

descriptions of men in all ages & all countries, Santana, Jesus, Eckhart, Heraclitus, Plato, Plotinus, & innumerable ~~and~~ other sources (I have a shelf full for example) that they & I did have an experience which is like a fully conscious version of the "mystical experience" (which millions have a taste of!). Thus it cannot be called "unconscious"! Further my teacher had the same & the Zen & David's masters passed it on to their students too down the ages.

This experience led to the great religions (except Islam & Christianity which are later derivatives of Judaism) — which began about BC 850-500 superseding the animism & crude fertility rites, often with human or animal sacrifice (Judaism never got out of it — at least not until much later). It was NOT AN EVOLUTION! There was a world-wide upsurge of these "awakened" men. It was a "discontinuous" phenomenon & not explicable by the methods of the anthropologist.

Each of these men spoke of One Source & their knowledge of how it expresses itself through us both as human organisms & curiously enough, simultaneously as our apparently "outside" perceptions, in other words — the Universe.

Many words which I have already quoted (Iao, The Brahman, etc) were used to describe this. One is "God".

I WILL STRESS that the followers of these men made an unholy mess of what these remarkable men said (the Buddha even said this world!) & this mess you call "religion." I have tried to AVOID starting a new one, but in lectures in Taiwan for example I hear my poor efforts spoken of as 'something new in Asia'. Heaven help us! Another one? Subud in Java was "awakened" in 1933 & here again "Subud" may develop into one of these movements alas.

The fact is people love MARVELS & MAGIC which they SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TRANSCENDENTAL. [I shall show YOU de. too]

Thus "God" is the meme for my experience, NOT my experience was "OF GOD". First Richard Rose must know what the experience is, then that it is (and was) world-wide to a few, & finally he can call it anything he pleases. ←

This answers (partly) your question "what do you mean by 'awakening'?" The answer is that, like Buddha, I cannot tell you now but I can tell when you or others have it, because then it is

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