

## **The Ending of the Matrix Explained**

At the end of the first Matrix, Neo undergoes a *death-rebirth transformation*. He can clearly see the Matrix for what it really is: a computer-generated virtual reality. He can see the data for that virtual reality is encoded on the walls of the room he appears to be in, which is the boundary of the world he perceives, just like a holographic screen. When he sees the Matrix for what it really is, he is seeing things from a higher level of consciousness. This *born again experience* is a necessary step in his awakening, but is not the final awakening.

At the end of the third Matrix, Neo undergoes the final awakening. The Oracle tells him that Agent Smith is his alter-ego. What she means is that Agent Smith represents the negative energies while Neo represents the positive energies. The Oracle also tells him that she is helping him because they're all in it together and she wants them to get along. She wants peace. At the end of the story, Neo's positive energies annihilate with Smith's negative energies like a virtual particle-antiparticle pair that annihilates back into the vacuum. The positive energies annihilate with the negative energies back into nothingness. That's how Neo destroys his *Self*. The *Self* is his consciousness identified with his ego. Neo can only become the *One* when his *Self* is destroyed. The *Self* identified with ego is a thing. The *One* is *No-thing* or *No-self*. Neo can only become the *One* when his *Self* is destroyed and he becomes *No-thing*. The Oracle also tells Neo that *Everything that has a beginning has an end*. Only the *One* has no beginning and no end because it is *not-a-thing*. In his final awakening, Neo has to surrender and sacrifice his *Self* to end the war. *Self-sacrifice* literally means to make the *Self* sacred. The *Self* becomes sacred when it is destroyed. That's how the *Self* becomes the *One*. That's how Neo awakens and ends the war. This final awakening is the end of the war, which is a war you fight with your *Self* to destroy your *Self*. When the war is over, there is peace. In that peace, there is harmony between the expression of positive and negative energies because your individual will is no longer being expressed. It is all an expression of divine will. You no longer express individual will because you no longer are an individual. You are the *One*. That is the only way peace is really possible.

## **Why the Cross is a Powerful Symbol**

At the end of the Matrix, after Neo sacrifices his *Self* and the war comes to an end, the machines say *It is done*. You are only *done* with your awakening process when you become *selfless*. That is the only way you can become the *One*. You have to become selfless and destroy your *Self* before you can become the *One*. You have to become willing to undergo a process of *Self-sacrifice*, which is symbolized by your willingness to get up on your own cross and sacrifice your *Self*. The cross is a symbol for *crossing over to the other side* that occurs when you become the *One*. The virtual reality side of that *crossing over* is characterized by *self and other*. The concept of *self and other* only exists in the dualistic reality of a world, which is a virtual reality. The concept of *self and other* only arises as the *Self* perceives things in that world. The concept of *Self* is what is destroyed and dies when you *cross over to the other side*, which is an *ego or I-death*. The *other side* of the *absolute nothingness of nondual reality* has no concept of *self and other*. *All is One*.