spiritual being, a God, not a man. And that was what I wanted to be. If the Unknown God was faceless, then it was the power and urges in nature itself. That is what I wanted to be because that most defined God to me, not people, not being a man, but being a being acting upon the knowingness that it is a part of all life. That is what I became.

So why was I called enlightened? I was enlightened because I became my Spirit rather than my body. And so today I am here in this time, as you know it, in another body. And you have come to hear me because you have read my words, you have heard them, you have listened to other people, you have seen a wonderment in your life. And so you come as men and women, children, a Spirit, small, contained within the body. And the job of your Spirit has been every day of your life to keep you alive. That is the only reason you have ever used it. And the only reason you didn't die sooner than coming here is because you used your Spirit to keep you alive, and you have never abused it so much that it has abandoned your body yet. But that is all you have used it for. But it is why you are here, because inasmuch as it cannot be seen but rather felt as a force, it is that which I am.

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You didn't come here to see me. That is what you are getting to do right now. And I appear to be that which is termed ordinary, naturally. The teaching then is that God lives in you as what you have defined as a Spirit. But it has just kept you alive. And if you were to see that Spirit, you would never see it looking like your body. Well, I am here in a body that seems contradictory to my terms — it is female and I am male — but it is most wonderful because it is to teach men and women that God is both and neither, and to teach you that what you have been thinking around in that brain of yours isn't necessarily all there is, and also to teach you that what you are, you cannot see.

So most appropriately that I came here to talk to people that I once knew in a time that seems far remote from this time, and yet that time and this time are happening at the same moment. I am here to teach you what I never taught you when I abandoned you. And I am not teaching you to follow me, you can't — not even if you died, you cannot — because only when you die you are only going to get the gift of life that is equal to your ability to accept. And the only thing that you have ever accepted has been your life, no matter how it is. That is what is important to you. Hunger is important to you. Pain is important to you. Being disoriented because you don't like reality, that is important to you. It is important to you to be a woman. It is important to you to be a man. You see, all of these are physical in nature, and hunger can obliterate the Spirit. You can lose your focus on God quicker in the midst of hunger than anything else. So I came to teach you that even if you die, you are not going to be enlightened — you will be a spiritual being but your mind won't be there; your mind will be here — and to teach you what I knew and what I learned.

There isn't one God; all is God. And this isn't the only life you have ever lived. These bodies, they are like garments. You are just wearing this body as this garment in this time-flow. You have worn many of them. So you say, "Why can't I remember?" You can't remember because you are not enlightened. You understand? Your last life you didn't get any further than you have gotten in this one. And if all you were concerned about was that last life, then the only thing that you used was the brain of your personality then, and it was just about the body, as it always is. So if that body died along with that brain, the reason you can't remember — because the body and brain are gone — all you can remember is this life. And you can't even remember most of the days of your life because you have never lived them. You have been absent from them.

Oh, you have lived eons. You are in evolution. God gave you eternal life. What does that mean? That means that when you die, this afternoon, tomorrow morning, that your body is going to perish but you are going to rise in your spiritual body. But the spiritual body again is only as great as the mind that occupies it, which is what you are cultivating now. That is eternal life. And then you will be reborn again if they are still copulating. You will be reborn and you won't remember today. You know why you won't remember today? Because your brain in the future was not here today, but your Spirit was.

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So what I came to teach you is not to follow me because that is impossible. And I don't want to be worshiped. I want you to worship you. The greatest temple of God that was ever built was never out of stone and gold and silver and jewels. The greatest temple of God happens to be the human body, and that body is where the Spirit occupies itself in this realm. That is the temple. And if what you learn lifts you inside, then the lifting inside is what is the feeling of the Spirit. If you come here and you are tired or you are hungry or you are bored, that is your body. And your mind is in your body, not in your Spirit. If you are lifted by what you are going to learn, now we are talking to that which cannot be seen inside of you but that which you are inside of you, and it is going to make an enormous amount of sense.

What is going to be the only objection of today and tomorrow? Your monkey-mind, your human brain. You know why? Because if I asked you to explain to your neighbor how broad is the level of your acceptance — Think of those words, how broad, how deep, how high is the level of your acceptance, because that is what belief is. You can never, ever manifest in your life that which you do not accept. You only manifest that which you accept. So how broad is your acceptance? Is it greater than your doubt? What are the limitations of your acceptance? Is that why you are sick? Is that why you are old? Is that why you are unhappy, because the level of your acceptance is unhappiness? That is all you get, you know. You don't get anything greater than that because everything that is greater than that lies in the Spirit. So your Spirit is making you unhappy because you are telling it to.

So the only thing that you are going to have problems with today is your level of acceptance in your carnal mind; that is this up here [neuronet]. And if you are the sort of person that is a victim to your own guilt, if you have done a lot of wretched and awful things and think you are very special because you are so guilty, you are going to have difficulty with what I tell you because I am telling you that you create your reality. And if you are a victim, it is because you made it that way. And you are not going to like that because you want someone else to be responsible for your pain, your limitation, and your lack. Well, I am going to tell you it is your responsibility, and you are not going to like that. The Spirit agrees but the brain doesn't buy it because it can say who hurt it, it can say who disappointed it, it can say why it doubts. It is someone else's fault, never oneself. The arrogance of the human brain, eh? You are not going to like that.

Also you are going to have difficulty with the concept that you are all God, because there are some of you that still like to believe that God is in a piece of real estate called heaven and that he — rather, she — is pulling all the strings. That is why if something goes rotten in your life, you can say it is God's will, God has a gripe about me.

God is a convenient image in heaven, because as long as God sits there he is the one that will punish you for your iniquities: you know, your lack, your lack of love, of caring, when you think bad thoughts you are going to get punished. It is God who is doing that somewhere in heaven. And when you want to be saved, you want somebody to be able to

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save you. You know why? Because you don't believe you can do it yourself. So God actually works a wonderful part in religion. But what I tell you, that the only piece of real estate called heaven is that which is within you and what you allow yourself to believe, is. And then your God can start right away today forgiving you of your guilt, forgiving you of your lack. Today you can stop being a victim. Today you can stop being sick. Today you can stop believing in the devil and start believing in yourself. Some of you will not like it because you need to have a savior. You are not going to like it because you need to have a moment when God is going to return and get you. This then is going to be contraire to what you believe, because I say to you and what I am going to teach you is about yourself and about what lies in you. There are most of you here that don't believe that you can manifest anything. You have accepted your lack. This is going to be contraire to you. And then the axiom of "believe in yourself and everything is possible," that will come into play.

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