

“...a machine for the making of gods.”

1932 saw the publication of “**The Two Sources Of Morality And Religion**”, a book that was probably Henri Bergson’s last.

After a lifetime trying to unveil Life, the Nobel Laureate gives us these intriguing last lines in the book: “*Men do not sufficiently realize that their future is in their own hands....the essential function of the universe....is a machine for the making of gods.*”

In a letter to Margaret Noble dated 7th June 1896 (“**The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda – Volume 7**”), Swami Vivekananda teaches that this “*the essential function of the universe*” (that Bergson spoke of years later) is a responsibility each of us is tasked with: “*Let us call and call till the sleeping gods awake, till the god within answers to the call. What more is in life? What greater work?*”

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And why is there no “*greater work*”?

We find the answer in a 1946 lecture from Viktor Frankl (published as part of his “**Yes To Life: In Spite of Everything**”). We would do well to keep in mind that Viktor said this a few months after he was liberated from a Nazi concentration camp, after experiencing some of the worst horrors.

*Everything depends on the individual human being....*

“...a machine for the making of gods.”

Peace ☐

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