

1 Notes from a discourse at Old Vicarage, Lincolnshire, 30 October 1992

Nature is always awake. God may be in a trance for 1000 years, so you have to wake him, to sing, to go round, to ring the bell, to wake the Lord. But you don't go round to wake the Sun - it's the Sun that goes round you, the Sun will wake *you*. That's nature. Nature is doing its work. We can ignore nature, but nature never ignores us. If we are good, nature doesn't crush us, it's good for good, bad for bad. Nature helps us. An incision is made by the doctor to remove the root of the disease and then nature works of itself, it heals by itself. The doctors don't interfere, they say "Get on your feet, it will heal." It's surprising how medical people go by nature...

Nature watches over you, so you must not take advantage of nature. People take so much advantage. Our dishonesty starts with ourselves. We don't abide, we don't respect ourselves, we don't respect the laws. We are very disrespectful to our way of living. We take advantage of our home, of our room, of darkness. And darkness is maya. If you were the same person in blazing light you would minimize a lot of deeds. But when you're under cover, underground... the world is like that. Here is the blazing light of God, eternal light, and never is there darkness. And here is the world turning round, different patches of light and dark, this patch is light, that is dark. In that corner of darkness we get in our room and switch off the light, we get artificial heat, and all the maya is there. We multiply our darkness and condition. Darkness is the first maya. And if you're dishonest you're already doomed, you're in hell without going, enjoying artificial paradise, believing no one knows, and saying, "I'm all right, Jack"...

The world is not a safe place. It's a demoniac world. So man has to be reeducated. Golden age has to come. But men don't want to reform in the Kali age. Men are so weak in the test of maya. They don't believe in God but they believe in maya, in artificiality, in temporal pleasure, which is the root of the multiplicity of pain. So pray to Mahamaya. Everyone has something to give, but some withdraw, due to the fear of suffering. That withdrawal already paralyses their brain and their action of will. So from that defection the pleasure develops into pain, it doesn't get fully matured. It looks big but there's something missing. So take refuge, take sanctuary.

The world is like a gambling market. People take their chance, they try this, they try that, they take a chance, they take double their chance, treble even. That's the bait, to let you win once, and the crook says, "Let him win once or twice, and then I'll shake him clean." Then, after [death] people come back to another place, and they look for truth now, because they know the world is as bad as themselves. Men have the image of God no doubt, they look so beautiful, that's why people put their trust in them. But they are full of the fermentation of evil inside. And young people get so upset if you correct them nowadays. No doubt the best doctor is the one who puts a foot on the chest, but as soon as you start, these young people fly without levitation three foot into the air in rage. How dare! They want their privacy and they want their liberation.

If you're weak, evil comes. You are a prey. Passions start up. Ramakrishna says, can you control yourself? How much can you control? In meditation all past life comes up, and if you're weak you get more into sin instead of knowing God. Passion is roused. There is erection not of kundalini but of passion! But you have to go through these tests. You fall, but God allows a fall. Blessed are those who don't give

up. He who has been a farmer, he goes back to farming whether there's a crop or not (GSR). But the weak one tries this, then tries that. You have to be firm with yourself. Make a decision about what you want with your dharma, your duty. If you're a writer, write. If you're a painter, paint. Abide, whether food comes or not. Lord Krishna has advised, "Work but don't look for profit."

Christianity tells you something very similar in a hidden Christian form. But Hinduism tells you from the very beginning, it gives you the ABC of how to live in life. But if you really put it into practice, there's a greater life, it's walking from here to heaven directly. You don't have to wait to die. And it is said that he who chants OM while dying has already entered Me, he doesn't come out. But how many do that?

Kirtan is a memorandum, to remind you who you are, what you are. It takes a yogi a thousand lives to realize God, and it is said, "Among the thousand one or two come to know Me." If you want us to come on the same day of the kirtan to give realization and all this, it will end up in such an agony again. It is a unique thing that God Himself [as Ramakrishna] came down [to our kirtan] and said, "I see you practise Vedanta. Well, our way of Vedanta is different but I like your way." So Ramakrishna said to us. It is all according to time, place, environment, circumstances. Without knowing the meaning we have benefited....

We are straightforward, we don't encourage artificiality. "From the artificial lead me to the Real!" People are bruised by worries, by property, by material things, by their own work, by fear. Fear is an emotion, a "trembelo" organ beside the genital and sexual. The legs become jelly, you can't stand. Energy goes in the legs, bliss goes in the legs. When the genital is controlled the bliss goes down in the legs, it goes in the lotus feet. If the lotus feet are fully pure it saves a man from birth and death. So take the dust of the lotus feet.

People want temporal pleasures, they don't want to raise, to go beyond to the supersensuous. Have pleasure by not having pleasure - that may take a few lives, a few liberations, on and off, to go beyond it. You may like a person but not want sexual intercourse, you may just like the person for the person, for the beauty, the heart of the person, it has nothing to do with the physical, that's where there's great confusion. The physical is completely different. All this is the outer show. People don't want to see the inner structure, which may be abominable.

You must have the right companion, and the companion must have a heart. Without a heart it's futile. without a heart it's hypocrisy, misery. If you take all the pleasure for yourself, if you don't share your word and your company, if you just keep to yourself, there will be inflammation in your being. But you have to have the right company, the right person, someone who at least know something. Sometimes even lip service is great: someone has said it but he's not practising it, yet it enlightens the one who doesn't practice, who hears it and puts it into practice, and he becomes a better person than the one who has said it. Listening is 'savana, manana, kirtana', it is purifying, it's a transcendental state. But you have to apply it.

Hearing this and sending a thought is good. The thought counts. I myself am not saying what I have done. God sees the incognito act. Your heart must bleed, a kind of charity that makes the other one cry in receiving. This joy is inexplicable, it can never

be taken from you, it's a bit superdivine. It's greater than God, where God is name and form, and subject to appear and to disappear. But the true Reality is Existence which is also Knowledge and Bliss Absolute, and Consciousness. It's your weakness and not understanding - that's where the game, the beauty, the binding is. One person is bound and can never get out. He binds the other one, the free; the bound binds the free, and the free pulls the bound out of the mess. That's how one man can lead thousands out. So one has to strive hard, one has to be what one is saying, or at least one sixteenth what one is saying (GSR)....

Everyone is mad for the material world. But we are [for] simple living. You must not abuse. Where people go wrong is when they take advantage, eat too much, drink too much, overindulge. No balance. That's what the body wants, pleasure, everything to be done for us. Life is a test, a school; meditation is the whole hospital, the guru is like a doctor, he tells you what to do, mantra is like medicine, take it regularly, hold your breath.

Every bead is a step to heaven, every roll of the bead with proper consciousness is love with flowers and worship, going live to God, because soul is going to see soul, Parasoul. the child soul is entering the kingdom of heaven live, while still on earth. Some have transcended time and space and have got experience then and there. This one has exposed his life, he has given his life. "He who gives his life..." Jesus gave his life, Ramakrishna gave his life. We don't want anyone to suffer, but whoever has done something is suffering, that's karma. The body pays the tax for the soul. So the body is an art. A frame of bones, flesh and blood, and all has to be clean and pure. Any infection causes ill health, it has to be looked after. So eliminate name and form and birth....

This opportunity we are manifesting, people will be sorry one day – remember this, write it, record it, put it big in your studio - people will be sorry if this opportunity we are manifesting here and in heaven is not practised. You will only be born to come down again. But then Jesus is not here, Ramakrishna is not here, it's an invisible form. How can you see God as spirit unless you have your own spirit clear, definite, positive, adamant, zealous, enthusiastic, eager...

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