

Does God Dance?

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If you live life in its dynamism, you will come closer to God, because he is still dancing, says Osho.

In the east, we have never thought of God as a painter. We have thought of God as a dancer. The dance cannot be separated from the dancer; the painting can be separated. That's why dance is alive and painting is dead.

Howsoever beautiful a painting, it is dead. It is separate from the creator. The moment it is separate, it is dead. It may have lived a life in the mind of the painter, it may have been alive when it was not painted. The moment it is painted, it is finished; it is already a dead product. But a dance....

Dancing Shiva

In India we call Nataraj, the god of dancers. You must have seen Shiva dancing. That is the eastern concept about God — a nondual concept. When the dancer stops, the dancing stops. You cannot separate the dancing from the dancer. And dancing comes to a culmination, to a crescendo, when the dancer is completely lost in it — when there is neither a dancer nor a dancing; both are one...one movement of sheer energy and delight.

That's why nothing can be compared with dancing — poetry, painting, sculpture; nothing comes close to it. Dancing remains the supreme art. And that is the first art that was born and that will remain the last art also, because dancing has some quality in it of life itself.

God is a dancer. He is not a creator in the sense of a painter; He is a creator in the sense of a dancer.

Let me say it in another way. God is not a creator but creativity...a dynamic energy. The moment you say creator, He is dead. The very word 'creator' has a full-stop in it. Creativity has an open end, tremendously moving and moving and reaching to higher and higher peaks....

Animals are a dance of God. The trees are also a dance of God. Humanity is also a dance of God, reaching higher and higher. God is moving faster and faster — more mad, more fast, getting dissolved into his dance.

Constantly Creating

A Buddha or a Jesus is the ultimate of His dance...where the dancer is so completely drunk and mad that he has become the dance.

That's why I say that if you live life in its dynamism, you will come closer to God — because He is still dancing. Don't say that he created the world — he is still creating. Otherwise, how do the trees go on growing? How do the flowers go on blooming? Every moment the world is being renewed. Every morning fresh life is released.