

## WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?

Apparently, not all Christians are still waiting for the kingdom of God... Some have already found it, others live in old fantasies.

To raise such a question at a time when the world is witnessing such brutal crackdowns by religious/political elements on people who yearn for freedom may sound like a misunderstanding to some... Unfortunately, this question is more relevant than ever. It is necessary to answer it so that the world can come to its senses and calm down more quickly.

One translation error in the Bible caused great damage to the Teaching of Jesus Christ and the souls of believers. Perhaps the error was conscious, perhaps intentional, it is now difficult to determine. However, scientists have deconstructed that error, a very dear dogma to the church, which for centuries and millennia forced people to repent for some sins...and no one understood that it itself was the sin of distorting the Word of Jesus. Through that "mistake" believers were separated from the Kingdom of God. The modern-day mystic Eckhart Tolle\* explained to Christians the essence of the Kingdom of God. Read, take note.

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### ECKHART TOLLE ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus often talks about the Kingdom of Heaven. It's an interesting phrase. One day I opened my Bible and saw verses describing how Jesus went from village to village, from city to city, preaching, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**" It's all summed up in this one phrase. But "repent" is a mistranslation of the original Greek word "metanoia," which means "a turning away" or "a complete change" (*transformation* – C.), a translation...

**Question: Usually, "to repent" means the desire to atone for guilt, to earn forgiveness...**

**Eckhart: Yes, a person beats his chest and says, "How wretched I am."  
"Sinner!"**

The misinterpretation of the word "metanoia" comes from a Latin translation that **was already wrong**. No, "**metanoia**" is not "**repentance**," but rather "a 180-degree turn" or "a complete reversal." In other words, it is a complete revolution of consciousness.

So what did Jesus mean when he spoke of the “Kingdom of Heaven” being so near?

**Traditionally, Christians believe that it is something that will come someday.**

**That is their belief. But they completely miss the point.** When Jesus was asked, “When will the Kingdom of Heaven come?” he replied, “The Kingdom of God is not coming with observation...” Another translation reads, “The Kingdom of God is not coming with observation, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘Look, there it is!’ For **the Kingdom of God is within you.**”

So **what is that "something" within us** about which we can never say, "Look, it's here, or, look, it's there"?

In my interpretation, I have used more modern terminology. **I have replaced the word**

**“Kingdom” with the word “Dimension,” and the word “Heaven”... What is “heaven”?**

When you look at “heaven,” you see the boundless sky in all its spatial form. Jesus used this analogy to show us our inner reality. Language usually refers to external objects that we can see and touch. So, the closest thing Jesus could mention from the outside world to show us an analogous dimension within us is the infinite spatiality of the sky.

an observation that itself has no form. But it is wonderful!

**“Heaven” in my translation is “Spaciousness”, “Inner Spaciousness”. It is an uncluttered mind, and consciousness without thoughts is an inner, alert silence. “Find within yourself the Kingdom of Heaven (or the Dimension of Spaciousness)”, is the true teaching of Jesus. To find within yourself a state in which you are alert, calm, fully aware, but without thoughts – this is the essence of his teaching.**

And when you discover THIS within yourself, you will feel the same dimension in your relationships with others.

There is a persona, a conditioned “I,” but behind it lies a deeper Being, which is essentially **unconditional Consciousness**. Consciousness is not a personal “thing.” When I look at another person, I first see their persona: their physical body and everything that makes them a person. If you look deeper, if you feel its being, behind the personality lies its essence, which is even to my being in its essence – Consciousness itself. The essence of who you are and who I am – is Consciousness... Consciousness beyond my conditioned “I”, recognizes Consciousness beyond your conditioned “I”. And this recognition Jesus calls “Love”. That is why he said: **“Love your neighbor as yourself”**. As a separate instruction (law – C.) it does not work. It works only together with the “Kingdom of Heaven” and it becomes clear: having discovered **the Kingdom of Heaven (the Dimension of Spatiality) within yourself, you will recognize “your neighbor as yourself”**. Essentially, **we are One**. We are all closely connected

related to each other because we share **one CONSCIOUSNESS**. And when you recognize **IT in another**, of course, you feel a flow of kindness, goodness and Love, not selfish, but real, SPIRITUAL LOVE for that person (ancient Greek:  $\ddot{y}\ddot{y}\ddot{y}\ddot{y}$ , agape). This is how you perceive Being itself.

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