

A Few Aphorisms on Prayer

- Everything prays by being itself.
 - Life prays, prayer lives
 - Work prays, prayer works
 - Play prays, praise plays
 - Prayer itself is its answer.
 - So all prayer is answered.
- Everything we do or say is prayer.
 - We get everything we pray for.
 - However this does not mean we get what we want, when and how we want it.
 - Refusing to recognize the true nature of prayer may lead to scoffing the divine presence.
- We often forget who is listening.
- Acknowledged prayer is when we remember.
- All prayer is perfect and on target and utterly misses the point.
 - The human condition is to be perfect and wholly inadequate in every act and statement.
 - Therefore embrace your perfection and forgive the misses in others in order to realize you yourself may be forgiven in the divine.
- Prayer is the universal term for recognition of divine presence.
 - All types of prayer are just prayer.
 - Formulaic prayer is what our religions teach us.
 - Whatever they teach we are sure to misunderstand and then if we care only dimly perceive.
 - In the Prayer of Petition we recognize our partiality while seeking our divine open-mindedness and forgiveness.
 - The body prays in breath, in health and sickness.
 - The vocal prayer is when our voice addresses God, becomes God.
 - The mind prays in meditation as listening and observing.

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- The heart prays in contemplation as
 - Pure symbol
 - Emptiness
- There is no prayer that is not wrapped in myriad desires
 - Do not presume your desires do not effect what you see and cannot see.
 - Do not presume you can truly see into another's heart.
- Prayer is pure gift
 - When we pray...

Some Aphorisms on Tarot as Prayer

- The tarot has 78 unutterable names of god.
 - Because they are unutterable, they are really innumerable.
- Every card in every appearance represents a completely unique instance of perfect petition to divine presence.
- Every configuration of cards compounds the mystery of divine presence to us.
- Learn to pay attention to prayers in tarot readings.
 - Learn to savor the symbolic by tasting silence
 - Unwrap the divine presents by making quiet
 - Celebrate the figures by simultaneously seeing and unseeing them
 - Seek the unexpected in the familiar
 - And let the familiar get its freak on
- The Tarot represents Gnostic prayer in its traditional form.
 - It affirms our perfected human nature in our natural estate.
 - Gnosis is not-self-conscious.
 - Gnosis unites all without assertion.
 - Gnosis is vigilant, relaxed and self-aware by being in God
 - Gnostics ignore opinion.