

## MY SWEET LORD

George Harrison of the famed Beatles Group was renowned for his lyrical and musical genius. He knew no boundaries to creating music that was soulful, insightful, inspirational, introspective to name a few adjectives and the composition of **My Sweet Lord** was no different – however took the meaning of this song to a higher plane.

In the seventies gospel infused pop music was very popular, so the release of this song during that era would not have been any different. But for Harrison it took on a completely different dimension, as he was going through an introspective and spiritual journey that led him to the eastern religious culture of Hinduism.

One needs to understand that Harrison in this spiritual expedition, not only was singing praises to the Hindu god Krishna but at the same time intending the lyrics to serve as a call to abandon religious sectarianism (generously chanting Hallelujah throughout the song).

Harrison brought on a new meaning to his persona with this song as he honestly shares a naked plea to the Lord whereby he presents himself as a vulnerable, willing and passionate disciple seeking guidance and truth to evolve along his spiritual path. This song is so powerful and genius because of its simplicity (less than 30 words) – fused in English and Hindi to abandon any demarcation, focusing on praise and glory to a Higher Being.

So Harrison openly shares his journey and spent a lifetime searching for his path and true purpose and meaning. How many of us stop and reflect on our own journeys in life, and if the path we have chosen is where we are meant to be or are we going through this journey of life blissful and ignorant. How many of us plea for divine wisdom to guide us on our journey;

*I really want to know you  
Really want to go with you*

How many of us are honest enough to seek divine intervention to guide us back onto the right path to fulfill our true destinies. And most importantly how do we go about doing this

*I really want to see you  
Really want to be with you*

This song for me is like a prayer and a soulful tonic for meditation. It helps me to centre me and focus on the things that are purposeful and fulfilling in my own personal journey. It enables me to block out the negative energies that constantly bombard us and lifts me to a higher level. More so it humbles me as a human being that I am simply a mere pawn in the greater scheme of Universe and my purpose is to perfect and improve “my game” for the pre destined path that was chosen for me balancing and harmonizing with the Universe. It reminds me that all things are possible but must be executed with honor and intent.

Once again I thank you George Harrison for your potent and powerful song, to teach us the importance of introspection and humility, to remind us that we would not be here without a divine Being guiding our every path in life. This song also takes on a meaning of comfort and hope that we can perfect our immediate surroundings if we earnestly seek the right path to follow

*My sweet Lord (hallelujah)  
My, my, Lord (hallelujah)*