

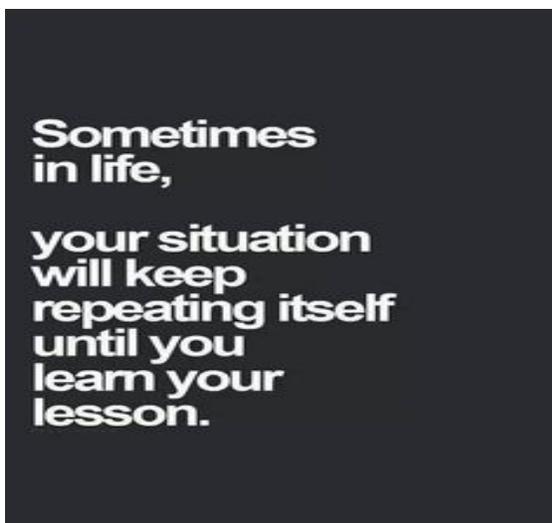
**“To destroy the old to create the new may be a requirement in some cases. But, as the Divine, the Christed Self, knows itself in love, it brings no harm to what it meets. You may learn your lessons individually and collectively through force, through anger, or through love, and the love that is brought to your fellows as you recognize them as fellow travelers seeking to meet himself, herself, through each interaction with the Divine that is present in all.”**

So we choose what we learn and we choose how we learn it.

We also begin to practice what I might call “spiritual ecology” when we stop wasting energy on what no longer serves us. That could be a pattern of thought or behavior,

holding onto an old resentment or self punishment or blame or guilt or shame. Some of this stuff might remain hidden from us for a while until we are ready to uncover those sources which are draining energy.

Much of our work involves that dimension although that's not the whole picture, but letting go of what no longer serves me allows me to use my energy in a much more loving and higher Consciousness kind of way.



**“Each of you comes to us with a desire for union, and the desire for union has been responded to you by us in the texts we have brought through Paul. But union itself is not the ideal. If there is an ideal, the ideal would be manifestation of the Divine in a devout way as you understand yourself as participatory to the reclamation of the Kingdom”**

Most of us came to this point in our spiritual evolution through an event or events, internal or external, that basically pushed us to wake up and to go in a different direction than we might have been going in before. It could have been a death or sickness, personal crisis, recovery from an addiction, loss of a job and sometimes the manifestation occurs through internal questioning that we become brave enough to look at. Perhaps asking ourselves “Is that all there is?”

You might want to take a moment to reflect on those events which moved you along this path. Sometimes we can find ourselves being grateful for that which seemed horrendous.

We mentioned this before but it deserves repeating-- whenever we set a goal for ourselves, we also put ourselves in limitation. Goals are the purview of the small self. Nothing wrong with having them, but higher consciousness lives in a realm that exists without goals because there is constant movement, stretching, growing and evolving that has no endpoint in mind. There are no limits, there are no goals, there are no destinations, there is just the continuing Journey.



**“The Kingdom, as we have said many times, the recognition, the awareness of the inherent Divine, is brought into manifestation through the claim “I know what you are in truth.” The what again is always the manifest claim, and to claim “I know what you are” is to recognize the inherent Divine and bring it forth. This is an action you take first in the acknowledgment that it must be so because it can only be so, and then from the position that that is always so because it could never not be so, and, because it is always so, there is no need to claim it. It simply is.**

You do not create the divine, you simply choose to allow it to come forth. So you step aside and allow the light to

shine through. You don't decide what it's going to look like or what's supposed to happen when you allow the light to shine through. You just let it shine.

The confusion comes about here with reference to the word “you.” Which “you” are we talking about, the small self or the Christ consciousness or something in between. The words by their very nature are limiting. The best I can come up with here is that quote from the Apostle Paul “I live now, not I, but Christ liveth in me.” The first “I” is the higher consciousness, “not I” is the ego or small self.

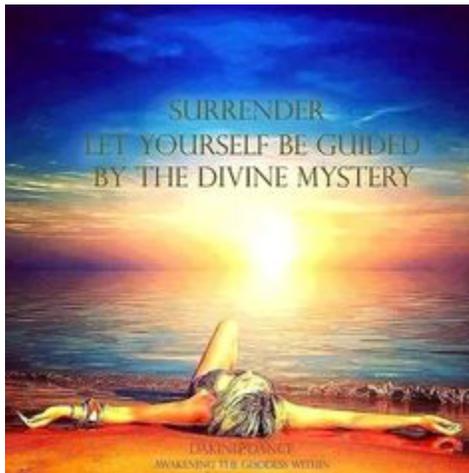
The greatest power is in  
**Surrender,**  
Surrender to the  
divinity.

~ Sri Sri Ravi Shankar



**“As everything you see is lifted to the Upper Room where you now abide, the world you see becomes the sparkling reflection of the claims you have made in dominion as the one who knows who she is. You partake of the bounty of the Kingdom simply by sharing it with anyone and everyone you meet. You become the ambassador because the action of the Christ as you is to know the Christ in all. And, as the Christ is known in all, all is lifted by nature of being.”**

All I can do is to open myself to this deeper reality. Without trying to decide what it's supposed to look like and not getting all tangled up in thoughts or ideas or comparisons but to continually remind myself “I am the light and so are you.”



**“Your recognition of the inherent Divine is a recognition of what is only true and always true, and the mask the other wears cannot stand in the face of truth because the mask he or she has taken is a lie. The personality structure, while valid in its ambition, has never been the True Self. And when the True Self is unmasked, when it is seen by the one who knows who she is, the Divine in the one you see becomes the action of reclamation in the other.”**

**“The idea of surrender to one’s true nature would be the example we would offer you.”**

**“You are not enabling the Divine to do the work of the Divine. You are surrendering to its truth to embody as you.”**

**Surrender surrender surrender**

**“OZ NEVER DID GIVE NOTHING TO THE TIN MAN THAT HE DIDN’T ALREADY HAVE.”**