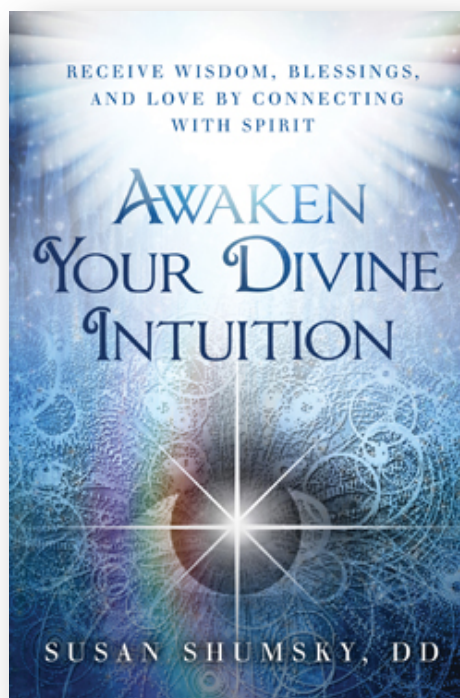


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Does Spirit Talk to Ordinary People?

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“Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice,
that he might instruct thee.”
—Deuteronomy 4:36



It is a rare gift to be called to hear the divine voice. Few people believe that two-way communication with Spirit is feasible. This is indeed atypical. Anyone who even considers this possibility is placed into a unique category of uncommon individuals.

For example, were you raised in a family, religion, or educational institution where you learned that a deity or divine being could speak to you directly? Few people reading these words can answer *yes*.

Many people believe that an infinite Creator exists. Yet few believe that this Almighty being hears their prayers or answers them. Fewer believe that this divine being is accessible and can talk to them. Exceptional people are willing to allow Spirit to speak to them directly. But only rare, extraordinary individuals act on what the divine voice advises them to do. Do you want to be one of these people? If so, you are indeed unique and uncommon.

We are taught from an early age that when we talk to God it is called “prayer,” but when God talks to us, it is called...”schizophrenia.” If you were to visit a psychiatric office today and report that God or Goddess speaks to you, what would be the reaction? You would be diagnosed with mental illness and walk out with a prescription for psychotropic drugs.

We often read about murderers—even mothers who slaughter their own babies—who claim that voices in their heads told them to commit murder. We hear of cult leaders who believe that God demands that their followers commit suicide. No wonder the widespread belief is that people who claim to hear the divine voice are insane.

We are conditioned to believe that the only people sanctioned to have authentic conversations with God are great prophets, saints, holy men (I emphasize the word *men*), and other holy beings who lived at least 2,000 years ago in some faraway land. These holy men wrote one book—a book literally written in stone. After that book was written, apparently, God has gone mute—and has not spoken to anyone since. Right? Wrong.

I believe these holy men have not signed an exclusive contract with God. They have no special combination to a padlocked, hallowed safe with elite access. Some religious institutions would have you believe that they own the secret passkey and, without their permission, no one can walk through the doorway to heaven.

Billions of people are resigned to the idea that they cannot experience the divine presence directly—certainly not while they are still breathing. Sadly, such people eagerly await death, when they will enter the glorious gates of paradise and finally catch a glimpse of that presence. They never conceive that they could directly experience God in this body during this lifetime.

The widespread belief is that the Almighty's blessing and grace are inaccessible without a middleman, such as a pastor, minister, priest, cleric, rabbi, guru, master, shaman, psychic, channeler, counselor, or priestess. Most of these go-betweens have the best of intentions. But, regrettably, either intentionally or unwittingly, some of them become little more than hucksters masked in a veneer of spirituality, hawking their wares to the masses.

Such intermediaries have no incentive to help people hear the divine voice directly. To use an analogy from the world of sales, if their customers were to contact God directly, then these retailers would soon be out of business, for their clients would “cut out the middleman” and “go direct.”

However, it is my experience, and the experience of tens of thousands of people who have used the methods taught in my books or classes, that everyone can hear the divine voice directly, and that it is within them. It is the voice of their own higher self. It is their divine intuition.

The Pearl of Great Price

At the risk of giving away the “pearl of great price”—the most precious secret of the ages—in this article, I will tell you right now how you can hear the divine voice. This gift comes with no strings attached. You will not be required to convert to a religion, join a cult, venerate a guru, empty your bank account, or sacrifice your firstborn child. I will tell you right now how to “go direct.” So here goes—a simple way to listen to the “still small voice” of divine intuition, right here and now, absolutely FREE:

Just sit down in a chair, close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, get quiet, still, centered, and balanced within yourself. Continue to take several deep breaths until you attain a state of inner

peacefulness. The deep breaths will take you into a deeper meditation. Then breathe normally. Relax into the center of your being.

Next, do something that most people never do during meditation:

ASK.

Herein lies the entire secret: ASK. Ask a question, ask for guidance, ask for inspiration or healing. Then take another deep breath and do what I call the “Do-Nothing Program.” That means, do nothing, nothing, and less than nothing. Then the “still small voice” will speak to you in your heart. In my latest book *Awaken Your Divine Intuition*, you can learn this do-nothing method, called Divine Revelation®.

So the key to hearing the divine voice is to ASK. The trouble is that we forget to ask. Or we think we cannot or should not ask. We think we are unworthy to ask. Or we believe God is too busy for us and has much more important things to do. Is God too busy for you? Could the Creator be too busy for anyone? If you believe God is too busy to pay attention to you, then you have a very limited idea of what God is.

God could never be too busy. The Almighty is not bound by time, space, or circumstances. God cannot get tired or overworked. God does not only pay attention to “important” people and things. Everyone and everything is important to the Creator. God does not play favorites. God is not available to only a select few so-called “holy” people. God is everywhere present and always available to anyone who asks.

You can learn this do-nothing method, which I call Divine Revelation®, of hearing the voice of God and receiving divine messages effortlessly, clearly, and precisely. The entire premise of Divine Revelation is “Ask, and it shall be given you.” How to attain the requisite state of awareness, how to ask, and how to receive the message clearly are what you will learn in my books.

Some people have one 10-minute spiritual experience, and then spend the rest of their lives talking about it. Dozens of best-selling authors have built their entire careers upon that one time when a divine being appeared or spoke to them. However, Divine Revelation is about experiencing Spirit whenever you want—at will. After you have learned how to hear the divine voice, you will receive spiritual experiences as often as you desire. You can call upon a deity, a divine being, or your higher self, and ask a question, ask for guidance, or ask to experience God, and then receive the answer or experience immediately, whenever you want—day or night. Just ASK.

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