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The spiritual significance of music is that music is the Esperanto of the world. When I play music on my violin it is me thinking and feeling out loud. It is my subconscious uncovered. Music is a part of what makes each and all of us human. When you wake up in the morning, especially after you have been dreaming, being in an altered state of spiritual consciousness, your heart is beating and your lungs are moving up and down. These rhythms are a primordial part of what makes us human and when we take these rhythmic patterns and add our voice to this mix, especially in time of prayer, we hear music that comes from the depths of our soul. The source of power greater than man; call her God, Allah, Adonai, Buddha, or Mother Nature. When they speak to us it is through music, and when we see them most clearly, it is when we are in a trance induced through music whether, singing, chanting, dancing, swaying, or just humming. I believe all sounds in nature are some kind of music and come from a spiritual place.



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