

Cosmic Mind

Cosmic Mind is the unadulterated Mind of God. In Theosophy, it is the sum total of all Divine and spiritual intelligences. It is the essence from which all things manifest. Hence, nothing can exist without being an aspect of Divine Mind.

In his writing on "*Cosmic Mind in the Microcosm*," Rudi Jansma says:

“In the creation story of the Vishnu Purana, the first thing to manifest at the beginning of our cosmic cycle is Cosmic Intelligence (Mind). From this Cosmic Intelligence emanates the individual intelligences of all existing entities in the Universe. In men and women it manifests as human intelligence, the human mind. But it also appears as the intelligent influence in all of nature’s kingdoms, visible and invisible.”

All universal order, laws and designs emanate from this Cosmic Intelligence. In terms of creation, first the thought exists within the Mind and given the right set of circumstances, manifestation occurs. This is the basic process for bringing anything into creation on any level. The Cosmic Mind of God first desires to know itself in the form of a Galaxy, a Star, a Planet or a Human embodiment and from that inclination, it simply becomes that in which it desires. This creative process is the express design of all consciousness and we are the unique individuated expression of this all-encompassing Mind. It is spirit manifested in human form. The entire Multiverse consisting of untold diversity and countless hues and shades of dimensionality all happen in the Cosmic Mind of God. But, the Cosmic Mind entails so much more than this. It is also, the sum total of all things, all energies and manifestations, all forms, subtle and unpleasant, sacred and ordinary. It is the prevailing condition which in its subtlest form is undifferentiated pure consciousness which is the primordial substance from which the myriad forms of existence emerge. Simply put; all is Mind and Mind is all.

The notion of a Cosmic Mind or an intelligent universal principle that unites into a harmonized whole is a difficult concept for the average person to understand. Truth is, not only is this concept difficult for the average person to comprehend but it is also difficult for the philosopher and scientist alike. Consciousness is universal and within every organism there is a vital principle or intelligence which leads one to confirm the existence of this Cosmic Mind. For example; take the human body with its multitude of functions all of which are governed by a form of intelligence beyond our individual perception. While there are some functions such as those orchestrated by the conscious mind through the five senses, there are also other functions being carried out systematically on a subconscious level without the help of the conscious mind. The vital organs of the body are able to carry out their designated tasks and yet we have no direct control over these bodily functions. Trillions of cells perform without being instructed because every cell in the human body is furnished with its own brain, with a memory of its own, and therefore with the experience and power to discriminate between things. And since discrimination is the basis of consciousness, the intelligence of Cosmic Mind is also represented within each cell.

Madame Helena. P. Blavatsky tells us in *Kosmic Mind* that; “Every atom is a little Universe in itself; and every organ and cell in the human body is endowed with a brain of its own, with memory, therefore, experience and discriminative powers.” Thomas Edison believed that even atoms possess a certain measure of intelligence and this same intelligence is governing the vital processes within the body of which without, it would cease to perform in the way that it does. This Cosmic intelligence or consciousness is what governs large bodies such as planets, solar

systems, galaxies and universes. In other words, the macrocosmic intelligence which guides the processes of the Universe is also reflected on a microcosmic scale in each individual being. It is the Cosmic Mind in action on all levels of existence from the diminutive to the magnificent.

Cosmic Mind is eternal, immutable, impersonal, ever active, not only on the plane of physical matter, but also on the invisible inner planes. Hence, this intelligence is no respecter of persons and thus all things are subject to its precepts as Cosmic Laws. The Universe is not a chaotic place and to suggest that chaos exists in the Universe would be suggesting there is no intelligence. This would imply there is no order behind every occurrence or that there is no “plan” or direction involved in the evolutionary process. Progress or evolution in and of itself implies a plan, and a plan would therefore have to imply a “Planner” of a cosmic nature. The Cosmic or Universal Mind serves as this planner and the plan is the intelligent design which underlies, interpenetrates and sustains all forms as the Universal Life-Force. It is this cosmic plan which provides for the unity and evolution of all sentient and conscious life. Conversely, the mind of man is capable of apprehending and reflecting this Cosmic Mind. The spiritual aspect in every individual is one with Cosmic Mind and it is up to each individual to cultivate the “Higher” aspects of one’s self or the Divine Mind within in order to align with the *Atman* or Higher Self. As I stated earlier, there is a Cosmic Mind or one stream of consciousness permeating all existence and this consciousness stream has been the same energy manifesting over and over again in countless forms throughout the ages.

There is no “new” energy. The energy today is the same primordial energy which created and maintained the Universe we know of as well as the innumerable ones that we do not. The energy being animated throughout our continuous life streams is the same energy which can never be destroyed. It is immortal. Hence; so are we. The pure essence of our being *is* the Higher Self which is one with the Cosmic Mind. They are essentially “one-and-the-same” with the only difference being one of degree. The “I” that we see when we look in the mirror is really not the totality of our being it is only one small aspect of who and what we truly are. Our Soul or Essence is one with Divine Mind which is being carried out during this particular version of our awareness. And, considering our limited per view when it comes to previous life streams, it is virtually impossible for us to remember let alone understand the purpose of our prior incarnations. However, the Cosmic Mind functions as a continual unbroken form of the Higher Self which is the plane of eternal wisdom. From this vantage point, it is able to survey the past, the present and the future with the power of its time-less awareness. It is from this knowingness that our incarnated personal consciousness is able to retain the limited memories of each manifestation.

Our physical mind simply serves as the emissary in the field of incarnation in gross matter with the higher Cosmic Mind overshadowing each incarnation. There is but one common source of all beings; one common root of all life and consciousness; and one common goal of evolution. In other words, there is only One Mind, One Life and One Consciousness of which each of us is a mere expression. The supreme realization is that all things are interdependent and essentially One. It is the Cosmic Mind which connects, compiles and computes all life streams as its own. We are simply giving expression to the one Cosmic Mind in the way that we do through our unique personalities and evolution in nature is no more and no less than the ever continuing cycle of consciousness unfolding as the Cosmic Mind.

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