



# *SPIRITUAL RAYS OF LIGHT*



## There is a Divine Being which is Love Itself and Wisdom Itself

- ▶ Everything is created and kept in existence by it
- ▶ It loves its creation and acts wisely to maintain it
- ▶ It seeks the joy and usefulness of everything created

## Humans are the highest form of life in the created universe

- ▶ We can reason about the existence of a creator
- ▶ We can come to know the creator and love it
- ▶ We feel our life to be our own which gives us spiritual freedom

## Our rationality and spiritual freedom are precious gifts from the Divine

- ▶ They are kept in balance allowing us to choose our spiritual life's direction
- ▶ Nearly everyone builds their choice during this life
- ▶ We choose to love other people ('heavenly') or ourselves ('hellish') the most

## We all will live forever after physical death as spirits, which is our true inner life

- ▶ The spiritual dimension looks like this life to us but it works differently
- ▶ We live our chosen love outwardly, 'heavenly' as angels or 'hellish' as evil spirits
- ▶ We are unable to hide inner thoughts and desires from others there

## The 'like attracts like' principle applies fully in the spiritual world

- ▶ Spirits live in communities whose chosen love resembles their own
- ▶ They are also drawn to our thoughts and desires through what we find delightful
- ▶ They want to get us to become like them because that is what makes them happy

## The Divine has one aim which is to bring us to heaven

- ▶ It always protects the balance of our reason and spiritual freedom to achieve this
- ▶ It gives all of us every germ of an idea or a love that can help us to choose heaven
- ▶ Hell is allowed to exist because those there are the most happy they can be

## We can grow spiritually in this life from a knowledge of the Divine's nature and our own potentiality

- ▶ We start life with the tendency to love ourselves most
- ▶ We must change this putting the Divine and other people first in our thinking and feeling
- ▶ Progress comes from dealing positively with negative experiences ('inner struggles') which condition us

## The Divine ultimately makes the changes at the spiritual level of our life

- ▶ Its love and wisdom is endlessly and unceasingly providing for this
- ▶ It does it for all acknowledging a creator and living what they believe to be spiritually true
- ▶ Its essential purpose is to create a heaven of angels from the human race

## Men and women were created to complement one another

- ▶ The primary focus of the male is intellectual; the female, affection
- ▶ Spiritual life develops when there is a balance between knowing and living truth
- ▶ True marriage love between a man and woman most closely mirrors the Divine nature

## The Divine reveals itself in forms that contain spiritual principles and heavenly life

- ▶ Nature, with its organic unity and expression
- ▶ Sacred scriptures which are written in spiritual language and symbols
- ▶ Incarnation, the Christ being the Divine in person who overcame every evil