

The Appearance

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(5.5 min.)

Performers: Narrator, Bea (1), Alien (2)

Narrator: A silvery object approached Earth and quietly assumed a circular orbit about it. Bea was walking near an intersection down below. She was feeling depressed and a little miffed. As she neared the end of a brick building she couldn't see what was materializing just around the corner. A large, eerie, alien head with unearthly eyes and a proboscis appeared. Bea turned the corner.

1. Yipes! Jumpin' Holy Jehoshaphat, what *are* you?
2. Take it easy. I'm what you might call...well...an *apparition*.
1. This is creepy, you're just this giant, weird head, floating in the air.
2. Yes, but I'm not an airhead. We of planet Exmorf have evolved to a quasi-spiritual realm. So let's get on with business. I'm commissioned to help you with questions concerning fairness.
1. Commissioned by who, and where did you come from?
2. GW sent me, and I was projected down from a vessel parked in orbit about

your little globe. I've just a little time before I have to leave.

1. Who is GW?

2. That's...*complicated*; I'll get to that later.

1. How can you help me? You're not even human.

2. Structure has nothing to do with it. Compatibility of minds between radically different beings can be harmonious. Yet people of the same racial family can be murderous and cruel to each other.

1. Yes, witness the Middle East.

2. Moving right along, our remote monitoring station reports your having frequent sensations of non-appreciation. And that makes you feel worthless.

1. Yes, my brother came on hard times and I helped him get his kids through school and find jobs. No one ever said "thank you". I'm ashamed to admit it, but that puts a twist in my knickers.

2. Have you talked to your brother about the way you feel?

1. Lord no! And sound like I'm trying to milk it for sympathy?

2. I'm not your Lord, and you're showing a bit of negativity here. There's nothing wrong with letting people know what makes you feel good. You don't have to get on your knees, shed tears, and beg. Maybe they think you *know* how glad they are for your help, but they feel a bit *embarrassed* about needing it. That would inhibit their "thank you".

1. I hadn't thought about it that way. But it'd be nice to know it meant something to them.

2. Listen, do *you* think it helped accomplish good?

1. Yes it did. I *know* that.

2. Forget "know". *Feel* that good. Let it come from inside.

1. It doesn't work that way, I need somebody *else* to *acknowledge* it.

2. *Oh* brother! Celestial Consciousness 101: You are *not* a singular little corpuscle of awareness drifting alone in the universe. You connect to GW, direct pipeline. When you feel you do something great, GW gets that. Makes GW do whatever counts as a smile. You're like a sensor, transmitting the feeling.

1. Sounds pantheistic.

2. So? Just means everything is interconnected.

1. That could get complex.

2. Tell me about it. You earthlings think that when you do your transition, all things will be clear—Humh, it's *more* complex on the other side. Anyway, you have the option to merge with the light. Complexity is no headache then.

1. The light? I'm confused, and what does GW stand for? Who is that?

2. The light is love and GW is what some earthlings might call Yahweh, Allah, Brahma, Universe, Great Spirit or Cosmic Pudding...I call It the Great Whatever.

1. GW is the Great Whatever? Sounds a little irreverent.

2. Not so, GW is so multidimensional that we don't know *what all* it is. Some ways personal, some ways natural law. Always looking for ways to love you, to express *through* you.

1. So, GW appreciates what good I do.

2. Best recognition you could have, down *deep* where it's quiet. If you want a *noisy* audience, carry a beefsteak to the zoo at feeding time.

1. It's gonna take some work to be my own admirer.

2. Not so much admire, as *feel your good*, and know GW feels it too.

Despite your brother's reticence, has anybody smiled at you who didn't have to?

1. Yes, the waitress at the breakfast diner this morning.

2. That's thanks for the good you did earlier. Good karma can come in from a different angle than the benefit that was sent out.

1. I'll be meditating on that concept.

2. That's great, I've got to go now. Lots of people out there to advise. Like you, they don't promote the *inner* kudos behind good deeds. Too many humans restrict their joy to the limitations of others. *Others* are not the *ultimate* cause of happy. That's GW's job.

1. GW's job?

2. Yes. When you intend to *control* the way others feel so *you* will feel good, it's like trying to be your own God. And that's just too much work, like effort to escape the gravity of a black hole.

1. Well, I'll watch out. I don't want to upset the balance of the universe.

2. Not going to happen...Well, maybe *your* universe. And you have more control over *that* part than you think. Bye now.

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